

# Border Collie Club of Great Britain

## Minutes of the AGM 30<sup>th</sup> March 2014

### Held At Willington Village Hall, Willington.

The meeting opened at 11.05 with Pat Ward in the Chair.

1. **Apologies** had been received from, Louise Collier, Carolyn Ward, Pete Simmons, Sue Gillingwater, Theresa Andrews, Pat Wilkinson, Tracey Wilkinson, Joanna Lake, Bob Tunnicliff, Dr Mann, Gordon and Margaret Ravenscroft, Dave and Kathie Kinton, Rachel Spencer and Jane Heggie.

#### 2. **Minutes of the 2013 AGM.**

3. **Matters arising from the Minutes.** Doug said the honorariums had been increased as per the minutes and the figures can be found on Doug's financial report. Ross Green(RG) asked who the website H was paid to, the answer was Louise Amos. £400 was also paid to Ross and there was a query as to whether he had received it. This payment was for the setup of the new website. Doug had refused to accept double the amount of Treasurers honorarium and Yearbook editors, Louise's (collier) was doubled, Doug's remained the same. Jo Ratcliffe(JR) proposed and Pat Ward(PW) Seconded the Minutes.

4. **Acting Chairpersons report.** Pat Ward, An increase in membership but the club needs to embrace technology. RG asked if membership has increased when accounts show a decrease. Paul Bloomfield(PB) explained that current membership stands at 191.

Marion Hopkinson(MH) suggested conference calling and that a PayPal account be set up. The subject of the yearbooks was brought up. JR suggested we give some of the old yearbooks to rescue people like Trish Hartfield and Val Tiller. Anita Gowing(AG) asked about the shop/stock and reducing it. Doug explained the stock level is climbing due to the yearbooks. This is due to the number ordered to enable us to get a lower price per book, but still leaves us with huge quantities. MH suggested giving a yearbook away to all members, also commercial advertising within the book and it should pay for itself. RG proposed that the yearbook stock should be written off if possible. Doug will consult with the auditor.

#### 5. **Secretary's report .**

6. **Treasurers report.** Audited accounts presented by Doug. Loss was reduced at the Open breed show. Obedience show – only half entrants claimed refund of entries. The large profit needs to be donated to charity which as yet hasn't been paid. The auditor rejected that we can reuse the licence, rosettes and score sheets . JR said that the charities had been agreed at the last meeting. PBHF and Dog Lost charity and the charity Pete Simmons supported at LKA . JR also said the accounts seem confusing as it looks like we don't make any money with the shop when we do. Stall takings were £3,000 at Crufts which included subs, yearbooks and stock. JR suggested a proper stock take. Doug believes stock level at start of the year £500, but we have acquired £700 worth of goods. VP suggested someone help Kellie. KH Not all prices will be known. Doug explained we have to represent the Club at Crufts and we do make money.

Doug still needs payment from some advertisers. Levy to BC & Sheepdog rescue paid in 2013 and Ob donation still to pay, Doug reminds us the Club started with £32.

RG proposes that we write off books over 3yrs old as it distorts the accounts, RG proposed, MH seconded. Majority vote carried. AG suggests we find out exactly how much yr books are worth. Doug is concerned that Jim Collins still has 2 filing cabinets containing Club archives (and yearbooks) will need keeping.

MH will give advice on mailing yr books, also that a membership sec is beneficial. JR asked about Memberships, levy form membership of 50p(to rescue) does not work and doesn't reflect our true yearbook.

## **7. Officers and Committee.**

**President** A letter had been sent to Prof Peter Bedford thanking him for his years as President. MH was welcomed to the Club. She thanked us and said if she could help with any input she would be happy to oblige.

**Chairperson** Vote was by postal ballot. Posted to 2013/14 members only. Initial notifications were incorrect and advice and permission was sort by the Secretary from the Kennel Club on the correct way to proceed to allow members time to vote. Some votes were received after the deadline so were disregarded.

An open letter had been received from Mr Ian Wiltshire. RG was upset that the Club did not communicate with him as he would have gone to the KC. JR addressed that the ballot was anonymous and could have been from anyone.

The meeting was adjourned at 1pm for lunch and while the ballot was counted by MH.

Re opened at 1.40pm.

RG stated that he wanted to withdraw. PW apologised on behalf of the Club about the letter. Therefore Mr Pete Simmons was announced as the new Chairman.

New Secretary appointed – Anita Gowing

Treasurer - Doug Collier.

Committee. Some committee have not been in contact. Letter to see if these people wish to remain. PW thanked Jo Ratcliffe and Tracey Wilkinson for the amount of work done for the Club.

New Committee members , Paul Bloomfield, Annette Walters, Anne Stacey, Voirrey Paesler, Juliette Wettern.

Life Members, Voirrey Paesler, Gordon and Margaret Ravenscroft, Carolyn Ward and Pat Wilkinson. PW read letters of thanks from the above.

## **8. Review of the Rules**

Rule 8 para C. PW read from agenda, re postal ballot. Ann Jordan asked about an electronic ballot for people. MH stated that it would not be feasible and if people want to vote they should come and vote at the AGM. JR added that nominees should also be present at the meeting. AW asked how many had voted. 91 was the answer. Doug explained why the rules were changed in 1991. His proposal is to allow for those who justifiably cannot attend the meeting. MH suggested that they apply for a postal vote. Also, the 14 day rule that new members should be able to vote at the meeting. JR says people shouldn't be able to vote without being present. Therefore an amendment

be added to the rules to the effect of (this passage is taken from MH Labrador book as it seemed appropriate to us)

'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 31<sup>st</sup> December, together with the name of the proposer and seconder, and the nominee's agreement to stand. 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.' RG added that a profile should be included. The above amendment and no postal ballot was proposed by MH and seconded by VP, the vote was carried with 2 abstentions

Rule 14. Change to 31<sup>st</sup> December for notice of AGM

Rule 18. Regarding Lapel badges, Proposed by MH seconded by VP

Rule 16b . Regarding one or two judges at the Open show. Rule change to state we have one or two judges for its Open breed show. . RG proposed, AW seconded. Vote carried with one against.

AOB.

JR addressed the fact that there were errors with the current published Judging lists. RG said that the Club needed to look at its rules and open up to members, especially from other disciplines. He said the Club was too show world focussed.

MH thanked the Club and said she that she was glad to be President.

The meeting closed at 2.40pm