

Minutes of
Breed Council Meeting
27th January 2018

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1. **Welcome** - Meeting opened 7pm

2. **Present:**

Chairman Bob Tunnicliff (BT)
secretary Marion Turner (MT)
treasurer Valerie Hawker (VH)
Wessex rep Lindsey Bridges (LB)
West of England rep Sue Ader (SA)
BCC Wales rep Ross Green (RG)
Scottish BCC rep Sharon Donald (SD)
EABCC rep Barry Denyer (BD)
Midland BCC reps Kathie Kinton (KK) and Hilary Kerr (HK)

(North East reps Chris and Jan Grant were unable to connect to the meeting)

Apologies: Heather Turner (Scottish), Lynn Norton (EABCC)

3. **Minutes of the last meeting**

KK noted that the minutes 3/12/2017 had not reflected the discussion held regarding the relationship between the Breed Council and the PBHF - important to note the relationship between PBHF and the Breed Council. The constitution of the PBHF does not have any connection to the Breed Council in any way -

“ Committee Membership

Membership of the PBHF committee shall be confined to committee members nominated by KC recognised breed clubs and/or KC Breed Health Representatives maximum 2 representatives from any one club, one vote per club”

Proposed as accurate and voted as correct - MBCC seconded by Scottish BCC - Wessex, WofE in favour - EABCC abstained.

4. **Matters arising from the minutes**

[Ross Green is now online and has joined us.](#)

[Christ and Jan Grant is trying to join the meeting but can't get through.](#)

MT said she had received mentor lists from WofE, Wales, Scotland, Midland, NEBCC. BT said MT will combine the lists and send to BCCGB as the Breed Council's mentor list and cc the KC.

5. **Chairmans Report**

We have a lot to talk about regarding video so lets crack on.

6. **Secretaries Report**

All correspondence I've received from the KC has been posted to the FB group - nothing to add.

7. **Treasurers report:**

Latest bank details loaded to the FB group. Details in appendix A for minutes.

8. **KC breed video for BC's**

Electing a person to do **The Introduction**

The KC has contacted the Breed Council and said that they will fully fund the video. It will cost in the region of £4000 - they will pay £25 per person for expenses incurred.

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MT asked if clubs had names of those they wanted to nominate for the role. Once we have a list of names we will put them on the FB Group for clubs to vote on -

Midland BCC - Sheila Gay, Eric Broadhurst, Heather Turner, Judith Gregory, Ann Jordan, Bob Henry
Scotland - Heather Turner and Judith Gregory
NWBC - Stuart Bell, Graham Hill, Geoff Luscott (all 3 professional speakers)
W of E - hasn't gone to committee
Wessex - had response on dog exhibits/handlers but not people

There was some debate over whether or not one or two people were required. KK thought it was only one and SD thought the same. SD said the next section is on the breed standard and that would be a breed expert. RG said that's how he understand it and that's how the other breed videos have been done. He said the introduction doesn't have to be a breed expert. The person who does this has to be a very good and compelling speaker, someone like Stuart Bell, people who are not breed experts but rather someone who is able to work off scripts with good communication skills. The people with the most experience in breed may not necessarily be the best speakers for this video. BD agreed that we should be looking for someone who is professional.

Introduction Person list Stuart Bell, Graham Hill, Geoff Luscott, Sheila Gay, Marina Scott, Eric Broadhurst, Heather Turner, Judith Gregory, Ann Jordan, Bob Henry
This list will be put up on FB group for clubs to vote on.

Election of a person as **Expert for the Breed**

We ideally need someone in breed but someone who doesn't show. LB suggested Toni Jackson as she doesn't show but is a breed expert. RG said that the person elected to this role is critical - they need to be able to communicate and also able to assess a dog. MT said that we needed somebody in breed who had been in breed a long time and was knowledgeable. We should probably nominate more than one person as you'd get a more balanced view than from just one person. That person (or persons) needs to be able to make a quality powerpoint presentation as well.

RG said he thought it should go back to the clubs for the clubs to vote on it. The clubs must nominate even though the time scales are tight but we need to do this collectively across all member clubs.

