

Minutes of the Border Collie Breed Council meeting held on Sunday 14th August 2016 at Days Inn Meeting Room, Leicester Forest East.

1 Welcome

The chairman opened the meeting at 11.15 and thanked everyone for attending.

2 Apologies

None received.

Present at this meeting were:

Wessex (V.H, Treasurer). L.B (via Messenger, video call)
BCCGB (T.W)
NEBCC (C.G & J.G)
Midland BCC (K.K & H.K)
Scottish BCC (H.T & S.D) (both via Messenger, video call)
West of England (S.A) (via Messenger, video call)
Wales BCC (R.G)
Secretary: Marion Turner
Chairman: Bob Tunnicliff

3 Minutes of the last meeting were read out and proposed as correct by Wessex BCC seconded by MBCC all in favour.

4 Matters Arising

We will go through each section of the minutes?

MBCC said that the breed council contact for NEBCC - Joan and David Russell are no longer representatives and need to be removed from the Facebook group. Steve Atkinson has joined the committee of NWBCC and should be added to the group and the contact file. VH will sort this out.

Firstly judging list

Standardising Judging criteria among the clubs: This is no longer required as Pink Slips are now coming directly to the Breed council. However, the breed council has adopted 200/80 as their standard. At this point, Midland BCC, Southern BCC and WofE BCC have 200/80 as their criteria. BCCGB, Scottish BCC and Wessex BCC have 200/60. BCC Wales is 250/100 and EABCC 160/70, NEBCC 160/50. NWBCC unknown. The KC have their own criteria which is set at 160 and no more than 20% of 160 (32)

Wessex BCC have now had an acknowledgement of receipt of our proposal from the Kennel Club with regard to the working class at Crufts and will keep the breed council updated.

Unverified dogs

BCC of GB asked what had happened with regard to this item on the last agenda.

There was some discussion about no time scale on how long we would be allowed to register unverified border collies HT said that the Jack Russell had a time scale of three years.

BT said the breed council really do need to get to grips with this matter and what effect this is having on our breed. KK said she had been asked recently to assess a dog. HT said

we were lucky that at least we got to assess the dog sometimes you only got the picture of the Jack Russell for assessment.

RG said the scary thing was that even if an assessor failed the dog they would just go to another assessor.

There was a lot of discussion concerning this and even though the secretary had contacted the Kennel Club she had not received a satisfactory reply. It was felt that we needed to do something as a breed council about this, quite a few suggestions were made but it was decided that the best suggestion was that the paper work for unverified dogs final stage (before being passed) ended up with the breed council where as a group we can look in more detail about how the dog is bred and health tests etc. The secretary will write to the K.C about this and it will be followed up by the breed liaison officer. All clubs were in favour of this.

Control scheme

KK said we are still waiting for an outcome from the K about the Control Scheme. Currently 'on hold' for all breeds

Annual Health Report Border Collies: Council voted on top 3 conditions affecting BC's. (more detail in item 11)

Extended Breed Standard

There was a lot of discussion with regard to this and pink forms and judges that are giving tickets in our breed

It was agreed that we do need, as a breed, to look at an extended breed standard but everyone agreed that it must be in a format that when reading it everyone can understand. It was proposed by R.G that the breed council has a small panel of very competent judges to look at our breed standard and illustrations.

It was agreed to ask all clubs to nominate a person and then we can move on from here. After discussion everyone agreed we will need a panel of five people.

BT suggested that the cost of the illustrations could be covered by the breed council as we had money in the fund - all in favour.

Now onto the rest of the agenda

5 Chairman's report

The chairman said it was a shame that clubs cannot be bothered to just let us know whether they will be attending the meeting or not.

We have not heard from NWBCC for some time and they never send a rep or contact us. Maybe we should contact S. Atkinson and see if they have anyone they can send to meetings.

6 Secretary's report

The secretary said the pink forms had gone out to all clubs. The pink forms had been for Mrs W Hagan/Mr I Wiltshire/Mrs T Hartfield. The secretary had now been asked to provide evaluators for each of these judges.

A great deal of conversation went on with regard to whether judges that are being passed to judge know enough about the breed. HT said that the evaluator is really looking at the

person's ability to judge rather than knowledge of the breed and it is really a lot about how they manage the ring on the day.

HT said maybe more people do need ring management training?

TW said the K.C did take notice of the evaluator when judging our breed for the first time she had personally been involved in an evaluation recently so knew this first hand. The assessor and evaluator are picked by the breed council secretary.

7 Treasurer's report

The treasurer went through the balance sheet and a copy is posted on the breed council FB page for all clubs to see and below.

BORDER COLLIE BREED COUNCIL ACCOUNTS as at 14th August 2016

Opening bank balance as at 1/05/2016	3,168.80
Expenses paid 1/05/2016 to 14/08/2016	0.00
Income received 1/05/2016 to 14/08/2016	0.00
Bank balance as at 14/08/2016	3,168.80
Contingency Fund	(1,450.00)
Breed Council Cash available	1,718.80
Club subscriptions due for 2016 from North West BCC	50.00

Bank balance as at 1st May was £3168.80 and today it is the same, as we have had no expenses and no income from that date till today.

VH Has been asked to source a trophy for Border Collie of the Year, she showed pictures of shields that are a reasonable price and they would last a long time.

Several comments were made about the fact they did not look quite what we wanted, RG said he did personally not like shields very much. VH said she had seen some nice glass trophies which everyone thought would be nicer. TW mentioned this would be nice if on a stand. VH will report back at the next meeting.

