



## **BORDER COLLIE CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN**

### **MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 6 MARCH 2016 At Willington Village Hall Twyford Road, Willington, DE65 6DE**

**PRESENT:** Marion Hopkinson (President), Pete Simmons (Chair), Doug Collier (Treasurer), Annette Walters (Vice Chair), Louise Collier, Tracey Wilkinson, Pat Ward, Kellie Marie Huckvale, Lisa Newman, Richard Newman, Glynis Dowson, Colin Dowson, Yvonne Strachan, Hannah Fawcett, Phil Surridge, Bob Tunnicliff, Pat Day, Rachel Spencer, Gordon Ravenscroft, Margaret Ravenscroft, Joanna Lake, Pat Wilkinson, Josie Large & Anita Gowing (Secretary).  
David Hopkinson was present as a spectator.

Marion Hopkinson opened the meeting at 11.10 am.

1. **APOLOGIES**

Lorna Hastings-Menaker, Ron Menaker, Anne Westover, Bernice Emanuel, Joyce Strathmore, Kathie Kinton, Dave Kinton, Judith Gregory, Darren Clarke, Trish Hartfield, Karen Angier, Julia Carley, Vicky Carley, Voirrey Paesler, Jill Spurr, Sam Tydeman, Julie Barratt

2. **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 1 MARCH 2015**

The Minutes were approved as an accurate record – Proposed by Pat Ward and seconded by Tracey Wilkinson.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

- None raised.

4. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

In 2015 the club had gone further and was continuing to improve. The committee now has a mix of experience and youth and everyone is working well together. The Gala Dinner is a major event for the club in 2016 and will be hosted in a couple of weeks time. There will also be an agility show in August.

Pete thanked his Secretary and Tracey for their hard work & also the whole committee for their combined efforts.

5. **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Building on the progress made during the new committee's first year in office, 2015 was another busy year for the club.

Following the AGM, we were straight into Crufts with Tracey co-ordinating the logistics for Discover Dogs. Once again we had a double booth, allowing for more dogs to be present each day. Our thanks to Tracey and her helpers for decorating the stand and to those members who manned it over the four days.

The week after Crufts was our annual championship breed show, which drew another fantastic entry and for the first time the club provided its own catering, managed superbly by Tracey and her team.

March concluded with a Breed Seminar and Judging Assessment day here at Willington Village Hall, with a talk on the breed by our President, Marion Hopkinson and a grooming demonstration by Debbie Pearson.

During the summer there was much planning going on behind the scenes in preparation for the special events to celebrate the club's 40th anniversary year in 2016. The events were officially announced in the summer newsletter and tickets for the gala dinner were sold out by the end of the year. Our thanks to Pete & Yvonne for dealing with the ticket sales. We are looking forward to

hosting the special weekend in a couple of weeks' time.

At the end of August we hosted a herding day with renowned triallist and trainer, Nij Vyas. The day was a great success and I'm pleased to say that the weather co-operated and we had a gloriously sunny day for the event and a super picnic, again provided by Tracey. There are plans for a repeat day in 2016.

November saw a return to our usual date for the open breed show, POTY & VOTY. A very busy day once again, with excellent entries for all three events.

November and December are busy months for the Year Book editorial team. The 2016 book commemorates the club's 40th anniversary of KC registration and we have again partnered with Warwick Printing who did such a great job with production of the 2015 edition. We hope that everyone enjoys the 2016 issue.

So we enter a new year with preparations for yet another AGM and here we all are. Thank you to everyone attending today and those who have supported the various events hosted by the club during 2015. Membership continues to increase, with the majority of existing members renewing for another year. A number of new judges have also been approved for our lists this year, which is good.

The committee has developed into a strong team, with everyone working well together and I thank all of my committee colleagues for their support during the year. I would like to give special thanks to Pete & Tracey who have been very involved with the plans for the anniversary events, as well as being heavily involved in the organisation of the shows.

2016 promises to be even busier than its predecessor!

#### 6. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Doug began by tabling the original cash ledger used by the club's steering committee, together with other historic documents.

2015 had been an excellent trading year. The committee is pulling together in the right direction, is forward looking with many ideas for the future. There was the worry (for Doug) of the free year book, but the reality was that it turned out a surplus for the year.

Doug went through the Show Accounts Summary, Income & Expenditure Account, Balance Sheet, Health Fund & Rescue Fund.

Year Book costs in previous years had been very high with little profit and many unsold books. We have now lowered the cost of production, stock has been reduced and at the same time publishing a better quality book.

