



**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TELECONFERENCE MEETING  
HELD 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2018 COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM**

**ITEM 1 ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES**

Chair:	David Colley
Executive Council:	Alex Ladyman, Marie Prendergast, Sheree Russell, Ross Townshend, Jo Woodrow
Treasurer:	Marion Petley (Acting Minute Secretary)
Apologies:	Chris Lowe (Secretary) – not in attendance declaring a conflict of interest

**ITEM 2 RECORDING OF MEETING**

Marion (the Convenor) advised that the Meeting was being recorded by Spark Audio Conferencing.

**ITEM 3 DISCUSSION ITEM – NOTICE OF MOTION**

David read through the prepared Notice of Motion:

‘That Ross Townshend be removed from the Executive Council’. Further, he stated that his reasons for putting such a motion to the vote was that Ross’s behaviour amounts to serious misconduct and there is sustained non-performance of his Executive Council duties.

The four areas of concern related to Ross Townshend were:

1. for failing to take up his portfolio responsibilities (the Breeds Standards Advisory Council) since 23 May 2018.

2. For breaching confidentiality of the Executive Council and breaching Chris Lowe's personal privacy by announcing on his Facebook page the resignation of the Secretary, Chris Lowe, without Minutes being approved and without the consent or authority of the Executive Council, or Chris Lowe.
3. for raising a spurious allegation against Chris Lowe as part of his personal vendetta against her. The accusation is that she failed to comply with advice to members, required by Show Bylaws, Section 8, Vetting Out, for the Patches & Pointed Inc. Show held in Katikati (01/09/18), a Catz Inc. Show held in Hamilton (02/09/18), as well as the Wellington Show (16/09/18). There was no responsibility of the general secretary to give notice in the bylaws, as claimed by Ross Townshend. The notice was required of the show secretary.
4. for breach of the members Code of Conduct:
  - a. I will be civil and polite in my day to day dealings with NZCF members, including officer and officials and with members of the public (Rule 1).
  - b. I will treat other NZCF members and members of the public with respect (Rule 2).
  - c. In the event of a dispute between myself and another members, or official, I will treat them with respect and I will endeavour to reach an amicable solution (Rule 3(c)).

Ross was given the opportunity to speak to all matters after each of the four items were read out.

David then put the Motion and advised that voting would be carried out by email, and that once he had received all votes he would then declare the result of the voting.

Ross wished to have it recorded that he had no intention of voting at all as it was not appropriate for him to vote. He thought that this (proceeding with the Motion) was a regrettable step. Ross was asked to leave the meeting at 7.54pm.

David asked the remaining voting members to record their vote by email, either for or against, or to abstain.

David advised that he had received all four votes, and then that the Motion was carried By 5.0

David said that he would now advise Ross of the result.

David thanked all for their support, and declared the Meeting closed at 7.57pm.

David Colley  
Executive Council Chair