

**BORDER COLLIE CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**HEALD GREEN VILLAGE HALL**

**7<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

The meeting opened at 10.45 am with Mrs Ann Jordan in the chair.

1. Apologies from Ms V Avory, Prof Bedford, Mr & Mrs Broadhurst, Mrs J Entwistle, Mrs C Friderics, Mrs S Gay, Mrs A Gillespie, Ms W Hagan, Mrs & Mrs Hamson, Mrs A Hughes, Ms J Lake, Ms J Large, Mrs S Large, Ms P Lawrence, Mr R Lowe, Ms S Padam, Mrs Voirrey Paesler, Mr & Mrs Paton, Mrs E Ratcliffe, Ms R Shrimpton, Ms A Simmons, Mrs R Spencer, Mr & Mrs Tunnicliffe, Mr & Mrs Tydeman Ms P Wilson,

2. Minutes of the 2009 AGM certified as correct

Proposed by Mrs P Ward

Seconded by Mrs T Wilkinson

3. Matters Arising None

4. Chair Persons Report

2009 marked the addition to the Committee of some keen young members who have met the challenge of spicing up our regular events and making them not only successful, but notable. Border Collie of the Year was handed to us this year and was the best yet and will be hard to beat by the next Club who hosts it.

Border Collie Puppy of the Year and Veteran of the year also received attention to detail that made it very successful.

Discover Dogs at Crufts is also under scrutiny and I look forward to this most useful event for encouraging responsible ownership of our complex breed.

I also hope we can attract even more new blood in addition to the Silver Regulars, who also deserve so much thanks for being the backbone and mainstay of the Club – hanging in there when things get tough. Committee Members come and go, unfortunately, we are a National Club but the Committee out of necessity is Midlands based ( with a couple of exceptions) and I can't see that changing in the future.

Committee Meetings have been problematic to arrange because of the question of a location to suit everybody, so the internet seems to be coming to the fore as the best medium to keep things going.

Our Obedience Show is now a great event and the agility show is proving popular. Our next Championship Show has a hefty entry.---So all bodes well for the future and I hope our Members feel that we are offering good value for their Membership Fee.

I thank all the members of our Committee for all their hard work this year.

## 5. Secretary's Report

Thank you for coming to today's Annual General Meeting for 2010. 2009 in my opinion has been a good year for the Club it started badly when the Border Collie of the Year Show was postponed due to heavy snow.

However, after that it picked up with an outstanding combined Agility and Breed Championship Show. The Obedience Show went well as did the loss making Open Breed Show. An amazing Border Collie of the Year Show being held on the same day. Followed by equally successful Puppy and Veteran of the Year Shows.

Looking forward, 2010 will hopefully bring our first Heel Work to Music Show along with 6 other events we hold each year. Although there is an economic downturn, I hope we can keep the costs down so members can benefit.

On the Kennel Club side of things. I would be happier if more forthcoming about a number of health issues. I am constantly being asked about Glaucoma and the KC's Official Position on it. At this time I am unable to give a clear answer.

Finally I would like to thank all the committee for their dedication and commitment during the last year.

## 6. Treasurer's Report and Presentation of Accounts

### **TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT ON THE CLUB'S TRADING FOR 2009**

#### **General Account**

Current and Deposit

#### Income

**Membership fees** – it is great to see a turn around after years of falling membership. 2009 saw an increase to £2261 from £1852 in 2008 (an increase of over £400).

**Shop sales** made £351.

**Shows** – a brilliant year. We ran 7 shows during the year, 2 more than in previous years. The new events were an Open Agility Show, which was combined with our Champ breed show, so shared expenses. Both were very profitable – champ £2130 and Agility £1524. A special thank you to Sue Morley for her efforts with the Agility Show. Our Open Obedience Show in July had a surplus of £117. In September we again combined shows – the Open Breed show and the Border Collie of the Year shared expenses. The Open Breed Show did lose money but no more than in previous years, but if it had stood alone the loss would have been substantially more. The Border Collie of the Year event, a showpiece for the Breed, turned out to be the best ever and a great success for the Club. Thanks to Jo Ratcliffe and Tracey Wilkinson and it will be memorable, unsurpassable and the envy of all the other BC Clubs and the Breed Council (if they ever hold the event). On paper it did make a profit of £281 but the Club contributed a £500 gift to the organisers for the running of the show.

