



BORDER COLLIE CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

**SUMMARY MINUTES OF MEETING
25 SEPTEMBER – 5 OCTOBER 2023**

ONLINE

PRESENT: Pete Simmons (Chair), Julie Barratt, Louise Collier, Hannah Fawcett, Pat Hales, Nik Knight, Janeen Longhurst, Pete Longhurst, Helen Murfet, Mandi Oliver, John Preston, Sue Preston, Vonnie Simmons, Jill Spurr, Phil Surridge, Annette Walters, Tracey Wilkinson, Alison Woodrow & Anita Gowing (Secretary).

1. **APOLOGIES**

No apologies

2. **MINUTES OF MEETING 16 JUNE 2023**

The Minutes were approved.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

- **Photographic Competition/Calendar 2023** – Jill advised that the final entry was a phenomenal 236, raising £219 for the nominated charity; once again the standard is exceptionally high. Sean will judge, followed by Pete after which Jill will share all the entries with committee for calendar voting. Once judging is complete, Jill will post the entries on our FB Groups, announcing category placings in the run up to the Open Show. BIS, RBIS and Chair's Choice will be announced at the Open Show, where rosettes will be available for collection.
- **Herding Days 2023** – on behalf of the Events Team, Alison reported that both herding days had gone very well.
- **Year Book 2024** – Anita thanked those who had offered assistance and confirmed that Mandi & John have between them taken on the updating of the stats for the year book, previously compiled by Doug. Louise will continue to collate the Top Awards points, together with Anita. Anita confirmed the various articles that were in hand from contributors. Tracey will hand out some advertising flyers at any shows she will be attending, to try and boost adverts.
- **AGM 2024** – Anita tabled a draft Rule change to enable a 'hybrid' meeting. There was considerable discussion regarding the wording of the quorum, with Jill expressing the view that it needed to give equal weight to attendance in person or remotely. Tracey expressed the view that she would have preferred the quorum to have been from those physically present but understood why this may not be possible. Anita commented that she felt that committee members should be there in person unless there's a very good reason why they can't be; it is our opportunity to get together for the committee meeting afterwards.

The following revised draft was tabled, and this was agreed:

- "12. MEETINGS.
a) The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held in March each year, when the Secretary will submit an annual report and the Treasurer will submit the balance sheet prepared by the auditor for adoption. The certified accounts will be made available on request to members fourteen days prior to the AGM. **The meeting will be in the 'hybrid' format with members attending in person, together with others participating remotely.**

Ten members shall form a quorum for General Meetings; **these will be taken from those attending in person and those members attending remotely who, for reasons of location or personal responsibilities, cannot attend in person and have pre-agreed their remote attendance with the Club Chair. Those attending remotely who have not informed the Chair prior to the AGM, will not be counted towards the quorum, but will be able to vote.**

b) A Special General Meeting shall be held whenever the committee shall determine, or by requisition, in writing, of twenty five members, stating the object of the meeting. No business other than that for which it was called shall be transacted at such a meeting.

c) Committee meetings shall be held whenever necessary and seven members shall form a quorum. Notice shall be given at least seven days before any committee meeting, five weeks before the Annual General Meeting and fourteen days before a Special General Meeting.

d) Notices convening meetings will specify the nature of the business to be transacted.

e) At all meetings the President or Chairman shall preside. In their absence the Vice-Chairman will preside. **Votes will be taken from both those attending in person and those participating remotely** ~~Every member shall have an equal vote~~ and where the votes are equal the Chairman shall have a casting vote.”

4. **EVENTS 2024**

Mandi tabled a proposal for a pre-Crufts handling day with Marina White to be held early in 2024. It was agreed to go ahead with this at Bubbenhall Village Hall on 11 or 18 February. Tracey will be on holiday so unable to do the catering, but this will be covered by Janeen & Vonnie.

Mandi also hopes to organise a grooming workshop later in 2024.

5. **POTY/VOTY 2023**

Vonnie advised that entries were coming in slowly. Tracey will organise rosettes, catalogue printing and catering; Brian Earp will marshal the car park; Pete (L) & Janeen will steward; trophies are with Vonnie & Mandi; Anita will print score sheets & ring numbers and scoring will be done by herself & Nik as usual; Sue will be attending & will help where needed; Tracey reminded everyone to bring raffle prizes.

6. **OPEN SHOW 2023**

Entries are yet to get going, but plenty of time. Brian Earp will marshal the car park together with a marshal provided by the Staffie Club. There will be a break in judging at 11.00am for a two minute silence and there will also be a minute's silence to remember Doug & Annette Thompson. The usual photo competition live reveal will take place at lunch time.

7. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Our Dogs Breed Notes – Anita reported that she had been contacted by Jenny Pepper, asking who is going to take this over. Anita advised that to her knowledge no one had come forward from any of the breed clubs and Jenny asked that her disappointment that there were no volunteers was conveyed to our committee. It was noted that Jo Ratcliffe had now taken on this role.

8. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

3 March 2024, following AGM at the KC Building, Meeting Room A