RG then told the council that over the past months the Working Party sub-committee had been putting together the extended Illustrated Breed Standard and they were now at a point where they'd just completed all the text on the extended breed standard - one more meeting scheduled for Tuesday would have it ready for presentation to the breed council for clubs to comment on and give their input. The Working Party is very close to having all the content which could in fact then be the script for the breed standard video. They also have photographs for use. The working group as it exists today, has worked very well together and consists of Sue Ader, Sheila Gay, Toni Jackson, Jo Ratcliffe, Ross Green (chairman), Rachel Spencer occasionally and John Richie occasionally. It has been interesting to see how the Working Party members have essentially agreed on all points raised, despite being so many different people.

BT said the video presentation would be likely at most to take about 7 to 12 minutes, so it would have to be condensed. RG said that as a Working Party with the members they had, they could do that presentation from what they had, and it could put it together in time for this video to be presented. SA agreed. HK said it made sense that the Working Party should be involved, it seems the logical next step being involved in the making of the film.

BT said that we cannot allocate 5 or 6 people. RG said the Working Party would decide who the expert(s) will be from people within the group and bring back the names of those willing and able to do it. LB we should have a backup as well, in case something happens, breakdown, illness, which was agreed.

Proposal - Ross will give us some names from the Working Party of people within the group who are willing and able to travel to Stoneleigh, weekend of 16th April, and are confident enough to fulfil the role of Breed Expert for the KC's Border Collie educational video. Names submitted will be put on FB Group for clubs to vote for their preference.

Midlands proposed HK, seconded Wessex LB
Wales, Scottish, WofE YES - EABCC abstained

Movement part of video

KC want a selection of dogs, various ages, various colours, that are of good quality for demonstrating movement. We will need 7 or maybe 8 dogs, and we need a puppy as well.

After much discussion about which dogs/kennels to invite as exhibits for the video, it was decided that the clubs ask their members to come forward with dogs/handlers who would be willing and able to participate at Stoneleigh the week of 16th April. The full combined list received at Breed Council would then be sent to the Working Party for the members of the party to assess the candidates and select the dogs they think best suited. The final list would be sent back to the Breed Council for approval. We have until the end of February to canvas for dogs/handlers. That gives us March to pick who the 5 to 8 dogs will be.

An additional advantage of this is that dogs volunteered but not selected for the video, could be used in the Illustrated Extended Breed standard. Owners would be required to sign an agreement and permission for copyright of photographs.

Proposal - Clubs will put on their FB page requesting dogs for the video. The clubs would send back the names of any volunteers they received to the breed council. The breed council then sends the list to the Working Party who assesses the dogs and provides a short list for the breed council for final approval.

Proposed Wales BCC, seconded Scottish BCC
Midland, Wessex, WofE in favour - EABCC abstained

9. JCP Mentor lists

Names on the mentors list -

Mrs S Ader, Mrs J Bromwich, Mrs J Gregory, Mrs J Mockford, Mrs M Purnell-Carpenter, Mrs H Turner, Mrs M Turner, Mrs A Amos, Mrs K Kinton, Mrs C Ward, Miss J Ratcliffe, Mrs S Gay, Mrs H Donnelly, Mr D Collier, Mr J Ritchie, Mr F Kane, Mr B Kilsby, Mr R Green, Mr R Lucas, Mr E Broadhurst, Mr B Tunnicliff

Voting on MBCC proposal (reps should have their club's vote as the proposal was on the agenda) -

WofE : not discussed, no response from the committee	NOT DISCUSSED
Scotland : YES agree to meeting and discussion	YES
Wessex : Seen the proposal on their facebook group, no one bothered to vote	NOT DISCUSSED
Wales : abstention - not seen as necessary	ABSTAINED
EABCC : don't see the point	ABSTAINED
Midland (proposer)	YES

Chairman has casting vote - Chairman votes **AGAINST** it - time has moved on and its not the way forward anymore.

MT will put the result of the vote in writing and send to the secretary of the BCCGB.

Discussion began over whether the council should try to bring BCCGB back to the table. As the election of BEC was under discussion, this topic was deferred to AOB.

We are in the pilot phase. The club/person acting as BEC has the opportunity to influence the whole scheme and setting up the frame work to getting better judges. The way it stands, the Breed Council unfortunately does not have any input into the process.

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Name(s) of BEC has to be emailed to the KC no later than June 1st and nominees will be invited to an event on July 15th.

“All appointed BEC’s will be Invited to an event on 15th July where they will be equipped with the necessary tools to undertake the role”.

