



BORDER COLLIE CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 6 MARCH 2022 at Willington Village Hall, Twyford Road, Willington, DE65 6DE

PRESENT: Annette Walters (Vice Chair), Nik Knight (Treasurer), Julie Barratt, Joanna Lake, Janeen Longhurst, Pete Longhurst, Mandi Oliver, Jill Spurr, Pat Wilkinson, Tracey Wilkinson, Anita Gowing (Secretary).

Annette Walters opened the meeting at 11.00 am.

1. **APOLOGIES**

Pauline Lawrence, Marion & Alan Brierley, Pete & Vonnie Simmons, Helen Murfet, Colin Dowson, Doug & Louise Collier, Rachel Spencer, Marion Hopkinson, Jan & Graham Chance, Pat Hales & Hannah Fawcett.

2. **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 7 MARCH 2021**

The Minutes were approved as an accurate record – proposed by Nik Knight and seconded by Pete Longhurst.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

None raised.

4. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Sorry that I am unable to attend the 2022 AGM.

From a Chairperson's point of view I would like to thank all our members during these hard times, which we hopefully have seen the last of in 2022, for your continued support of our club.

As for the club side, in my opinion the club has again risen to the task of tackling all the obstacles put in front of them to achieve another great end of the year show season. We were able to hold our champ show in September (with the weather being so kind we held in the grass paddocks which was a great success). Thanks to all the catering staff of our committee to provide our entrants with a special packed lunch,

To hold two open shows on following weekends was no mean achievement and thanks to the behind the scenes of the committee we were able to pull this off.

Veteran Of The Year was the only category this year due to few numbers of shows for the puppies to qualify, we thought best let the veterans have their day which was well supported.

It's good to see membership is still at a high level.

Our entries at our shows were also at the high average for the year for the show season.

But finally, I must thank all our committee for all their hard work to make these shows and events happen with such success.

With the committee we now have in place we will strive to keep the high standards our members expect from the Premier Club BCCGB.

5. **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Welcome back to our usual venue and thank you for attending our AGM.

2021 was a year of two halves, beginning in the same vein as 2020, but with the second half crammed with shows and events that would normally be spread over a year.

We were fortunate that only our Puppy Of The Year event was unable to be hosted in 2021, simply because there had been no qualifying shows in the preceding 12 months. During September and October, our other shows and Veteran Of The Year went ahead, together with the re-scheduled 2020 Open Show. We even managed to squeeze in a herding day at the end of August which, as is customary, was a great success and a very relaxed affair.

It was business as usual for the Photographic Competition and year book, with the Photo Competition raising £155 for our nominated charity, Pet Blood Bank UK. The year book was ready for Manchester and many members have already received their copies. We have a very small editorial team and it takes a lot of time and effort to put together a quality publication that we hope everyone will enjoy; we've had some lovely feedback on Facebook.

I must formally thank Kathie Kinton, our Breed Health Co-ordinator, for her help in carrying out an overhaul of the Club's information on inherited diseases and disorders. This was well overdue given the many developments in breed health testing over the last few years and the updated guide is on our website and also in the latest year book.

2022 has already begun in a much more positive way than the previous two years and we look forward to a cautious return to our normal calendar of shows and events, beginning with the Championship show in a couple of weeks' time.

Thank you to our loyal members for continuing to support the Club's activities and best wishes for 2022.

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The year ended with a net deficit which was not a bad result given all of the challenges that we had faced. The £500 donation made by the Club to the BC Covid Fund was returned unused and the funds have been allocated to the new Assistance Fund.

The Accounts were adopted; proposed by Pete Longhurst, seconded by Mandi Oliver.

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:- Tracey Wilkinson, Phil Surridge, Jill Spurr, Doug Collier, Pat Hales, Pete Longhurst, Janeen Longhurst.

The following have been nominated for committee:- Julie Barratt, Louise Collier, Colin Dowson, Hannah Fawcett, Yvonne Simmons.

The following co-optees have been nominated for committee:- Helen Murfet, Mandi Oliver.

A block vote was proposed by Jill Spurr, seconded by Joanna Lake and all of the above nominations were approved.

8. **PROPOSALS RECEIVED**

None received.

9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- Tracey tabled a proposal to invite Anita Gowing as a Life Member of BCCGB and read out the following statement on behalf of Pete Simmons:-

“Following a conversation with Tracey, where Tracey suggested we ask Anita to become a Life Member.

Anita joined the committee at the same time as I took over the Chair; the Club was struggling for a new Secretary and Chair.

Anita took the job of Secretary; therefore our Club is now the Premier Club – the flagship which other clubs look up to and try to live up to our standards.

The work Anita carries out behind the scenes, which most don't see or hear about, so that the Club runs like clockwork due to the long hours Anita spends sorting everything from paperwork, licences, venues, car park attendants, having meetings on FB or messenger with myself, Tracey and the judges sub-committee, keeping me in line with what's needed from myself (no easy task as you can imagine).

Our working relationship is second to none; we communicate regularly and have done so since the first day we joined the committee in our roles.

Anita has spent endless hours of her own time for this Club.

To invite Anita as a Life Member, as Chairperson my opinion is without doubt – if anyone deserves to be a Life Member it's Anita.”

Agreement was proposed by Nik Knight, seconded by Pat Wilkinson and Anita thanked the meeting for the honour.

Annette closed the meeting closed at 11.15 am.