

Minutes of the **BORDER COLLIE BREED COUNCIL MEETING**
held at The Days Inn meeting room Leicester Forest East Services.
on Sunday 23rd October 2016.

The chairman opened the meeting at 11.15 and thanked everyone for attending in person or by Skype.

Present: Midland BCC (Kathie Kinton & Hilary Kerr)
BCCGB (Annette Walters)
Wales BCC (Ross Green)
Wessex (Valerie Hawker, Lindsey Bridges (via video message))
Skype connections to: NEBCC (Chris Grant), WofE (Sue Ader),
Scottish BCC (Sharon Donald & Heather Turner)

Apologies: Southern BCC
NWBC - Steve Atkinson

No Apologies: EABCC

Minutes of 14th August 2016 where read out by the chairman voted correct by MBCC, seconded by Scottish BCC all in favour.

Matters arising from the minutes of meeting 14th August 2016:

Breed Council Combined Judging lists

Current: lists have been received from BCCGB, Midland BCC, Wessex BCC, WEBCC other list where received March 2016: EABCC, NEBCC, Southern BCC

April 2016: Scottish BCC
No lists for NWBC

VH asked why we prepare these lists - clubs are reluctant to forward updates, club criteria is so different and clubs are not forthcoming on what their criteria is, which means that the A3 and the B lists don't really mean very much. The A list can be found on the KC website.

Two options - either make list more meaningful by grouping the judges within the A3 and B lists by the club criteria OR stop compiling a combined judging list altogether.

There is an requirement to produce a combined list for the KC when the annual returns are done - all voted in favour of collecting club judging lists once a year at the time of their returns for compilation of the Breed Council Combined Judging list.

Crufts working class

Wessex BCC had a letter from the KC saying that the Crufts committee had considered the proposal and had rejected it. The Breed Council was asked whether or not this should be pursued by resubmitting the request, perhaps on Breed Council headed paper this time. The secretary suggested it needed to go to the vote. The vote was 4 clubs against, 3 for - this means that the Crufts Working Class proposal

will not be taken any further at the moment.

Extended Breed Standard (Illustrated)

Clubs were asked for their nominations:

Midland BCC - Sheila Gay.

BCCGB - Rachel Spencer, Jo Ratcliff, Bruce Kilsby

NEBCC - Heather Turner

Scottish BCC - John Ritchie

NEBCC - Sue Ader.

Wessex BCC - Richard Lucas, Bruce Kilsby, Toni Jackson.

BCC of Wales - Ross Green

Heather Turner declined the nomination as she did not have the time for the commitment that this needed but thanked for being asked.

That left 9 nominees. The sub-committee was supposed to be 5 people, but it would be difficult to narrow it down to 5 names and so it was decided to go with all 9 nominees as perhaps some would drop out, some might not be able to make meetings etc. The sub-committee will elect their chairman who will report back to the Breed Council. The Breed Council will of course have the final say on the extended breed standard.

Wessex BCC said that a vote had been put on the FB group for which trophy would be purchased for BCOTY . After a great deal of discussion about the cost of the trophies it seemed a majority preferred a bespoke trophy of a bronze border collie on a plinth. MBCC said that our initial budget of £100 was evidently too little to buy what we wanted and suggested a budget of £250.00. MT proposed that the balance of £150 be divided up between the member clubs and charged to them. Wessex BCC said that Wessex was not prepared to contribute. Despite it being a nominal amount, Wessex is not a championship club and struggles to make even a small profit on the few shows that is it allowed to hold.

Wessex BCC also felt that it was a Breed Council trophy, it was not going to be handed out for keeping by the winner and it was on rotation, so each club would see it once in every 10 years. As treasurer VH said that the breed council had sufficient funds to pay for their own trophy in full. All clubs voted in favour of Breed Council paying for the trophy. VH then requested that someone else take responsibility for the trophy as she was not prepared to commission a bespoke trophy. BCC of Wales offered to do it. One thing to be sorted is are the past winners to be engraved on the plinth. Council voted YES which would require an extra £50. The budget for the trophy and engraving was set at £300. All in favour.

Nominations for KC liaison Officer -

RG had received a letter from the KC and they have accepted him in this position.

Chairman's report

After our last meeting I was disappointed with the remarks GB has sent via their representative over the Alison Chainey saga, it appears that they were not the views of the GB committee but the views of their representatives.

