

# Midlands Border Collie Club

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018

At

Thurcaston & Cropston Village Hall,  
Anstey Lane, Leicester LE78 7JA  
At 10.00 a.m.

**1. Apologies for absence** - were received from Voirrey Paesler, Marion Brierly, Pat & Tracey Wilkinson

**Present:** Bob Tunnicliff (Chairman), Chris Johnson (Treasurer), Hilary Kerr (Secretary), Karen Bradshaw, Sheila Gay, Catherine Dunlin, Richard Lucas, Adrienne Marshall, Brian Marshall, Sheilagh Hyde, Val Earp, Joan Cattell, Ann Jordan, Kathie & Dave Kinton (via Messenger video)

**2. Minutes of the last AGM** - were read and approved a true record of the meeting, proposed Karen Bradshaw, seconded Chris Johnson

**3. Matters arising from the minutes** - none

## **4. Chairman's Report**

In 2017 the MBCC held three events. Our Breed Championship show was the first held in conjunction with Birmingham National and produced such a large entry the judging ran on and we ended up losing daylight.

Our Championship and open obedience Easter weekend was very well supported, a pleasant weekend for all concerned.

The Open breed and limited obedience show was held at Stoneleigh. We received praise from the exhibitors, who enjoyed good catering and our hospitality.

2017 ended with sad news. We lost our long standing President Doreen Hutchinson; I was lucky enough to visit her while she was in hospital but disappointed I could not attend her funeral, she was supported by several of the MBCC committee on her last journey.

This month I had more sad news that one of our founder committee members Derek Briddon had passed away after years of ill health. Derek worked for many years as a committee member of the MBCC.

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The clubs major events of 2018 are almost organised and our Obedience show has again received a massive entry, let's hope the weather is kind.

We are holding our clubs Breed Champ show again in conjunction with Birmingham National, we learnt from last year's mistakes and exhibitors will receive reduced entries and another warm Midlands welcome.

I must thank the committee and my fellow officers for their dedication to the MBCC you are always on the end of the phone to give welcome advice and help.

Best wishes  
Bob T

## 5. Secretary's Report

An interesting year.... it actually went very well for the club - not quite as well for me...

Sheilagh Hyde does an amazing job with the Obedience show every year and 2017 was no exception - and I'm sure that if anyone is at a loose end over Easter she should would be happy to have more helpers - the committee will all be doing their bit!

The Championship show in May was frankly not as we had hoped and I think the topic has been done to death over the past few months so just rest assured that this year it will be much better as we have moved away from Pastoral Day at The National and have, this year anyway, Sandilands Hall for the show... although technically unbenced there will be benching in there from the other days at the National and you are welcome to use it (I have this in writing from the Secretary of the National!)

The open show, using the bigger hall at Stoneleigh - a one off due to the increased cost - went really well and Val and her catering team produced some lovely food - which was well received by all....Everyone seemed to enjoy the day and it was nice not to hear any negative comments (well at least I didn't).

It was a sad end to the year when we lost our long serving President (and friend) Doreen Hutchinson.... her funeral was held on a bitterly cold but bright and sunny day in December and I and several other members of the committee

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attended - she will be very much missed..... she certainly received a very good send off from family and friends; I think she would have enjoyed it!

On a personal note I'd like to thank Bob and the rest of the committee for the support and help they gave me (and still do) when I was taken ill last July - hopefully I'm fighting fit now but for a while I really was poorly... so thank you all. It's good to have people willing to step into the breach when the chips are down!!

Hilary Kerr

## 6. Treasurer's Report

The Club has had a good year and I feel we are now heading in the right direction but not completely out of the woods yet. We have been struggling with falling entries for some time but I am pleased to say 2017 saw a slight increase. Of courses on the breed side this was down to us joining forces with Birmingham Dog Show Society general championship show and, despite the difficulties encountered in the day, we still feel this is the way forward, We have liaised with Birmingham and they are more than happy to accommodate us in future and we will work to ensure lessons have been learnt and we will endeavour to ensure the 2018 breed champ show is a success

Just a brief summary of our year end 2017 accounts show:

Income down	2405.9
Expenses down	4261.33

The reason the income fell compared to the previous year was due to only two breed shows being held in 2017 not three as in 2016.

The fall in expense was mainly due to the lower costs involved in joining with Birmingham Dog Show society plus we have also tried to keep our overheads as low as possible.

The only area for concern is the memberships, which are declining rather rapidly, and quite honestly I cannot think of a way to increase them. The Kennel Club initiatives, internet sites, judging rules, data protection rules are all impacting on the 'world of dogs' and in this rapidly changing world it is hard, and, like it or not, for small clubs like ours to survive we have to embrace these changes. Hopefully, we will retain a hard core of members and rely on support for our shows from a wider group to continue with our Border Collie activities.

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Chris Johnson

**7. Approval of accounts** - accounts were read, agreed as correct and proposed by Sheila Gay, seconded by Ann Jordan

**8. Election of auditors** - it was agreed to keep the same auditor.

## **9. Election of Officers and Committee**

The Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer are all willing to serve for another year. No other nominations were received. **Bob Tunnicliff** proposed as Chairman by Hilary Kerr, seconded by Ann Jordan, elected unanimously, **Hilary Kerr** proposed as Secretary by Sheila Gay, seconded Sheilagh Hyde, elected unanimously, **Chris Johnson** proposed as Treasurer by Val Earp, seconded Shelia Gay, elected unanimously

During 2017 **Sheila Gay, Richard Lucas and Sheilagh Hyde** were co-opted onto the committee due to their absence at the AGM and consequently need to be elected today. **Sheila Gay** proposed Hilary Kerr, Seconded Adrienne Marshall, elected unanimously, **Richard Lucas** proposed Sheila Gay, seconded Val Earp, elected unanimously, **Sheilagh Hyde** proposed Ann Jordan, Seconded Chris Johnson, elected unanimously.

**10. Any other business** - there being no other business the meeting closed at 10.28