This event was originally scheduled for February and had to be cancelled due to bad weather so the September event had to include those costs.

The Puppy and Veteran of the year events, our usual November combined events run by Jo and Tracey were also a success and had a combined surplus of £238.

Overall our shows were –

Champ Show – surplus £2130

Agility Show – surplus £1524

Obedience Show – surplus £117

Open Breed Show – loss £395

BC of Year – surplus £281

Puppy and Veteran of Year – surplus £238

A total contribution to Club funds of £3396.

Combining events at same venue shares costs, boosts entries and has proved very successful.

**Yearbooks** – Surplus £181 compared to £2470 in 2008. The auditor has a formula for working out the surplus, calculating adverts and sales, but also including the level of stock. The rise in stock in the 2008 account was £1189 whereas in 2009 it was only £187 which is good. A reduction in stock means we are selling more yearbooks.

#### Expenditure

**Newsletter** – Expenses – printing and postage. We only had two newsletters in 2009, compared to last and all previous years. The cost was therefore reduced to £884. Note that the late December 2009 newsletter is now being issued in March 2010. If the usual three issues are to appear in 2010, making 4 in all, then the predicted cost may be very high, depending on decisions made about putting the Newsletter on the Club's Website.

**Donations** – The Club donated £100 to Border Collie and Sheepdog Rescue, £100 to Valgrays Border Collie Rescue and £150 to the Pastoral Breeds Health Fund. £50 was given to Macmillan Nurses in memory of Karen Dalglish.

Surplus – a very handsome £2996 for the year.

The balance sheet show a £4750 increase in money at the bank, a modest £187 rise in the level of stock and over a £1000 increase in yearbook advertisers. It shows a yearly surplus of £2996 and an increased value of the net worth of the Club to £20,840.

#### **Rescue fund**

No movement over the year. We hold £816 in this fund. (Note that we did pay Rescue services £500 last year out of this account.)

## Health Fund

No movement over the year. The account holds £87.

**Honorariums** paid by the Club each year-

Secretary £150

Newsletter Editor £100

Treasurer £100

Yearbook Editor £40

Shop Keeper £40

Researcher £40

Auditor £75 (The Club authorised me to pay a reasonable fee. Officially the Club's audit fee is £60. I recommend that it is raised to £75).

## The Stock held by the Club

A report was given about the stock level and it was discussed how we could reduce the £13,645 stock. You should also note that although not stock figures the secretary holds posts, ropes, tables, mats etc. All have value.

## BORDER COLLIE CLUB OF GB - STOCK OF YEARBOOKS

Year	Number	Cost	Cost Each	Stock value	Selling price	Profit/loss
2009	101	£1,175.64	11.64	11.64	£16.00	£4.46
2008	175	£1,750.00	11.38	£10.00	£5.00	-£5.00
2007	163	£1,630.00	13.45	£10.00	£5.00	-£5.00
2006	151	£1,510.00	12.25	£10.00	£5.00	-£5.00
2005	147	£1,470.00	12.22	£10.00	£5.00	-£5.00
2004	111	£1,110.00	11.48	£10.00	£5.00	-£5.00
2003	159	£1,590.00	11.12	£10.00	£5.00	-£5.00
2002	108	£1,050.84	9.73	£9.73	£5.00	-£4.73
2001	161	£1,610.00	10.81	£10.00	£5.00	-£5.00
2000	22	£195.36	8.88	£8.88	£5.00	-£3.88
1997	32	£180.48	5.64	£5.64	£5.00	-£0.64
1996	5	£22.80	4.56	£4.56	£5.00	£0.44
Total		£13,295.12				

Although the stock value of each year's books from 2008 and earlier is £10 or less, the committee agreed at the AGM of March 2009 to sell off the books from 2008 and earlier for £5 each.

## 7. Officers and Committee

The following Officers and committee offer themselves for re-election.

**President** : Prof P Bedford

**Chair Person** : Mrs A Jordan

**Vice Chair Person** : Mr G Ravenscroft

**Treasurer** : Mr D Collier

**Secretary** : Mr J Collins

A nomination for the Office of Secretary has been received on behalf of Ms Corinna Wallbank and as per club rules a postal ballot was held

The result being Mr J Collins will remain as secretary.