The facts and results of our meetings are democratically achieved and accurately and correctly reported

They are NOT altered to suit the Chairman or Secretary ,

I am not a bully or a liar nor is my Secretary in this instance I acted as requested by the breed council committee,

I wrote my AGM report weeks before the AGM and then forwarded it to Marion the e mail date is available.

Thankfully the GB chairman rang me and agreed that their rep had miss-understood or miss heard my AGM report.

The facts and issues discussed in a breed council or any meetings are not factual until the minutes are passed , then they are made public

Until such time as the minutes are passed issues discussed at the Breed council should be discussed in your clubs meetings only and not gossiped about to all and sundry by internet, phone or around the breed ring.

Secretary's report.

Correspondence

I have received a request for an assessor for Scotland which will be sorted can I check which judging list this judge is on. Scotland said they are updating their list now and this will be past to VH. This judge is not on the A1 list as an overseas judge.

NWBCC comments sent via email are from the last meeting.

Could I make a few observations

1. Unverified dogs

The Jack Russell's use a system were a small panel of five who will be able to inspect the dogs.

Prior to this two photos of side and head should be sent with the relevant kc form. This process must be agreed with the kc

Health tests and other recommendations the council wish to incorporate should be put into the format

2. Extended breed standard

This I feel could be covered by the production of a video in conjunction with the kc Which is actively promoting this through the kc academy

3. On the question of judge being passed without having enough breed knowledge Surely it's down to us to educate them

The assessment is only on ring procedure not breed knowledge as every person has a different opinion

My personal report.

As secretary of the breed council I try very hard to record everything that is said at each meeting, which is sometime very difficult, where things get personal, I am very

careful not to mention names as this can be quite upsetting for either party. I have on purpose not mentioned Alison Chainey name as I felt this could be stressful and it was agreed (by the breed council) some time ago that her name would not be used and we would try and handle the situation off record. The comments from BCC of GB have been very upsetting to say what they said about a person (me) is totally unacceptable and unlike the chairman I have not received an apology.

Treasurer's report

Bank balance at close of last meeting was £3168.80

Expenses paid were Secretary's expenses and cost of meeting room for the last meeting.

There was a charge for coffee/water for the last meeting which Marion Turner paid and that needs to be refunded to her.

The Treasurer's expenses have not yet been processed.

We are still waiting for the annual subscription from North West BCC which was promised to us at their champ show - did anyone collect a cheque from them? BT said he had forgotten to do so. VH asked MT to remind SA that a cheque for 2016 sub was needed, and perhaps he could also pay 2017 at the same time at the next meeting in January 2017.

After taking into account the above, and deducting the contingency fund of £140.00, we have £1588.80. The budget for trophy of £300, therefore £1288.80 left in hand.

Breed Liaison Rep report: Ross Green

Email request sent by Marion 16-8-2016

I followed with contact details on 17-8-2016 & received a response thanking me and saying "nomination to the next available General Committee meeting for consideration and we will inform you of the outcome thereafter."

I regularly checked website to see if my name was listed as rep

I chased again by email on: 4-10-2016 as had heard nothing. Duly received confirmation my nomination had been accepted and a week later I had been listed on the website.

Consequently my activities have been limited to-date:

- Reviewed minutes of previous meetings - <http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/activities/dog-showing/already-involved-in-dog-showing/breeds-liason-council/>
I have contacted the KC regarding stipulations regarding the breed bands. Apparently there is a formula that defines which band a breed will be assigned. Currently I'm chasing here there and everywhere to find someone who knows the formula. It seems to rest within the Awards department – but as yet nobody has been able to communicate it.

I requested details on how to submit an item to the liason committee agenda – 2 meetings each year – next meeting scheduled for 23rd November and agenda is finalized already. Next meeting after will be May 17. So our proposal for changes to

unverified dogs process will not be discussed until May at earliest. And then if accepted it will be passed to general committee for discussion/acceptance etc. In order to submit unverified dog scheme item to Agenda:

I have requested previous correspondence details from Breed Council (Marion providing this today)

Armed with this background I will write an agenda item and then brief one of the delegates. (Only delegates may attend meetings!)

I also intend to lobby other delegates on the matter prior to the meeting in an attempt to obtain a preferential vote at the May meeting.

