



BORDER COLLIE CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

SUMMARY MINUTES OF MEETING

5 MARCH 2023

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

PRESENT: Pete Simmons (Chair), Pat Hales, Nik Knight, Janeen Longhurst, Helen Murfet, Vonnie Simmons, Jill Spurr, Annette Walters, Tracey Wilkinson, Alison Woodrow & Anita Gowing (Secretary). Via Zoom: Julie Barratt.

1. **APOLOGIES**

Doug Collier, Louise Collier, Hannah Fawcett, Pete Longhurst, Mandi Oliver.

2. **MINUTES OF MEETING 1 SEPTEMBER 2022**

The Minutes were approved.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

- **KC ALLOCATION OF CHAMPIONSHIP STATUS 2024 – 2028** – Anita advised that our October 2024 Ch & Open show date had been approved by the KC and Ch show judges had been invited. We await KC approval of judge nominations for both our 2024 Ch shows.
- **Photographic Competition/Calendar 2022 & 2023** – Jill reported that the 2022 entry had been on a par with the previous year, raising £150 for our nominated charity; Sean had commented that the quality of the entries increases each year. The changes requested last year had been implemented and there had been some commonality between the judging of the main competition, Chair's Choice and the calendar, even though all judging is independent. It was agreed to proceed with the competition for 2023, with the charity to be agreed after Crufts. Suggestions for categories should be made to Jill and Alison will be added to the Teams channel. We will again produce a calendar, but only 40 copies will be ordered as not all 2023 copies have been sold.
- **Herding Day 2023** – Anita advised that she has a list of around 30 people who have expressed an interest in attending this year's event. Discussion took place regarding the logistics of last year's event and the possibility of running two days this year (one weekday, one weekend) with only 8 dogs per day. Anita will contact Rachel Spencer for her to ask Ben if this is acceptable and for his availability.
- **BAD Test Day 2023** – Possible dates are: 28/5, 10/6, 11/6, 1/7, 2/7 – Anita will find out if either Bubbenhall or Baginton Village Halls are available on any of these dates. Tracey advised that the day can include a Hands On Assessment and Multiple Choice Exam (MCE) or just a MCE; we would need three CC judges for the Hands On. We also need a speaker and it was agreed to ask Gary Clarke first, with possibly Marion Hopkinson as an alternative if Gary cannot do it. We also need someone to take the bookings and deal with the paperwork. Light refreshments will be provided; charges would be £25 for the BAD or £30 for the MCE.
- **Year Book 2023/2024** – It was suggested that we need to promote advertising and circulate advertising information at shows from July onwards. Commercial advertising should also be promoted, with the charge increased to £100 for a package of adverts in the year book and show catalogues. We will continue to partner with Amber Print Services.

4. **Crufts Discover Dogs 2023**

Tracey reported that Annette & herself will set up on Wednesday and that manning the booths on all days of the show was covered; Nik will bring Arrow on Friday. Leaflets, stickers and rosettes are organised. Tracey will be manning DD on breed day, so the Club Stand at ringside will be run by Joanna and Tracey's sister; the committee recorded thanks to both for their help.

Jill suggested that we print a QR code of our website for visitors to scan; she and Nik will organise.

Anita asked if someone could organise a photo of BoB with the Club trophy.

5. **Championship Show 2023**

There will be six guests of honour: Ron & Venessa Jukes and four visitors from Australia who have sponsored the Veteran classes. Hospitality will be provided to them and they will also receive a complimentary catalogue and ring clip or club badge.

Tracey has the rosettes and the 2022 Top Awards will be presented during the lunch break; this will be live streamed to our FB Group.

Judging times will remain as per the schedule.

Set up on the morning of the show from 7.00am, as usual.

Raffle tickets and prizes are needed.

Car park marshals booked (two, provided by John); Nik to arrange cash for payments.

Trophies – Karen Angier will bring the BIS trophy to the show. Hannah will need to bring the Best Dog crook to the show.

Sean will attend to take photos of the class winners and main winners/judges. Jill will ask him if he will also take photos of our guests of honour with the judges.

Tracey has the judges' gifts organised and Anita will get a plant for Sandra Newton who is helping on the Secretary's table as usual.

Anita suggested that we need a trophy steward who will be present at shows in order to keep track of our awards. Following discussion, Alison agreed to take on this role and she will liaise with Tracey to put together an inventory of our trophies.

Stewards: Pete & Janeen; Andy & Sure Foreman.

PBHF (Klara) will be doing DNA testing at the show.

Tracey advised that Sharon, our rosette provider, had some trophies available at a discount, so with the agreement of Nik & Anita, she had purchased two cups for our second Ch show. It was agreed that Tracey should ask Sharon if she has a third cup available for us to purchase and it was proposed that the three new trophies would be named as follows:

- BIS – the Rocheby Trophy (acknowledging our President, Marion Hopkinson)
- BPIS – the Ravenscol Trophy (acknowledging the contribution made by Gordon & Margaret Ravenscroft to the Club)
- BVIS – the Alan Wilkinson Trophy (acknowledging Alan's support of the Club over many years)

Anita will contact Marion and Pete will contact Margaret for the their agreement to the proposals.

6. **Supported Open Shows 2023**

Lichfield & Wellingborough had already taken place, but suggestions of judges were needed for Thame & Wirral.

Anita advised that Lichfield had invited Krystyan Greenland for 2024.

Tracey will come up with suggestions for 2023 & 2024 judges.

7. **PBHF Subsidy**

It was agreed to continue to provide the subsidy of £50 and Nik made the payment.

8. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- Alison proposed that the committee should pay for food at our shows. Following discussion, it was noted that complimentary food is offered by the Club as a 'thank you' to those who give up their time to help at our events and it was agreed that this should continue. There was also a discussion regarding the charges for food and it was agreed to charge as follows: Canned drinks £1; breakfast rolls £3; main meals £5. Toast would remain at £1 for two slices and puddings £1.

- Discussion regarding the Breed Council (BC) and future of BCOTY continued, following the discussion at the AGM. It was agreed that there are three main areas that need to be addressed at this stage:

KC 'Pink Forms' for new CC judges – Tracey will ask Adrian Marett at Crufts

BCOTY – Various options were proposed for the future format of the event.

- Tracey advised that Voirrey Paesler had donated various border collie related items for sale to raise funds for the Club. Anita will write and thank Voirrey.

9. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Online – date to be advised