



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

### **MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2 MARCH 2025 at THE KENNEL CLUB BUILDING, MEETING ROOM A, STONELEIGH PARK, KENILWORTH, CV8 2LZ AND VIA REMOTE LINK**

**PRESENT:** Pete Simmons (Chair), Nik Knight (Treasurer), Collette Green, Janeen Longhurst, Pete Longhurst, Helen Murfet, Mandi Oliver, John Preston, Sue Preston, Vonnie Simmons, Jill Spurr, Annette Walters (Vice Chair), Anita Gowing (Secretary). Via remote link: Ron & Venessa Jukes.

Pete Simmons opened the meeting at 11.05 am and welcomed overseas members, Ron & Venessa Jukes, joining via Zoom. Pete also noted the sad news of the passing of Jim Collins who was Club secretary for 11 years. A minute's silence in memory of Jim will be held at our forthcoming Ch. Show.

1. **APOLOGIES**

Rosemary Tappin, Anne Westover, Juliet Mockford, Phil Surrige, Louise Collier, Tracey Wilkinson, Pat Wilkinson, Marion & Alan Brierley, Jan & Graham Chance, Andy & Sue Forman, Marion Hopkinson

2. **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 3 MARCH 2024**

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

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

None raised.

4. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

The committee is working well as a team, with the Events Team organising handling and herding days in 2024. This year will see the build up to our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2026.

5. **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Welcome to everyone here and those joining via Zoom.

2024 was the first year of the Kennel Club's second CC allocation and our second Championship Show took place in October, running alongside our regular Open Show. We will be discussing the feedback from last year to make improvements for this year's shows.

Our Puppy & Veteran Of The Year events moved to November and we took on board the constructive criticism from the previous year and made some significant changes. The events were a great success and we very much appreciate the support from our generous sponsors which made the changes possible.

Our Events Team organised a Handling Day with Marina White and also another two Herding Days with Ben Smith and all were well supported and fully booked.

Our annual photographic competition drew an entry of 214 top quality images, raising £209 for our nominated charity, Restart Dogs. The standard increases every year and once again our Chair awarded a Reserve as well as the winning Chair's Choice.

We are hoping to run various events in 2025, including herding days and possibly grooming & handling days too. Planning is already under way for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2026.

Thank you to all those who continue to support the Club through membership, exhibiting at shows, attending events and volunteering to help. I say it every year because it's true: without you there would be no Club.

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

2024 was a better year than 2023, with a lower deficit and it is hoped that 2025 will be in surplus. The October Ch/Open shows made a small loss and we are looking at ways to improve this position in 2025. Overall the Club remains financially sound.

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 are nominated for re-election:  
The following co-optees have been nominated for committee:- Louise Collier, Yvonne Simmons, Mandi Oliver & Helen Murfet. The following co-optees have been nominated for committee:- Andy Forman & Sue Forman.

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

8. **PROPOSALS RECEIVED**

No proposals received.

9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None raised.

Pete closed the meeting at 11.15 am.