



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

### **MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 3 MARCH 2019 At Willington Village Hall Twyford Road, Willington, DE65 6DE**

**PRESENT:** Tracey Wilkinson (Acting Chair), Nik Knight (Treasurer), Karen Anderson, Julie Barratt, Doug Collier, Louise Collier, Glynis Dowson, Colin Dowson, Hannah Fawcett, Craig Gamble, Pat Hales, Karen Hayward, Joanna Lake, David McDowell, Rachel Spencer, Jill Spurr, Pat Wilkinson & Anita Gowing (Secretary).

Tracey Wilkinson opened the meeting at 11.00 am.

1. **APOLOGIES**

Stephanie Austin, Paul & Juliette Bloomfield, Sheila Carr, Pat Day, Debbie Deuchar, Bernice Emanuel, Lorna Hastings-Menaker, Ron Menaker, Bob Henry, Kathryn Milham, Lisa & Richard Newman, Voirrey Paesler, Jenny Pepper, Pete & Vonnie Simmons, Phil Surridge, Richard Wagner, Annette Walters, Anne Westover, Klara Zolakoza.

2. **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 25 MARCH 2018**

The Minutes were approved as an accurate record – Proposed by Colin Dowson and seconded by Jill Spurr.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

- Doug asked about the JCF Pilot. Tracey advised that this was complete and that, in the absence of a volunteer from other clubs, she had been appointed as the BEC.

4. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

In Pete's absence, Tracey read the report provided by him:-

Firstly, thank you all for turning up this morning for the AGM of BCCGB. Sorry that I'm unavailable to attend.

Ok so it's been a long and at times hard year but on the whole a good one.

On a sad note we are losing Rachel Spencer from the committee; a great asset to the club not just at our shows; always ready to add comment and suggestions to the committee and a valued member of the judging panel. I wish Rachel well as I'm sure all the committee feel the same. Rachel has informed me she will still muck in and help at all the shows. But on the other hand, we are gaining Craig Gamble, a man who has been involved with border collies for many years and will no doubt bring experience and much needed help in the preparation for the shows.

Would like to thank Anita for being her usual brilliant self and most definitely the best breed club sec going, we are very lucky.

Nik for bringing the accounts into the 21st century with internet banking which makes everything so much easier, (this is nothing detrimental towards Doug's approach to the accounts in any way we are just moving with the times).

Tracey who is flying the flag for GB as the BEC'S Judging representative.

To all the committee we still need to work together and keep on the top of our game as we are the PREMIER CLUB and we want to stay that way.

We are so much more than just a dog show club, with all the training days we carry out in so many aspects of the breed,

So, I would just like to thank all the committee for their much-appreciated support towards myself.

Long may it continue the club being run looking forward to the future.

5. **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

2018's events were largely dominated by the weather.

It began early in March with heavy snow, causing us to re-schedule the AGM to later in the month. There was then a repeat performance on the weekend of the Championship Show a couple of weeks later; the show went ahead though & was well attended considering the conditions.

The weather could not have more different for Marina Scott's Handling Seminar in April; beautiful Spring weather meant that we could work outside. The event was well supported by members and non-members with several breeds represented.

At the mentoring day in July the plan was to assess dogs outside, but the weather had other ideas!! The intense heat kept us indoors in the relative cool. The mentoring went well, but the health seminar which took place on the same day was not as well supported as we would have liked.

The Herding Day saw a change to the venue and trainer, being hosted by Paul Johnson at his superb Derbyshire venue on a roasting August day; the ice creams provided by Paul's wife were very welcome. This is our most popular event and was once again fully booked; we will endeavour to continue to include this in our annual calendar.

Our core shows were once again well supported. Puppy & Veteran Of The Year had their own day in October and we took the opportunity to run a JCF Breed Appreciation Day /Multiple Choice Exam on the same day.

At Crufts we had the usual stand at the ringside on breed day. Discover Dogs was coordinated by Tracey and manned by various club members throughout the four days.

All of our events would not happen without the efforts of committee and volunteers. Thanks go to all of those who give their time to make everything possible; particular mention should go to Tracey and her helpers with the catering, which is always so well received; also to Karen Anderson to whom I was able to delegate the admin for the Breed Appreciation Day.

Our committee continues to grow and we have built a very effective team in the last few years. Long may it continue.

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

2018 had been a busy year for the club, with the accounts showing an overall surplus, despite a small deficit on the Open Show account.

Year Books up to 2015 and shop stock has been written off, leaving 2016 - 2019 Year Books for sale.

Following discussion, it was agreed to sell 2016 books at £5, 2017 at £10 & 2018/2019 at £15. Older year books are given by Tracey to breeders for their puppy packs and Craig has suggested that we also give away old books at Discover Dogs.

Tracey commented that the Open Show loss needs to be addressed.

The Accounts were adopted.

7. **OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE**

- President – Nomination received for re-election of Mrs Marion Hopkinson unopposed.
- Chairperson - Nomination received for re-election of Mr Peter Simmons unopposed.
- Secretary - Nomination received for re-election of Miss Anita Gowing unopposed.
- Treasurer – Nomination received for re-election of Mr Nik Knight unopposed.
- Vice-Chair - Nomination received for re-election of Ms Annette Walters unopposed.
  
- Committee - the following committee members remain:- Karen Anderson, Doug Collier, Pat Hales, Karen Hayward, Jill Spurr, Phil Surridge, Tracey Wilkinson.

The following have been nominated for committee:-

Julie Barratt, Louise Collier, Colin Dowson, Glynis Dowson, Hannah Fawcett, Craig Gamble, Lisa Newman, Rick Newman, Yvonne Simmons.

The officer and committee positions were confirmed with all in favour.

8. **PROPOSAL RECEIVED BY TRACEY WILKINSON, SECONDED BY PAT WILKINSON**

I would like to propose an increase to membership of Single £8.50; Joint £10; Family & Overseas staying the same.

Tracey commented that the membership rates had not been increased for several years. Following discussion, during which it was highlighted that the new rates remain excellent value, the proposal was agreed.

9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- Colin raised the matter of show sponsorship. The changes to Royal Canin's format were discussed briefly and Tracey advised that the issue was on the committee meeting agenda.
- Doug asked whether there had been any feedback to our withdrawal from the Breed Council (BC). Tracey advised that there are two clubs no longer affiliated to the BC: BCCGB & Southern BCC. The last BC minutes indicate that there are no plans to ask us to go back. It was noted that as non-affiliated clubs, BCCGB & Southern BCC will not be eligible to host Border Collie Of The Year; Doug expressed the opinion that the BC cannot claim ownership of the event or refuse BCCGB or Southern the opportunity to host. Southern has suggested that when our 'turn' comes around again, that we host a joint event in place of BCOTY. Tracey advised that the matter will be discussed at committee.

Tracey thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 11.40 am.