

Midlands Border Collie Club

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Midlands Border Collie Club
held on
Friday 1st February 2019
in the meeting room, Stoneleigh Park Lodge, CV8 2LZ
at 6.45 pm**

The meeting opened at 6.45. Present were: Bob Tunnicliff (Chairman), Hilary Kerr (Secretary) Chris Johnson (Treasurer), Adrienne and Brian Marshall, Joan Cattell, and by Wi-Fi link Sheila Gay, Kathie Kinton and Dave Kinton.

- 1. Apologies for absence** were received from Catherine Dunlin, Ann Jordan and Richard Lucas.
- 2. Minutes of the last AGM** were read and agreed as correct. Proposed Bob Tunnicliff, seconded Joan Cattell
- 3. Matters arising from the minutes** - none
- 4. Chairman's Report**

Thank you for attending our AGM.

Your club has come to another milestone in its history. We now only hold one with event with CC status, our Championship Breed show. We lost the working trials some years back and in 2018 our Obedience show, after several weather-related cancellations and the loss of our obedience secretary.

The Obedience championship show has struggled for years with the UK's unpredictable weather; we have, in the past, spent hours trying to find alternative dates and venues for the show, without success.

Your committee has debated many times how to keep the club financially sound with the loss of a large part of our income, somewhere we need to make savings or over a thousand pounds a year. I am sure we will come up with a solution.

My personal opinion is that we maybe amalgamate with the National Dog Show as we did last year. On the day before or after Pastoral Day - this solution would provide the club with the £1000 we need to keep the books balanced. Your treasurer can give more details if required.

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My committee and the club's officers work tirelessly to keep the club running smoothly, I must thank them sincerely as they give up their time voluntarily for the good of the breed,

I'm always willing to discuss any ideas, or complaints.

Best wishes and good luck in your chosen sport.

5. Secretary's Report

Well that's another year gone by. I'd like to say without incident but sadly not the case, with the loss, which Bob has already explained, of our Championship Obedience and the club's decision to stop running obedience shows. Not an easy decision, not one taken lightly and one which involved a lot of heart searching by all of the committee. Nevertheless, at this time the right decision.

So, we are, currently, solely running breed shows, plus of course seminars, training days and so on. This can of course change in the future. Nothing is set in stone.

We ran a very successful breed day and judging assessment under the new Judges Competency Framework rules. This was originally going to be in the spring but the weather (we are beginning to hate it!) meant postponement and a change in format to encompass the new JCF methods. I'm pleased to say that all who took the exam passed. The venue, new to us, was perfect for such an event. The whole day was coordinated extremely well by Sheila Gay - she has a job for life!

Our open show in October went well, and with it our last Limited Obedience show. Thanks to all who helped out on the day, it ran very smoothly - which is more than can be said for the traffic on my long drive home!

Being a club secretary isn't an easy job - I'm sure all other club secretaries would agree. but it has its rewardsand I have to say that most of members are genuinely lovely people Huge thanks to the committee for all their support - especially Bob who seems to be just as in touch in Spain as he is in Derbyshire!

So, as Bob has done, I wish you well for the next 12 months, we will keep u posted on the website and Facebook page of our upcoming events - the first of which is of course tomorrow!

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6. Treasurer's Report

Another year (a very turbulent one) firstly the Easter Obedience Show had to be cancelled due to adverse weather conditions and secondly the acrimonious departure of the obedience show secretary.

Despite these setbacks we have ended the year with a surplus of £1747.21 slightly down on last year.

Overall income up £109.47

Overall expenses up (£212.43)

Overall profit down between 2017 and 2018 = £102.96

As the Club has severed ties with the obedience section - a sad indictment after 22 years - we realise that challenging days lie ahead but rest assured we will endeavour to look at possible new initiatives and welcome any constructive ideas.

Chris Johnson, MBCC Treasurer

7. **Approval of accounts** - proposed BT, seconded JC all in favour.
8. **Election of auditors** - it was agreed to continue with the same auditor.
9. **Election of Officers and Committee**

Chairman: **Bob Tunnicliff** proposed HK, seconded JC, unanimous

Secretary: **Hilary Kerr**, proposed SG, seconded AH, unanimous

Treasurer: **Chris Johnson**, proposed BM, seconded SG, unanimous

Committee members re-standing:

Joan Cattell, proposed HK seconded AM unanimous

Co-opted:

Val Earp proposed BM, seconded AM unanimous

Ann Jordan - proposed JC, seconded HK unanimous

Catherine Dunlin was co-opted at the meeting after the AGM last year, unable to attend today so co-opted again proposed SG, seconded CJ unanimous

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10. Proposed Rule Changes

The following changes to the club's rules were proposed.

Rule 3. COMMITTEE:

The management of the Club shall be in the hands of Officers of the Club who shall retire yearly (although they may be re-elected), and a Committee consisting of up to 15 members of whom one third shall retire annually on a 3 year rotation.

[MEMBERS of the Committee shall be eligible for re-election every three years] [proposed CJ, 2nd SG]

ALL OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE shall have full voting rights and the Chairperson an extra casting vote if necessary.

MEETINGS of the Committee shall be held as often as deemed necessary [but at least every three months.] [Prop CJ, 2nd AM]

A QUORUM for Committee meetings shall be 5 of which two must be Officers. THE COMMITTEE shall have the power to co-opt members on to the Committee in the event of positions becoming vacant between the Annual General Meetings as deemed necessary.

There will be a representative for every discipline the club undertakes [each of the following: obedience, working trials, sheep, agility and breed within the 15 ordinary Committee members] [prop HK, 2nd JC]

THOSE CO-OPTED shall only hold office until the next Annual General Meeting of the Club at which an election of Officers and Committee takes place.

NO ONE MEMBER shall make any decisions on behalf of the Club. Where necessary 3 of the Officers shall first be contacted and the majority decision shall stand until the next Committee meeting.

Rule 4. THE CLUB:

will make a list of members and their addresses available for inspection if so requested by [members of the Club or by] the Kennel Club. [prop CJ, 2nd JC]

Rule 10. FINANCIAL YEAR / ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The financial year of the Club shall be from January 1st to December 31st. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the first three months of the year.

The nature of the business to be conducted will be:

a) To receive a report of the Committee and Balance Sheet, to elect Officers and discuss any resolution duly placed on the Agenda of which prior notice has

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been given to the Hon. Secretary. No business shall be transacted at the Annual General Meeting unless notice thereof appears on the Agenda, with the exception of routine matters or those which in the opinion of the Chairperson are urgent.

b) Notice of such meetings will be published to the members via the website and social media and may be published in the canine press, i.e. [Dog World and/or] Our Dogs; for members who do not have access to electronic communication notice will be sent by post if so requested.

c) There will be two months' notice of the AGM.

d) Items are required by the Hon. Secretary for inclusion on the Agenda four weeks prior to the AGM

e) The Agenda will be circulated at the meeting. [prop JC, 2nd AM]

All other rules remain unchanged.

Once passed by the Kennel club these rules will come into immediate effect.

10. AOB

The Chairman asked in turn if there was any other business, all present said no.

Meeting closed 7.11 pm