



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

### **SUMMARY MINUTES OF MEETING 2 MARCH 2025 KC BUILDING, MEETING ROOM A FOLLOWING AGM**

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

#### **APOLOGIES**

1. Louise Collier, Phil Surridge, Andy & Sue Forman, Alison Woodrow

2. **MINUTES OF MEETING 29 SEPTEMBER 2024**

The Minutes were approved. Proposed by Janeen & seconded by Annette.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

- **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 2026**
  - The outcomes of our overseas judge nominations are still awaited from the KC.
  - Special Properties – licence received; judge still to be appointed.
- **Show Sponsorship** – It was suggested that we approach people to sponsor a class at our 2025 October Ch Show & also our 2026 shows. Collette & Mandi volunteered to take the lead on this and Anita advised that for 2025 she will need details of sponsors by the end of August so that these can be acknowledged in the schedule. A gift for the sponsors was also suggested. Anita will send a copy of the 2024 schedule to Collette & Mandi, together with a copy of the rosettes invoice as a guide to costs.

4. **CRUFTS BREED STAND & DISCOVER DOGS 2025**

- Collette has the posters for Nik.
- Alison has printed some leaflets and Nik will sort the remainder and also look at bulk printing options for next year.
- Nik will print the stickers. Alison will produce stickers for the 'give-away' rosettes.
- Breakdown on Sunday – John will help Annette & Nik; Nik will take the material home.
- Breed Stand – Sandra Newton will be running it; there will be year books and some ring clips available for sale; memberships can also be taken. It was noted that we need more merchandise for 2026 and a suggestion was made to have clothing on the stand available to order.

5. **CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW MARCH 2025**

- Anita is expecting the rosettes to be delivered next week.
- Two special rosettes have been ordered to acknowledge our current Champions. These will be presented at the beginning of the Top Awards; Jill & Mandi will approach Klara & Rachel to ask if they would bring Cairo & Banksy on the pretext of us taking photos for the Club archive.
- Judging start times as per the schedule: 9.00am Baby Puppies, 9.30am bitches, 10.00am dogs.
- Stewards are Sue Preston & Pete L.; Andy & Sue Forman.
- Collette will organise gifts for the two judges and the referee.
- There will a minute's silence before judging in memory of Jim Collins & Julia Carley.
- Set up from 7.00am.
- Janeen will let Anita have menu details nearer the show.
- Annette has some ring tape; John will bring some bunting just in case.
- Janeen will get a price for bespoke printed ring tape for 2026.
- *NB: following the meeting, Jill advised that Klara does not wish to do any testing at this show.*

6. **PBHF SUBSIDY**  
Agreed to continue for 2025.
7. **EVENTS 2025**
- We need to run a BAD/MCE this year & various options were discussed, including running it after the 2026 AGM, with a separate Hands-On Assessment possibly following a Ch Show. Herding & Handling days are also planned.
8. **PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2025**
- Jill advised that this would be the start of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations and the 10<sup>th</sup> year of the competition.
  - The Phoenix Children's Foundation was suggested as this year's beneficiary, as it is run by one of our members, Nita Withers. This was agreed.
  - Jill suggested that we should issue a press release to Our Dogs, launching the competition and our forthcoming 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
  - Jill & Anita will fund the rosettes, as for this year, & Jill will also donate prize money of £50 for BIS.
  - The calendar will be the same format as for 2025 (which was sold out).
9. **CHAMPIONSHIP & OPEN SHOWS 2025**
- It was agreed to reschedule Best In Show in accordance with the new KC Rules (see note with the agenda).
  - The layout will be changed, with the secretary's table & photography backdrop on the top wall between the entrance to the East Hall and toilets in the West Hall. Four rings will be laid out with two in each hall; the second ring in the West Hall being dedicated to the Special Awards classes.
  - Mandi advised that Ellen Wheeler is happy to run BAER testing; testing can be done in the health room in the West Hall. It was agreed to proceed & Mandi will firm up the arrangements with Ellen.
  - Mandi will also approach Klara to see if she would like to carry out PBHF testing at this show. We can use the club gazebo if necessary.
10. **2025 TOP AWARDS**  
Referring to the note accompanying the agenda, Anita suggested that the qualifying points should be enhanced to bring Veteran in line with Puppy (introduced in 2018). This was agreed & Anita will amend the website & make a formal announcement.
11. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
- Pete L. suggested that we have club branded polo shirts.
12. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**  
Online, date to be advised