



BORDER COLLIE CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

SUMMARY MINUTES OF MEETING

3 MARCH 2024

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

PRESENT: Pete Simmons (Chair), Nik Knight, Collette Green, Janeen Longhurst, Pete Longhurst, Helen Murfet, Mandi Oliver, John Preston, Sue Preston, Vonnie Simmons, Jill Spurr, Annette Walters, Alison Woodrow & Anita Gowing (Secretary); Jill Spurr joined by remote link.

1. **APOLOGIES**

Louise Collier, Hannah Fawcett, Pat Hales, Phil Surridge

2. **MINUTES OF MEETING 25 SEPTEMBER 2023**

The Minutes were approved. Proposed by Pete L. and seconded by Alison

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

- **Year Book 2024/2025** – Anita advised that the 2024 edition had made a small surplus before general sales.

Louise is stepping down from the editorial team and Anita is happy to be the sole editor. Louise is also standing down as Membership Secretary, but will continue to collate the Top Awards points. Anita suggested that we do not need a dedicated membership secretary and that it would be most efficient if cheques were sent direct to Nik. This was agreed.

4. **CRUFTS BREED STAND & DISCOVER DOGS 2024**

- All passes and allowances have been issued to those covering DD over the four days. The protocols of running the stand were discussed for the benefit of those new to the role. Annette and Nik will set up on the Wednesday and cages, bedding and water bowls will be provided; Annette will attend every morning to refresh the bedding etc.
- There are four people running the Breed Stand on breed day and Nik will organise the card reader for taking electronic payments; Craig has been sent the car park and entry passes. Pete commented that we need to re-stock and Anita advised that a supply of ring clips had been ordered but was unsure whether they would be delivered in time for Crufts. A discussion took place regarding the option for Club merchandise and it was agreed to bring this item to the June meeting for further discussion and a decision. *NB – ring clips have been delivered to Nik on 3 March.*

5. **CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW 2024**

- Car park marshals booked; cash needed for their fee
- Sean Cameron booked by Jill
- Top Awards: Anita will take photos & Alison will organise the rosettes for presentation by Pete. Phil will announce the winners.
- Stewards: Sue & Andy Foreman; Pete L & Anita Mitchell
- Judges & stewards gifts: 2 judges, 1 referee and 3 stewards gifts needed. Collette will organise.
- Anita will get a gift for Sandra Newton
- Raffle: Pete & Helen (Jo Prandle) will organise and prizes are needed.
- Janeen will let Anita have details of the menu. Anita will provide Janeen & Vonnie with an estimate of the number of people expected to attend.
- Janeen will liaise with Kevin for access to the kitchen the evening before the show to put food

in the fridge.

- Access is from 7.00am for set up on the day of the show.

6. **PBHF SUBSIDY**

Anita provided a brief overview to this payment and it was agreed to continue with the donation.

7. **EVENTS 2024**

On behalf of the Events Team, Mandi gave an update on the recent Handling Day, which was very successful. A larger venue would be preferable for future handling events and the Team will investigate the options.

Alison will contact Ben Smith regarding this year's Herding Day.

For 2025, the Team is considering another Handling Day and also a Grooming Workshop.

We are due to hold another BAD in 2025 and discussion took place on the pros & cons of online vs traditional formats, with the preference towards the traditional format event.

8. **PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION/CALENDAR 2024**

Jill advised that the 2023 competition had been very successful. She asked whether we should change the format for 2024, specifically with entries for the Calendar not to include the winners from the Photographic Competition. Following discussion, it was agreed to adopt Alison's suggestion to have a collage for each month of the calendar so that more photos are featured. It was agreed that the Committee will select 37 photos from the full 2024 entry, with one cover photo and three for each month.

The 2024 charity beneficiary was agreed as Restart Dogs and it was suggested that a representative from the organisation could be invited to collect the cheque at our show and also an article on the organisation be included in the Year Book.

The competition will launch on 1 June and entries will close on 31 August.

We will continue to award Reserve Chair's Choice, along with the other three winners.

Jill also pointed out that the 2025 competition will be its 10th year and the first iteration of our 50th Anniversary celebrations. It was suggested that we include a review of the last 10 years of the competition in the year book.

9. **POTY & VOTY 2024**

Vonnie referred to her report, tabled with the agenda, proposing various changes to this years events.

- The principle of sponsorship was agreed and more sponsors should be sought via publicising this year's changes.
- The catalogue will be printed in-house.
- Issue a press release in Our Dogs following the competition to promote the winners, with a more extensive feature in the Year book.

On the general subject of sponsorship, it was suggested that we trial sponsorship of classes at our other shows and Jill confirmed that she will sponsor the AOC classes. This item to be included on the June meeting agenda for further detailed discussion.

John suggested the production of Christmas cards as a way of raising more funds.

10. **CLASSES AT FUTURE SHOWS**

Jill's suggestion to award Best AOC In Show at all of our shows was agreed, with the winner coming only from the AOC classes. Anita will share the Awardboard FB post regarding discounted trophies in order for Committee to decide whether to purchase for Best AOC IS.

It was agreed to schedule Baby Puppy classes at our future shows and that a Best Baby Puppy IS trophy should be awarded for the winner to retain.

8. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- Alison expressed the view that we should increase our membership fees. Following discussion, Alison will research the rates being charged by other clubs for membership and show entries, so that a decision can be made.

- Alison and Mandi suggested ideas for Year Book articles and they will make enquiries with their contacts in obedience. Nik will contact the organiser of the BC Agility Classic 2024 to see if this can also be included. Annette will see if her WT contacts will contribute.

9. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Online – date to be advised