Honorariums increased in 2015, in accordance with the decision made at the AGM.

The General Account turned out a Revenue Surplus of £1,858 for the year.

Marion asked where cash funds are invested. Doug explained that the majority is held in an ordinary savings account with little yield in interest. Phil commented that legally the investment options for Not For Profit organisations are very limited, so a standard savings account is basically the only option.

Bob asked if there are any plans for utilising the funds. After explaining that the Rescue Fund would this year be making a donation of £1k (split 50:50 between BC & Sheepdog Rescue & Trish Hartfield's supported organisation) and that there are no current plans for the funds held in the Health Fund, Doug responded to Bob's question by saying that there are no plans for the General Fund. However, proposals can be sent to the Secretary as none had been tabled for this agenda.

Marion confirmed her understanding that BCCGB had founded the PBHF and asked whether it had been beneficial. Bob, as Chair of the PBHF, said that over the last 15 years three new DNA tests had been produced and that it is very beneficial. Marion commented that it is commendable that BCCGB put down the base for this organisation.

Doug took questions from the floor regarding the accounts. Pat asked about the Stall Sales deficit & Doug explained that this was because items had been sold at lower than cost price.

Bob asked whether clubs could get together & use combined resources to purchase something such as a field in the Midlands area. The general feeling was that this was a good idea, although David did caution about the difficulties of planning etc. Bob put forward a formal proposal for all clubs to get together to see what can be achieved. This was seconded by Pat Ward and all were in favour.

The 2015 Accounts were adopted – proposed by Bob Tunnicliff and seconded by Rachel Spencer; all in favour.

7. **OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE**

- President – Nomination received for re-election of Mrs Marion Hopkinson unopposed.
- Chairperson - Nomination received for re-election of Mr Peter Simmons unopposed.
- Secretary - Nomination received for re-election of Miss Anita Gowing unopposed.
- Treasurer - Nomination received for re-election of Mr Doug Collier unopposed.
- Vice-Chair - Nomination received for re-election of Ms Annette Walters unopposed.
- Committee - the following committee members remain:- Jill Spurr, Phil Surridge, Pat Ward and Tracey Wilkinson.

The following have been nominated for committee:- Julie Barratt, Louise Collier, Colin Dowson, Glynis Dowson, Hannah Fawcett, Kellie Huckvale, Lisa Newman, Richard Newman, Yvonne Strachan.

As all positions were unopposed they were voted on block, with all in favour.

8. **PROPOSAL FOR REVIEW OF THE RULES**

Previously notified to all members.

Proposed by Anita Gowing and seconded by Pat Ward. (New text is underlined).

Anita explained that, in response to Doug's queries regarding the wording. Pat & herself had come up with some additions which removed any ambiguity. The amendments were agreed unanimously, with the revised changes as below:-

4 THE FINANCIAL YEAR shall begin on 1 January each year and end on the last day of December of the same year. The annual subscription shall be payable each year. No member whose subscription is unpaid shall be entitled to any of the privileges of membership and the committee shall have the power to erase from the register of members any member failing to pay the annual subscription by the 1st of May next. Subscriptions of new members elected after 31 October shall be deemed to cover the remainder of the current year and all of the following year.

8 OFFICERS -

c) The committee of twenty one shall continue in office until the next Annual General Meeting, when one third i.e. seven members (according to their position in the rota) shall retire, but are eligible for re-election. The rota being kept up to date by the Chairman. All vacancies to be filled by voting at the Annual General Meeting. No member of less than six months standing will be entitled to vote for Officers and Committee at the AGM, but may vote for rule changes and other matters.

Notifications for Officers and 1/3 full Committee of 21, be proposed by any member of the Club provided that the nominations are notified to the Hon. Secretary in writing by 31st December, together with the name of the proposer and seconder, and the nominee's agreement to stand.

Proposers and seconds should have been club members for at least one year prior to year of election. No member of the club shall be eligible to stand for Officer election unless he/she has served on the Committee for at least three consecutive years prior to the year of election. In the case of committee positions, nominees should have been a club member for at least one year prior to the year of election. Only in exceptional circumstances will nominations be accepted for candidates not meeting these criteria, this being at the sole discretion of the Committee. The names of all persons seeking election together with the proposer and seconder will be included in the AGM notice and circulated to all members prior to the AGM. All formal notices are sent by post except where the member has specifically agreed to accept communication of notices by email.

9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- None raised

The meeting closed at 12.10pm.