



BORDER COLLIE CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 5 MARCH 2023

**at THE KENNEL CLUB BUILDING, MEETING ROOM A,
STONELEIGH PARK, KENILWORTH, CV8 2LZ
AND VIA ZOOM**

PRESENT: Pete Simmons (Chair), Nik Knight (Treasurer), Maureen Cook, Pat Hales, Ron & Venessa Jukes, Janeen Longhurst, Helen Murfet, Vonnie Simmons, Jill Spurr, Annette Walters (Vice Chair), Tracey Wilkinson, Alison Woodrow, Anita Gowing (Secretary). Via Zoom: Julie Barratt, Marion Hopkinson (President), Juliet Mockford.

Pete Simmons opened the meeting at 11.00 am.

1. **APOLOGIES**

Juliette & Paul Bloomfield, Felicity & Glyn James, Joanna Lake, Pat Wilkinson, Ann & Mark Greening, Marion & Alan Brierley, Doug & Louise Collier, Voirrey Paesler, Rachel Spencer, Jan & Graham Chance, Pete Longhurst, Mandi Oliver, Hannah Fawcett, Val Hawker.

2. **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 6 MARCH 2022**

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

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

None raised.

4. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

As you know I'm not one for talking too much, so I won't say too much.

Myself and Anita go into our 10th year at this meeting; who would have thought it? I had a full head of hair when I started. When we took up our positions it was supposed to be an honour, but the first few years didn't feel like it.

However, slowly but surely we turned the Club around with the help of our great committee, who were willing to commit to the cause. So many clubs these days struggle to get committee members, but ours has blossomed into a committee of the highest standard and every year the bar is raised.

Clubs need committees like ours, which proves that we are the Premier club and it's a pleasure, privilege and honour to the BCCGB Chairperson.

Thank you and good luck to all our members going to Crufts and in the year ahead.

5. **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Welcome to everyone here at our new venue and those joining via Zoom.

2022 was another good year for the Club, with well attended Championship and Open Shows, Puppy & Veteran Of The Year events. The herding day moved to a new venue and host and continues to be very popular.

The Photographic Competition is now an established part of our annual events and also continues to be well supported with quality photos submitted. 2022's event raised £150 for our nominated charity, Support Dogs UK. Also in 2022 we produced a 2023 calendar, the photos for which were selected by the committee from the photo competition entries.

The Year Book is another 'regular' for the Club and for the 2023 edition we again partnered with Amber Print Services for the printing. Despite increasing production costs, we continue to be able to make the book financially viable to provide members with a free copy. Obtaining feature articles remains a challenge and sadly due to the loss of Kathie Kinton, we were not able to include the usual

update from the PBHF.

In 2023 we will have the usual calendar of shows and events and the committee will be gearing up for the additional Ch show in 2024. So plenty to keep us occupied over the next 12 months.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the Club through membership and exhibiting at shows; without you there would be no Club.

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

2022 shows a small deficit overall for our shows, with the only the Championship show in surplus; there was an overall deficit for the year. The Club remains generally in a healthy financial position.

The Accounts were adopted; proposed by Annette Walters, seconded by Janeen Longhurst.

Various suggestions were made to boost income: promote sponsorship of classes, possibly with the sponsor's name on the rosettes; no paper schedules from Fosse Data (we will print paper copies for those exhibitors who need one); review the charge for commercial year book advertisers, with a package for a year's advertising in the year book and Ch, Open & POTY/VOTY catalogues.

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, Doug Collier, Louise Collier, Colin Dowson, Hannah Fawcett, Pat Hales, Pete Longhurst, Janeen Longhurst, Helen Murfet, Mandi Oliver, Yvonne Simmons, Jill Spurr, Phil Surridge, Tracey Wilkinson.

The following co-optee has been nominated for committee:- Alison Woodrow.

A block vote was proposed by Tracey Wikinson, seconded by Annette Walters and all of the above nominations were approved.

Marion was thanked for her generous donation.

8. **PROPOSALS RECEIVED**

None received.

9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- Alison suggested that the membership fee should be increased. Discussion took place regarding the various options for the timing of this proposal and it was agreed that the committee would assess during 2023.
- Tracey advised that the Border Collie Breed Council no longer exists and as a result we have lost the Border Collie Of The Year (BCOTY) event. Discussion took place as to how this matter should be progressed with our members and the Kennel Club, as well as various options for BCOTY. It was agreed that the committee would discuss further.

Pete closed the meeting closed at 11.35 am.