KK said whoever we vote for will have to pick up from where the current BEC has left off. RG said BEC is ideally one person but in some instances it could be more than one. Breeds such as BC’s and retrievers are expected to have more than one person. RG said people need to understand that the role of the BEC is essentially an administrator.

RG would like to make a proposal - BT’s communication to the BCCGB should say the breed council have voted that at this point is not necessary to meet with you, however If in the future you have any information that you feel you may need to consult or share with us, or if you need any assistance from us, we would be more than willing to accommodate that.”

Each club will need to solicit names from their members for our BEC. HK read out that *“KC requests that breeds with more than one club work through their breed councils to elect a mutually agreed BEC”* so it must be co-ordinated via the breed council.

Breed Council needs to ask the KC how they are going to fund the time and the cost of the BEC? MT will write to the KC to ask how they are going to fund the BEC role.

10. AOC

Will the Breed Council work to bring BCCGB back to the meetings as a member again? SA said if they want to leave the council, you can’t make them come back. LB said you can’t make them but a discussion might be helpful. It was asked if BCCGB members had been canvassed about their decision to leave the breed council, but besides current members saying ‘not’ it could not be verified.

No proposal tabled at this point - BC asked if we could put it on the agenda for next meeting.

RG said the breed council took a vote on the mentor list and Wessex ignored that vote. What is the situation there please? LB said that the club had voted not to comply, they wanted to give the list to BCCGB. RG so did you also vote you did not want to be part of the breed council? LB no. RG said the majority voted on the breed council said that we wouldn’t do it. *

RG said Working Party was formed for extended breed standard - the people on that party were voted for by all of the clubs and should the people voted for by BCCGB stay on the sub-committee? All agreed it was a vote taken in the past and cannot and shouldn’t be changed. We can’t go back over every decision BCCGB voted on and change things. All agreed.

Meeting ended approx 9:20 pm

NOTES

* constitution states:

3. POWERS

The Border Collie Breed Council shall be a consultative body and shall not have any executive powers regarding the affairs of its’ member breed clubs.

APPENDIX A

BORDER COLLIE BREED COUNCIL ACCOUNTS			
as at 27th January 2018			
Opening bank balance as at 5/12/2017 (as reported previously)	2,959.28		2,959.28
Correction of amount for cheque #23	30.00	*1	
Expenses paid 6/12/2017 to 27/01/2018			0.00
Income received 5/12/2017 to 27/01/2018		*4	100.00
- Subscription from Midland BCC	50.00		
- Subscription from Wessex BCC	50.00		
Cheque not yet cashed:			
- Cost of lunches for meeting 15/10/2017	1000024	(19.97) *2	19.97
BANK BALANCE AS PER STATEMENT 26/01/2018			3,109.25
DEPOSITS NOT YET ON STATEMENT:		*4	200.00
- Subscription from Welsh BCC	50.00		
- Subscription from NEBCC	50.00		
- Subscription from Scottish BCC	50.00		
- Subscription from E.A.B.C.C.	50.00		
OUTSTANDING INCOME:		*5	150.00
- Subscription from BCC of Wales	50.00		
- Subscription from NWBCC	50.00		
- Subscription from Southern BCC	50.00		
BUDGETED EXPENSES:			(42.97)
Cost of lunches for meeting 15/10/2017	1000024	(19.97) *2	
Remainder of budget BCOTY trophy		(30.00) *3	
CONTINGENCY FUNDS:			(1.46/1.00)
TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE			3,956.28

NOTES

*1 There was an error in reporting of expenses in the Bank Report dated 15th October 2017. Cheque #23 was reported as £55.00 - it should instead have read £25.00. This error means that we actually have £30.00 more in our bank account, than was previously stated.			
*2 Cheque not yet cashed			
*3 Original budget for BCOTY trophy	£300.00		
The cost of the trophy & plinth	(£179.00)		
Cost of back engraving	(£25.00)		
Total remaining in budget	£156.00		
Outstanding milk - box (Mr Grant)	(£20.00)		
- engraving 2015 winner	(£10.00)		
BUDGET ADJUSTED			(£30.00)
*4 Subscriptions for 2018 received from 6 out of 9 member clubs - 2 paid directly into the Breed Council's account, the remaining 4 paid by cheque which was deposited 26/01/2018 and is yet to appear on the bank statement.	£200.00		
*5 3 Clubs have yet to pay their 2018 subscriptions	£150.00		