**Committee** : All members are willing to continue serving on the committee.

1. Mr D Collier then proposed that Ms C Wallbank be nominated for the Committee having already being proposed for Secretary by Mrs J Entwistle and seconded by Tracey Wilkinson. This motion being seconded by Mrs L Collier.

Ms Wallbank agreed and a vote was taken and found to be in favour of Ms Wallbank

- 2 Ms Owen Janice was then agreed to be co -opted onto the committee.

Proposed by Miss S Roberts and Seconded by Mrs P Ward. A vote was taken and found

To be, in favour of Ms Owen. One member abstaining.

## 8. Rule Change and Code of Ethics

Ballot 24 in favour of Rule Change

21 in Favour of Code of Ethics

3 not in favour but have suggested additional amendments as follows

### **Code of Ethics:**

15. Health tests -I would encourage the hip scoring and would remove the word "preferably" hip scored and state "All breeding stock should be hip scored using the BVA / KC scheme, ideally hip scores should be below the breed mean score.

16. Add at the end of paragraph after the words "non-breeding contract" and have the appropriate Kennel club registration endorsements placed on all puppies.

18. It states "Puppies should be at least 7 weeks old" - Please refer to the KC Accredited Breeders age that states puppies should be at least 8 weeks old. ....then the part stating ."having been wormed, litter eye tested and in good health. Photocopies of all available

health test results (Sire, Dam and said Puppy) should be provided to the new owner at point of sale. The breeder will recommend that the new owner register their puppy with a qualified vet and pay a visit to the vet within seven days of purchase for a health check/vaccinations.

The ballot was to accept the proposed new Code of Ethics. These suggested changes would have to be proposed for the future after the introduction of the proposed code otherwise it will take another year to introduce them

Mrs T Wilkinson and Ms J Ratcliffe mentioned that some breeders/members had approached them and voiced their concerns over the Code of Ethics. Stating they would have to resign as the Code of Ethics. The matter was then discussed at great length.

Some members had signed to say that they agreed to the Code of Ethics while others had not. However, it is in the rules to the effect

- 3 Membership is open to all and person wishing to enrol as members and having been supplied with a copy of the Club's Code of Ethics, will automatically be regarded as having accepted such Code and agreed to be bound by it.

Any proposed changes would have to be brought up at the Committee Meeting.

9. Any other business (at Chairperson's Discretion)

### **Judging List Criteria**

Mrs Tracey Wilkinson then complained that her proposal had been put back to the Committee Meeting. She stated this was against KC Rules and she had contacted the Kennel Club who had said this could result in disciplinary action against the Club. It was explained that it had been put into the Committee Meeting so it could be discussed and put to the membership for feedback.

She insisted the following proposal be accepted and voted on.

I would like to propose a rule change on the criteria of judges

A.3 Breed & non breed

4 Must have judged a minimum of sixty (60) classes of Border Collies at open show level.

B Breed & non breed

2 To have judged a minimum of twenty-five (25) classes of Border Collies at Open show level or Championship show without CCs

3 To have judged a minimum of seventy-five (75) Border Collies

Proposed Tracey Wilkinson

Seconded Patricia Wilkinson

A vote was then taken. Majority In favour with 3 abstaining and 1 against.

### **Breed Colours**

Miss Louise Amos then brought up the matter of Breed Colours. This matter had also been placed in the Committee Meeting to allow further discussion and feed- back from the membership

The Kennel Club had restricted the number of colours acceptable for registration. The Breed Clubs had provided a list in 1976 which the KC had unilaterally chosen to amend.

When the KC had been approached they had stated it was for the Breed Council to approach the KC.

The following motion was then proposed

**“The Border Collie Club of Great Britain wishes there are no restrictions on the colours as stated in our Kennel Club Agreed Breed Standards. Breeders should be entitled to describe the colour of their puppies on the appropriate Registration Forms.”**

Proposed by Mr D Collier and Seconded by Ms J Ratcliffe

A vote was taken the majority being in favour with 2 abstaining and 2 against

The Secretary was to write to the Breed Council presenting the proposal.

### **KC Health Representative**

Ms J Ratcliffe proposed that Mrs K Kinton should be nominated at the new KC Health Representative. This was seconded by Mrs T Wilkinson. Vote carried with 1 abstaining

Mention was also made to a member of the club becoming the PBHF Secretary but there were no volunteers.

Matters relating to the News Letter and Web Site were moved to the Committee Meeting

There being no other business the Meeting Closed at 12.40 pm

