



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

### **MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 25 MARCH 2018 At Willington Village Hall Twyford Road, Willington, DE65 6DE**

**PRESENT:** Pete Simmons (Chair), Nik Knight (Treasurer), Julie Barratt, Doug Collier, Louise Collier, Glynis Dowson, Colin Dowson, Karen Hayward, Bob Henry, Yvonne Simmons, Rachel Spencer, Jill Spurr, Phil Surridge, Tracey Wilkinson & Anita Gowing (Secretary).

Pete Simmons opened the meeting at 11.10 am.

#### **1. APOLOGIES**

Karen Anderson, Karen & David Angier, Liz Barwick, Paul & Juliette Bloomfield, Alan & Marion Brierley, Jan & Graham Chance, Penny Forster-Cooper, Pat Day, Hannah Fawcett, Robin Garside, Sheila Gay, Pat Hales, Jane & Neil Heggie, Marion Hopkinson, Linda Jenkins, Ann Jordan, Hilary Kerr, Dave & Kathie Kinton, Joanna Lake, Ann & Ken Lampier, Lisa & Richard Newman, Voirrey Paesler, Gordon & Margaret Ravenscroft, Olwen Turns, Sam & Colin Tydeman, Annette Walters, Pat Ward, Anne Westover, Pat Wilkinson.

#### **2. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 5 MARCH 2017**

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

#### **3. MATTERS ARISING**

- None raised.

#### **4. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Thank you to committee and members for attending this AGM.

It's been another good year for the club, in which I feel we have probably the best organised team with commitment and professionalism since I have been chairman. However, this can still improve with more input from committee to get involved.

We held two successful beed shows, with our 2018 Ch show only last week in adverse weather & with no heating in the venue; we took it in our stride and coped admirably with the help of exhibitors who understood that things were out of our control.

We held Puppy & Veteran Of The Year on their own day, of which I have always been a supporter; the events were well supported and we received good feedback.

The herding day was also a great success and looks like being an annual event.

The biggest decision made by committee during my spell as Chair was to leave the Breed Council. This was put to the committee vote and by a majority of 15:2 we decided to leave.

I would like to thank Anita for all her hard work and prompting me and keeping me up to date on issues concerning the club.

Thanks also to Tracey for her never ending hard work; not just on the catering side but her input into the club's affairs.

Thank you to Nik who has taken over as Treasurer from Doug; no easy feat following Doug's experience and knowledge of the club's accounts.

So all I would like to say is that the club will continue to bring its game to the table and provide what members expect from the Premier Club.

#### **5. SECRETARY'S REPORT**

2017 was certainly not without its challenges and once again I was kept busy organising various events, as well as responding to the myriad day to day things that pop into my Inbox. My thanks

go to our committee whom I regularly bombard with information; we have a very effective team which helps to make my job much more straightforward.

As well as our usual Championship & Open Breed Shows and Puppy & Veteran Of The Year events, we also hosted a pre-Crufts grooming workshop, breed seminar and herding day. These one-off events have proved very popular, both to members and non-members, and thanks must go to those people who give their time to make them possible.

Another 'regular' in our calendar is Crufts Discover Dogs, which is expertly co-ordinated by Tracey Wilkinson with assistance from various other people. A tremendous amount of time & effort goes into the planning & setting up of our double booth and this was again rewarded with Best Pastoral Booth; the second year running we have been honoured to receive this award on behalf of our breed.

Preparation of the year book takes centre stage towards the end of the year and for the 2018 edition we were fortunate to have excellent contributory articles from both home and overseas. These have helped to make 2018 a bumper issue with 312 pages and with the continued advertising support we have once again been able to give a free copy to every member.

The Kennel Club kept us busy throughout the year with various press releases for us to get our heads around. The most complex of these was the new Judges Competency Framework (known for simplicity as the JCF) and we were honoured to be invited by the Kennel Club to represent our breed in the JCF Pilot. Inevitably this created yet more work, but we considered it important to be involved in this crucial phase of the new scheme. Thanks must be recorded to Southern Border Collie Club for its willingness to collaborate with us by running a Breed Appreciation Day under the pilot.

As ever, we thank our loyal members and exhibitors for their continued support, without which we would not be able to provide the various events. 2018 already has another Handling Day scheduled for April and we have recently launched our Health & Wellbeing Seminar which will take place in July. This event is another 'first' for the club and we hope that it will prove popular. There are other initiatives in the pipeline too, so 'watch this space'.

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

2017 was a good year with an overall surplus, despite the Open Show turning out a deficit. Tracey's catering contributes to the financial success of our events as it generates income and saves on expenses for feeding judges. The Crufts Breed Stand was also successful, giving us the opportunity to sell year books and take membership subscriptions. The Photographic Competition generated an overall surplus of £193 which has been split between the two nominated charities.

The 2017 Accounts were accepted.

## 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 election of Mr Nik Knight unopposed.
- Vice-Chair - Nomination received for re-election of Ms Annette Walters unopposed.
  
- Committee - the following committee members remain:- Julie Barratt, Louise Collier, Colin Dowson, Glynis Dowson, Hannah Fawcett, Lisa Newman, Richard Newman, Yvonne Simmons.

The following have been nominated for committee:- Jill Spurr, Phil Surridge, Tracey Wilkinson, Doug Collier, Pat Hales, Karen Hayward & Karen Anderson. These positions will be confirmed at the AGM.

The officer and committee positions were confirmed with all in favour.

8. **PROPOSED RULE CHANGES**

None received

9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- Doug congratulated the Treasurer on an excellent financial report, noting that in comparison to 2017, 2016 was a very busy year financially with several Anniversary events.
- Anita advised that following the submission of the 2017 Annual Return, the KC had advised that amendments needed to be made to some rules in order to conform with Regulations. These included the specification of a quorum for General Meetings. Colin proposed a quorum of 10 which was approved.
- Tracey thanked those non-committee helpers for their support during the year:- including Rachel Spencer, Tracy Maddock, Joanna Lake, Pat Wilkinson, Carolyn Ward, Sandra Newton, Jake Sharman, Matt Swales, Mags Surridge.
- Doug commented on the Secretary's reference to the 'honour' of being asked to participate in the JCF Pilot. He noted that this came with considerable responsibilities and asked whether the KC would be issuing clarification on the JCF and whether we had any input into this via the Pilot. Tracey explained how the pilot was working and during the ensuing discussion Doug expressed concerns about the funding of costs involved for the JCF Breed Education Co-ordinator moving forward.

The meeting closed at 11.55 am.