



BORDER COLLIE CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 7 MARCH 2021 Via Zoom

PRESENT: Peter Simmons (Chairperson), Nik Knight (Treasurer), Julie Barratt, Juliette Bloomfield, Alan Brierley, Marion Brierley, Maureen Cook, Colin Dowson, Craig Gamble, Susan Jones, Kathie Kinton, Dave Kinton, Joanna Lake, Janeen Longhurst, Pete Longhurst, Juliet Mockford, Di Morgan, Mandi Oliver, Voirrey Paesler, Marina Scott, Vonnie Simmons, Felicity Snook, Jill Spurr, Phil Surridge, Diana Richards, Annette Walters, Pat Ward, Tracey Wilkinson, Anita Gowing (Secretary).

Peter Simmons opened the meeting at 11.00 am.

1. **APOLOGIES**

Anne Westover, Doug & Louise Collier, Marion Hopkinson, Sheila Gay, Pat Wilkinson, Judith Gregory, Ron & Venessa Jukes, Christina & Lawrence Dalby. Doug & Louise sent their sympathy to the Wilkinson family at this sad time.

2. **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 1 March 2020**

The Minutes were approved as an accurate record – Proposed by Nik Knight and seconded by Tracey Willkinson.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

Doug Collier sent the following:- Item 9 of AOB – I mentioned the Club's first KC licensed Open Breed Show at Chesterfield in 1977 and had a query regarding the final results in the catalogue. I did liaise with Marion, the Club's first secretary, and agreed to clarify the matter in an article on the early business of the Club which I was preparing for the 2021 Yearbook. I drafted the article which covered in brief some elements of the first 10 years of the Club but did not submit it for inclusion as I believed we already had sufficient content for the book. I will though review the article and prepare it for the 2022 book.

4. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Good morning everybody, I hope you are all well. As to the Chairman's role it's been very quiet on the show front and we send condolences to all our members who have lost loved ones during these horrid times and all we've been going through. The club is there to help any members struggling to cope financially or just needing a friendly voice to talk to.

We did manage to man Discover Dogs at Crufts on all four days and it was the usual success with a dedicated group of people giving up their free time. We held probably the last Championship show of the year in 2020 and it was a great success; we hope to hold our 2021 Ch show & Open show later in the year.

The annual Photographic Competition was again a success and thanks to Jill and Anita for running it and for the members' support.

The Year Book is probably one of the best in any breed; thanks to Anita, Doug & Lousie and all the members and non-members for advertising.

With no shows we didn't hold the Dog Of The Year awards; puppies qualified for Puppy Of The Year all received a rosette to recognise their achievement.

On a sad and personal note, we lost committee member Glynis Dowson in October; an amazing committee member who would do any task asked of her, but her forte was ring stewarding; something she excelled in. The club has lost a great asset and friend, and I myself owe Glynis a lot for her help for the club and also for PACE.

That sums up the Chairman's report; stay safe and take care, look after your lovely Border Collies and we hope to see you all soon.

5. **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Welcome to everyone joining our AGM this year and thank you for supporting the Club.

I don't think any of us would have expected that our 2020 Ch show would have been the last show of the year & well into this year. At that show we were honoured to recognise two ladies who, over the last four decades, have made outstanding contributions to our breed worldwide. Judith Gregory and Pat Wilkinson were presented with Lifetime Achievement Awards and Judith was made a Life member of our Club.

It was, and continues to be, a difficult time for many people and sadly last October we lost Glynis Dowson who was a very valued committee member and friend; Life member Bob Henry also passed away in 2020.

Throughout the extraordinary year that was 2020, we as a committee have strived to keep our members as informed as possible regarding not only our own Club's changing plans, but also those of the wider dog world. It could perhaps be thought that with no shows to organise there has been little to do, but that has certainly been far from the case. From my point of view as Secretary, moving our shows proved to be quite a challenge and created a fair amount of extra admin., but I think the aspect of our Club that has seen the greatest increase in workload is the coordination of puppy enquiries. Nik Knight volunteered to take over this from Glynis and the last six months have seen an exponential increase in enquiries for puppies, so I would like to thank Nik for dealing with them all in addition to his treasurer duties and of course his 'day job'.

Although Puppy & Veteran Of The Year events were cancelled, we were still able to run our annual photographic competition and thanks go to Jill Spurr for once again taking the lead in organising this popular event and also to everyone who entered their amazing photos; we raised £150 for our nominated charity, StreetVet.

Our other 'regular' which went ahead as usual was the Year Book publication, albeit with some changes to the advertising format. Advertising rates were substantially reduced and free pages were offered for members' puppies that were unable to make their UK show debuts during 2020; with an excellent response by advertisers, we have been able to produce another quality edition of our year book.

With things beginning to look more promising for the latter part of 2021, we hope that our rescheduled Ch show, Open shows & Puppy/Veteran Of The Year will go ahead as planned.

In the meantime, stay safe everyone and hopefully we can meet up again soon.

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

2020 was quiet on the treasury side this year with not many shows; the accounts show an overall deficit of £500, mainly due to the fact that we made quite a few donations. I am pleased that we were able to donate to the Covid Fund and also make donations in memory of Glynis. Other than that, not a great deal to report.

Regarding the Puppy List, the enquiries we are getting are huge at the moment; we are giving people details of breeders, but if anyone has litters can they let me know.

Doug Collier sent the following comments:- The 2020 accounts - It is regrettable that we had no surplus but at least the loss was modest and can be explained by the loss of sales from our stalls with only a quarter of the year's shows having taken place. The increase in donations of £1000 over the previous year would have been a contributing factor to the loss. Can this amount be explained please? £500 is shown in the treasurer's report in the yearbook as going to the Covid support group and Glynis Dowson's charities were also mentioned. Sorry to trouble you in this matter. Our overall trading in this difficult year was better than any dog club would have expected and our overall balance is a credit to the treasurer and Club's officers and committee.

Nik provided the breakdown of donations as requested:- £245 AHT Photo Comp from 2019, £500 Covid Support Group (plus a £10 fee to Just Giving), £250 to each of Glynis Dowson's two

charities; £150 StreetVet Photo Comp 2020.

Doug also commented that the 2021 Yearbook is a grand publication and a credit to all who contributed and especially Anita for all her work. The cover pictures are just brilliant.

The Accounts were adopted.

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 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, Hannah Fawcett, Craig Gamble, Yvonne Simmons.

The following have been nominated for committee:- Tracey Wilkinson, Phil Surrige, Jill Spurr, Doug Collier, Pat Hales, Karen Anderson.

The following co-optees have been nominated for committee:- Janeen Longhurst, Pete Longhurst.

The officer positions were confirmed with all in favour and the committee nominations were agreed 'en bloc' with all in favour. Welcome to the new members Janeen and Pete Longhurst.

Felicity Snook congratulated Nik Knight on doing a wonderful job as Treasurer and for the well presented accounts.

8. **PROPOSALS RECEIVED**

None received.

9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- On behalf of Pat Wilkinson, Tracey thanked the club for the yearbook, Crufts, Discover Dogs and the club show; a real team effort, well done everybody.
- Juliet Mockford asked if membership was still due, as some clubs had rolled theirs over. Anita confirmed that as BCCGB had continued to provide benefits, such as the Year Book, memberships remain payable.
- Julie Barratt asked the cost of year book postage.

Peter closed the meeting closed at 11.22 am.