



BORDER COLLIE CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

SUMMARY MINUTES OF MEETING 2 – 13 SEPTEMBER 2025 ONLINE

PRESENT: Pete Simmons (Chair), Louise Collier, Andy Forman, Sue Forman, Collette Green, Nik Knight, Janeen Longhurst, Pete Longhurst, Helen Murfet, Sandra Newton, Mandi Oliver, John Preston, Sue Preston, Vonnie Simmons, Jill Spurr, Phil Surridge, Annette Walters, Alison Woodrow & Anita Gowing (Secretary).

APOLOGIES

1. None received

2. MINUTES OF MEETING 15 JUNE 2025

The Minutes were approved

3. MATTERS ARISING

• 50th Anniversary 2026

- Commemorative rosettes for new Sh Chs made up in 2026 – not discussed
- Lifetime Achievement award(s) – suggestions to also include Life membership of the club. No final decision made.
- Donate BC portrait to the KC, drawn by Anita – Nik volunteered to get the drawing framed in time for the KC lunch following the March Ch show.
- Prize cards in BC shape – No final decision made.
- 50th Anniversary ring clips and limited-edition merchandise – not discussed
- Key rings – not discussed

• Events 2025

- BAD/Hands On – Mandi reported that it had been a good day. The talk by Gary/Pete was excellent and everyone seemed happy with the day. The feedback overall was excellent, a few moans about the location. Suggestions were made regarding alternative venues for future events.
- Herding Day – Alison advised that Ben had finally replied and is happy we've found somewhere else. Mandi has sorted with Richard Curtis instead and we have all 10 spaces booked with just one payment to come. It had been decided to provide sandwiches for the attendees and Pete S. will order from his local supplier.
- Mandi reported that there are no other planned events for this year, but she is hoping to organise a handling day in February 2026. Collette offered to help with this.
- Anita asked if we could fit in a Group Mentoring day during next year.

4. CHAMPIONSHIP & OPEN SHOWS OCTOBER 2025

- Nik will organise prize money for the Special Awards
- Pete will steward Special Awards. Pete L. & Sue Preston and Andy & Sue will steward the Ch show; Derek & Hazel Allsopp will steward the Open Show; gifts will be needed for them.
- It was noted that we need to up our game with judges' gifts & several options were suggested. Collette will organise.
- Car park marshals – Brian is waiting for a knee operation so Anita will book two marshals with John
- PBHF Clinic – Anita advised that, following the recently shared issue with Animal

Genetics testing and conscious of possible reluctance to use them, Klara had been in touch asking what we want to do about the planned DNA clinic. As alternatives, she has a discount code for Wisdom (20%); the test kit is ordered & paid for online which is then posted to the customer. Klara is happy to print Laboklin order forms & can use AG swabs; people can complete the form and pay by bank transfer or cheque. Klara is happy to coordinate this. It was agreed that the Laboklin option is a sensible alternative.

- Anita has sent the rosette orders to Sharon
- Mandi confirmed that Ellen Wheeler is still OK to run the BAER clinic. Anita will prepare the flyer.
- SGM – Anita will issue the SGM Notice in mid-September. We need to consider timings/order for this meeting, the Photo Comp presentation and judging the Special Awards (which will have a dedicated ring this year). SGM will be in Room A.

Sandra has broken her ankle and will not be able to drive. She will organise transport so that she can be at the show to help.

5. **PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2025**

As this meeting began, we had only one entry, but Jill reminded regular contributors and by the end of the meeting we now have 109 entries. Jill asked people to continue to chase entries.

6. **PUPPY & VETERAN OF THE YEAR 2025**

- Invitations sent out
- Rosettes order sent to Sharon
- Vonnie included a flyer with the POTY invitations, asking for sponsors
- Pete L. & Sue P. will steward
- Collette will organise judges' gifts
- Anita will book a car park marshal with John.

7. **50TH ANNIVERSARY CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW, SPECIAL PROPERTIES EVENT & GALA DINNER MARCH 2026**

- Pete S. is in the process of sorting the venue and we will have the BCCGB Top Awards presented at the dinner.
- Nik & Anita hope to have the Special Properties Event schedule available at the October shows.

8. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- Anita had recently received a phone call from a lady by the name of Heather Erridge who was in the process of clearing her late mother's home. She has found a considerable quantity of letters between her mother and John Winston (Wiston Cap) and wondered whether we would like them for our archive. Her mother had a dog from John. Heather lives in Taunton so if we would like the letters we would need to arrange collection or Heather is prepared to travel a short distance. Alison offered to organise collection of the papers via courier.
- Livestreaming 50th Anniversary shows – Anita has been in touch with Showdog Media to explore whether this could be an option, so that those not at the show could watch as it happens. Anita shared details from Showdog media; there was some agreement with the proposal, but no decision was made.

9. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

29 March 2026, following the AGM at the KC Building Room A