



# ACT COMPANION DOG CLUB INC.

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## Letter to Members Regarding the CDC AGM on 10th August 2010

As has been advertised in *The Canberra Times* and at the Club, there will be a Special General Meeting (SGM) of the CDC at the clubhouse on Tue 10 Aug 10 starting at 7:30pm. I encourage you to attend the meetings; we require a minimum of 20 members to constitute a quorum for a General Meeting.

The purpose of this SGM is to discuss proposed changes to the Club's constitution. As it turns out, there is only one change being proposed and this is to do with the paragraph relating to cessation of membership. Paragraph 7.e.(iii) of the constitution currently states:

(iii) A member who fails to pay any subscription or other monies due to the Association within one month of being notified by the Secretary that the membership will be cancelled, shall cease to be a member on the expiration of the notice unless the outstanding monies be duly paid.

This wording does not reflect the way the club now operates. Reminder notices for membership are sent out and it is taken that if a member does not respond to the reminder then they are no longer interested in being a member of the club. The proposed amendment to the constitution is along the lines that if a member has not paid their annual subscription within six months of it falling due they will no longer be a member of the club. A majority of three-quarters of those attending the SGM is required to pass the amendment.

**AGM.** The AGM for 2010 will immediately follow the SGM. The standard agenda for the AGM is to confirm the minutes of the previous AGM and any SGMs held in the intervening period, receive reports from the President and the Treasurer, elect the Committee for the next year and consider any resolutions that have been proposed for consideration at the AGM.

**Committee.** As you are most probably aware, the Committee is responsible for the management and administration of the Club overall and consists of 13 positions: an Executive of President, Senior Vice-president, Junior Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer; and eight other members. In accordance with the Constitution all positions on the Committee will be declared vacant at the AGM. If you have an interest in the general running of the club overall and think that you can spare the time to contribute to the club then I would encourage you to consider standing for the Committee. You should be aware, however, of the tasks associated with the Committee - it is not just a case of attending meetings once a month. Each member of the committee also has special responsibilities, generally one of the following: Shop Manager, Grounds Maintenance, Clubhouse Maintenance, Flyball Representative, Obedience Trailing Representative, Training Sub-committee Representative, Agility Representative, Comp Day Manager, Magazine Editor, Security, Publicity and Functions, or any other responsibilities that come up from time to time. Additionally, there is a requirement to be on a roster as Duty Committee Member, with specific responsibilities, on Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings when the clubhouse is open for training. So if you would still like to stand for the Committee, a nomination form is attached. The Proposer and Secunder are required to both be financial members of the Club. Completed nomination forms are to handed in to the Club Office for the Secretary by 3 Aug 10. A person may nominate for more than one position, but if elected for a position will be eliminated from the voting for any other position.

Any member of the Club may attend the meetings and is eligible to stand for the Committee.

I look forward to seeing you at the meetings.

Regards,

Gary Kingdon (President CDC)