

Minutes of The Border Collie Breed Council AGM held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at Stoneleigh Park Hotel Warks CV8 2LZ

The chairman opened the meeting just after 3pm by thanking everyone for attending he said it was great that so many clubs had come to the meeting and a special thank you to Scotland and Southern as it is a while since they could attend a meeting.

Representatives from the following clubs were present at this meeting  
NEBCC/Scottish BCC/BCC of GB/WOEBCC/MBCC/SBCC/Wessex BCC/

**Apologies** where received from EABCC (Lyn was not sure if she could make it) BCC of Wales is coming but not arrived yet.

The minutes of the last AGM where read out and proposed as correct by MBCC but as Wales was yet to arrive we would have to vote on this until later.

Matters Arising from the AGM minutes where...

#### **Chairman's report.**

Thank you to all the clubs that have attended meetings in 2014. In 2014 I set myself some Border Collie aims.

1. To try and encourage all the breed clubs to attend meetings which I am pleased to say I have achieved.
2. It is time the breed council conducted a yearly educational day which includes all aspects of becoming a judge.
3. To review the Breed Standard because I feel that in its present form its language is outdated.
4. To contact the K.C. with our views on the present situation on falling entries at shows.
5. To offer clubs and general championship shows support in choosing their Border Collie judges and maybe we should offer financial sponsorship to all first time breed specialist they choose.

#### **Secretary Report.** Good afternoon everyone.

I personally feel that I should try and give something back to a breed that I love that is why I put myself forward to do the job as breed council secretary but I must admit the job is getting harder and harder I try very hard NOT to give an opinion on things which I feel are not the breed council remit but on saying that it is very hard sometime when my heart feels that some decisions are made because not everyone can sense the importance to our breed.

I feel –( believe it or not) that I am very lucky to have such a good chairman who really does care about our breed no matter what is said sometimes it's what he does that is important and he has supported me through all things that have happen during the year good and bad - both the chairman (Bob) and (Val) as my two serving officers and easy to work with which as you all

know on any committee is one of the most important thing so I say a special thank you to them both for all the hard work they have put into our breed during 2014.

BCC of Wales rep arrived so we went back to vote on the minutes. These were now past as correct and the chairman welcomed BCC of Wales.

### **Treasurer Report.**

The treasurer had sent all the bank details to the AGM the balance sheet was passed around for each club and the following letter was read out.

### **BORDER COLLIE BREED COUNCIL**

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT 14th March 2015**

2014 started off with a balance of £2511.67 in our bank account. 9 member clubs paid their subscription of £50. North West BCC did not pay. The outgoings on the account relate to three things, namely venue hire, catering for meetings and cost of web hosting. There were no other outgoings and no revenue was generated from events. 2014 closed with £2520.18 in the bank. As you can see, a fairly static year for the Breed Council's finances. Club subscriptions are covering the cost of meetings. 2015 opened very well with 8 clubs having paid their subscription of £50 each well before this meeting. EABCC have their cheque ready (hopefully brought to this meeting?), but again, North West BCC is outstanding. I have emailed, messaged and phoned Chris Richardson to ask about their subs, but have not had a reply. I have not been able to speak directly to Chris, her phone has been answered by her daughter and both times she has said she would get her mother to phone me - this has not happened. The question now is, do we continue to ask for payment? or ... as they do not send a representative to the council, do we assume that they no longer wish to be a part of the Breed Council?

I was hoping to suggest that the Breed Council could nominated a charity each year for a donation of funds, but as we are simply breaking even year on year, any donations would have to be funded by money generated by the council. So until this happens, I'll put this idea on hold.

Regarding the Combined Judging Lists -

BCCGB and WofE BCC are excellent at keeping me updated with any changes to their list, obviously Wessex BCC as well. I have been promised updated lists from Midland BCC but have yet to receive them. Southern BCC gave me their lists when the new secretary took over and there has been a small amount of movement. EABCC's lists are from January 2013. I don't have a date for NEBCC - those are from when I first took over doing the lists. And I have never had judging lists submitted by NWBCC or Scottish BCC.

The combined list is on the Breed Council website, the breed council Facebook page and it has been posted 2UKBCCSecretaries yahoo group files.

I accept changes via email [val.hawker@btinternet.com](mailto:val.hawker@btinternet.com) at all times. The database will be updated immediately but the website and Facebook group is usually updated once or twice a month depending on the number of updates received.

**VALERIE HAWKER**  
**TREASURER - BORDER COLLIE BREED COUNCIL**

## **Election of officers.**

The election of officers was done on block Proposed by NEBCC

Mr B Tunnicliff - Chairman  
Mrs M Turner – Secretary

The election of treasurer needed to be on a co-opted basis as Val was not presents – all clubs where in favour of electing Mrs Val Hawker on a co-opted basis and all were in favour of the chairman and secretary.

## **Constitution**

Amendments to the Constitution Midlands Border Collie Club proposal to the Border Collie Breed Council

It is proposed that the Breed Council Constitution be amended under Item 7(c)

From

*‘there shall be a quorum of five member clubs’*

To

*there shall be a quorum of five **voting** member clubs’*

This to reflect the ruling in Item 8 (a)

A member club must have been represented at a minimum of 50% of the meetings within the previous 12 month period’

All clubs voted in favour.

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## **AOB**

BCC of GB said they would like to bring up about pink forms but the chairman said this needed to come to the main meeting.

The chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was closed at 16.02.