8 Allocation of CCs

It seems likely that BC's will drop a band yet again in which case we will definitely lose tickets. It is rumoured that two BC clubs might lose tickets - thought to be decided geographically; at this point, there is no concrete evidence that this will happen, and it will be the job the of newly elected Breed Liaison Officer to find out the criteria for dropping a band, and exactly what will happen if we do. Also talk of a rotation system should we lose tickets. The chairman said that we as a breed ought to be concerned about the drop in numbers at championship shows and if it continues he can see our breed dropping down a band which will lead to the loss of tickets. If this happens it might means clubs having to rotate tickets. VH asked if there was any chance her club would be in line to be concerned

in this mix and unfortunately the answer was no as CCs would only rotate between clubs that already give tickets which means Wessex and NEBCC will never be able to host a championship show. RG asked the chairman where he got this information from the Chairman said a good source.

9 Nominations for KC liaison officer

The secretary read out the nominations from the clubs.

Mr R Green proposed by MBCC
Mrs H Kerr proposed by Scottish BCC
Mrs T Jackson proposed by Wessex BCC

The vote went to Mr R Green with three votes
The other two candidates received two votes each.

The secretary was asked to write to the Kennel Club and let them know who the new liaison officer for our breed was and this needed to be confirmed by RG

10 Maintaining our judging list & time for each club on the agenda.

Regarding the combined judging lists:

VH said that she was really pleased that 9 out of 10 member clubs have submitted their judging lists, no lists for NWBCC. The combined list is dated under each club to show when last updates were submitted. Some clubs are better than others at submitting changes. Changes are accepted at any time to val.hawker@btinternet.com but the database is updated and published twice a month (subject to updates) usually beginning and mid-month. Changes to an individual's personal data - it must be stressed that only that person may update their details and this must be made at each club where they are listed. Updated to the combined lists will come via clubs' secretaries. Personal data is governed by data protection laws and will not be shared with anyone. Please read [Maintaining-Combined-Judging-List.pdf](#) on the Breed Council's FB group to clarify how the lists are maintained and updated.

The agenda for each meeting will now have some time guideline on it so that each section gets given enough time with this in mind clubs can be given extra time if required.

The chairman then asked each club if they wanted to bring anything up at this stage?

Wessex BCC asked about the rescue directory which was produced by the KC their rescue centre they had nominated was not in the book, MT asked if Wessex had written to the KC to give them their clubs nominated rescue details Wessex said it was not aware they had to do this and would now write to the KC. TW said they did need to let the KC know as some time ago we had looked into this in detail.

BCC of GB asked about the outcome of the pink forms? (Who voted what) Can all the clubs know the results of the pink forms? Clubs who were present at this meeting did not think this was a problem to know what the results were.

Minutes can we have them as soon as possible but at the least within four weeks of the meeting?

Can we have the draft minutes of the AGM. The secretary said the AGM minutes normally go out before the AGM.

TW then asked if this was the time to bring up a matter where the BCC of GB had been asked to contact Alison Chainey about a matter which was discussed at the last meeting. When members of the breed council were asked about this matter it was suggested that maybe it had not been recorded or understood correctly by the BCC of GB rep? Several clubs who were at the meeting said they did not remember this conversation which claimed to ask BCC of GB to talk to Alison Chainey and GB claimed took place at either the meeting in October or after the AGM (please note: no meeting took place after the AGM)

The secretary said that the breed council had discussed the matter a long time ago and on purpose not named Alison Chainey personally or the fact that dogs had lost their eyes in any correspondence or meetings in order to maintain confidentiality on the matter (Bearing in mind that the breed council meeting minutes are published on the breed council website.) thus not exposing Alison to more distress.

The whole issue itself was very upsetting for her but now I cannot believe that this is being said, I personally am very upset that Alison has felt bullied by our chairman and that BCC of GB feels I am dishonest for not recording the details fully on this matter. BT said he had contacted Alison Chainey by request of the breed council and PBHF to try and get the details required but had only managed to speak to her twice and certainly not since Crufts and had still not got the details (DNA samples by swab) required. At this stage SD said she had agreed to speak to HT about the matter as it concerned her breeding and would get back to us, this she did and HT has spoken to Alison Chainey but we still had not received the samples as promised. TW said she would discuss the matter with the BCC of GB chairman and get back to the breed council.

The breed council chairman suggested that maybe it is time to record all the details in the minutes rather than worry about people's feelings as with all the goodwill in the world it seems this person has got upset which was never the intention of the breed council or himself.

MBCC had nothing to bring up
Scottish BCC had nothing to bring up
BCC if Wales had nothing to bring up
NEBCC had nothing to bring up.

11 Health report by Breed Health Representative

KK said we needed to complete the Annual Health Report form that she had posted on FB for all clubs to comment on, we will go through each section at a time but quite a bit of the form KK can complete herself but we need to discuss the top three conditions that we feel effect border collies.

After much discussion the final vote which everyone agreed with, ended in 1st Epilepsy, 2nd Cancer and 3rd Glaucoma.

Glaucoma research Roslin update: Sequencing taking place as we speak. Update to follow when information is provided.

CEA marker DNA test offered by AG.

The KC will not recognise this test for recording on registrations or produce a KC database but had suggested that it might be of interest for the PBHF to keep a database of results. All voted against this as felt it was not needed.

12 AOB

SA asked if a list of topics that need to be discussed with club committees before the next breed council meeting be posted on the Facebook group which would really help.

RG said he had calendars with him and if clubs want them could they let him know. A lot of the calendars had already gone out? MT said a big thank you should go to Jo Ratcliffe as she and her team have done a great job of producing them and the pens. PBHF said it had raised quite a lot of money already.

MBCC wanted to remind everyone about eye testing on the 9th October.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be **Sunday 23rd October** at this venue.

The chairman thanked everyone for coming and the meeting was closed at 14.00