

Midlands Border Collie Club

Minutes of the
Annual General Meeting
held on
Saturday 18th March 2017
in the meeting room, Stoneleigh Park Lodge, CV8 2LZ

Meeting opened at 3.05 pm

1. Apologies for absence - received from Joan Cattell, Richard Lucas, Sheila Gay, Sheilagh Hyde

Present: Bob Tunnicliff, Hilary Kerr, Kathie Kinton, Lyndsey Bridges, Brian Marshall, Adrienne Marshall, Ella Jo Mallabone, Tracy Mills, Karen Bradshaw, Val Earp, Ann Jordan, Chris Johnson

2. Minutes of the last AGM

Were read and passed as correct

3. Matters arising from the minutes

Need to check with Barrie James re the equipment he was selling for us.

4. Chairman's Report

Thank you for your attendance. 2016 has been another successful year for our club, our events are always very well attended and we strive to make all welcome the 2016 obedience show was again our largest and most eventful show. The British climate tries to spoil it most years, but we are a hardy bunch and won't be beaten, but torrential rain, gales and collapsing marquees worry me big time. Our entry for 2017 has increased again, in 2018 we hope to alter this event and hopefully make life easier for all concerned. We received an invitation to hold our Championship breed show at the Birmingham National event at Stafford, we considered this very carefully before accepting and if successful we hope this will become a regular event. Our main reasons for accepting were, your ageing committee, our work load, catering and costs. We hope to look at the cost of entries if this becomes a regular event. We await your constructive criticisms. Our president Doreen Hutchinson celebrated her 91st Birthday this year - we sent her your best wishes. We welcome any new committee members from any discipline so if you are willing to be a team member and to work please join us. Best wishes B

5. Secretary's Report

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I think a fairly successful year despite the hassle of the Ch Sh and subsequent loss of Moira as a venue.... least said about that the better... but this leads me to the upcoming Ch Sh which we are running at the Birmingham National show. They invited us and we thought long and hard for a considerable time before we took them up on the offer. It's an experiment - we won't know if it has worked until AFTER the event but it would be good to have as much support from our members as possible. The National has given BCs an early start for their judging (8.30) and hope that they will be able to give us two rings to run our show... it will depend on the logistics of their show but they have been extremely accommodating and we sincerely hope it will work. It's a lot less work for this already hard working committee, gives exhibitors the chance of two sets of CCs in one day... if for any reason we don't think it has worked then we will review the 2018 show.

I have to thank Bob for putting up with me... Chris for doing the same and the committee for their support. This isn't the easiest job in the world, I do my best and put my hands up if I get it wrong. I have a suspicion that Bob has me on speed dial... even when he leaves the country!!

The club's main aim is to do things right for the breed. I think we do.... or at least I hope we do. To that end we will continue to run seminars etc and to participate actively in the Border Collie breed council and the Pastoral Breeds Health Foundation - the health of our breed being paramount.

I look forward to another year...

6. Treasurer's Report

2016 showed a loss of £105.38 against a profit in 2015 of £4362.78. The extra obedience show in 2015 gave us extra income, expenditure was down on 2015. Events included 1 breed open show, we lost 1 open Working Trial, had to cancel the Rally for safety reasons, open show entry was up. Hope that the entries for 2017 will pick up.

7. Approval of accounts

Accounts passed unanimously, proposed AJ, seconded HK

8. Election of auditors

It was agreed to continue with the same person.

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9. Election of Officers and Committee

The Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer are all willing to serve for another year. No other nominations were received. All were elected unanimously

Under the rules of the club the following members of the committee are due for re-election and all are willing to continue:

Kathie Kinton, Sheilagh Hyde, Richard Lucas

KK elected, SH and RL co-opted in their absence.

During 2016 the following were co-opted onto the committee - they are all willing to continue as committee members and need to be elected:

Karen Bradshaw, Adrienne Marshall and Sheila Gay
KB & AM elected, SG co-opted in her absence.

10. Any other business

None

Meeting closed at 3.28