I also conducted some research into the situation regarding delegates they receive expenses for travelling to meetings and also expenses for hall hire etc to hold their own meetings! Would be useful for us to have rep who is also a delegate as we could fund breed council meetings lol

Unverified dogs scheme – I have obtained documentation on unverified dogs scheme – ie to register a working sheepdog

Form requests:

- A detailed letter explaining how you came into possession of the dog
- A detailed letter from the dog's breeder/previous owner explaining why the dog is not, or could not be registered with the Kennel Club
- A letter from the breeder confirming that they do not object to the registration
- A concise explanation why the registration is required
- A detailed explanation as to what benefits (health and genetic diversity) the proposed registration of this dog could offer the breed

Letter also stipulates that person is required to provide:

- Reports from two championship show judges - names to be supplied by the KC. (I rang to clarify this and was told they normally provide option of 4)

The judges will need to confirm in writing that the dog is a representative of the breed (not that the dog is necessarily of sufficient quality to be awarded a Challenge Certificate). Please note that the dog must be microchipped prior to examination. (Do not understand relevance of this as assessor will not have reader??)

- Breed specific health certifications (the same as required and recommended for the breed under the Assured Breeder Scheme). It is important to note that unsatisfactory results of any health test may prevent your application proceeding and may result in your application being cancelled or result in a Kennel Club imposed breeding restriction being placed on your dog's records.

• Required: 1) Hip scoring 2) Eye Testing - Annual

• Recommended: 1) DNA test - CEA 2) DNA test for CL 3) DNA test for TNS 4) Eye Testing - Gonioscopy

• (Note it does not stipulate about the actual results, just they need to be done.)

- A DNA profile certificate for the dog

• (Interesting requirement considering KC have declined request for this to be a standard requirement for all dogs as they don't have facility to store in their database!)

o Finally I offered to help Wessex to obtain a response from Crufts committee. Prior to any activity by myself they received a response to their request. Wessex requested I then get involved as response was negative – this I suggested should be referred to breed council.

Break for lunch

Health Report.

Roslin research and eye testing

Current situation – The research funds from Dog Trust have now run out. They sponsored 2 sets of research one for us and one in Labradors – the later has been successful.

With Border Collies the University is going to continue to work on the research – but one of the team Carys has been allocated a new role and therefore will only work on the border collie research part time.

At this stage, we do not know if offering more money to the research will assist but the question has been asked.

The location a genetic region which seems to be associated with severe goniodysgenesis and glaucoma has been found. The whole genome sequencing of the two bitches continues and a total of ten dogs/bitches will assist the analysis. There appears to be some border line cases on both sides those that passed and those that failed with the eye test.

The Vet that did MBCC and the other vets have stated that the marginal ones are something like 10% either way. Adding information into the database of vet's comments would help.

At the eye testing – we were unable to get any re-tests from owners that would be helpful to the research. From those test most passed 2 were marginal passes and 1 affected.

Currently working with one owner whose dog has passed but Roslin thinks a clinical re-test would be helpful plus DNA – it is hope that the funding offered by MBCC and PBHF could pay for the costs.

It is likely that at some point the BVA will move to 3 year testing in the border collie like the other breeds.

KC Seminar

At Ross Green's request via the Facebook committee page – I asked the KC about DNA profiling. They confirmed that at this stage they were not able to do this – they would have to do it for all breeds and they did not have the IT systems to cope with this due to the numbers of dogs on the database. They did state have if anyone want the DNA profile on the record they could send it in.

The Seminar was very interesting and 2 of the speakers talked about evidenced based research and the AHT genome scheme and the importance of any NEW research being made on evidence (i.e. cancer – not general).

A worldwide organisation DogWellNet – which includes our KC FCI – other overseas KC's Insurance Companies AKC and AHT and other researchers presented at the seminar and offered applications form KC health representatives to apply. I applied with both hats on KC and PBHF and have been accepted – and hope if time and money allows to attend the next conference in Paris in 2017.

I also raised the CEA test with AG (and other labs such as Labokin that are offering a CEA test via Czech Republic) and that suggested we appealed along with the other breeds that have CEA and I have suggested to the PBHF members that they all write into the KC for the appeal – I will write on behalf of the breed council.

We also, need AG to be more proactive in writing to the KC – they had followed what

the KC suggested back at Crufts 2015 but they need to do more.

AHT Project

As made clear at the seminar if we wanted later to become involved (we missed the first two opportunities due to delays in meetings over last year and early this year – no one's fault just one of those things)

That we needed evidence based research into one or at the most two health issues in the breed.

Could I therefore, ask all clubs – to consider if we should look at any particular health issue (not the ones we are already doing) and if so which ones – and how we get the data – survey monkey – facebook ???

They we can discuss further – we need to be sure we can get DNA as that is the major problem.

Next meeting.

South Mimm's Services, Potters Bar, Sunday 15th January 2017 @ 11am

LB (Wessex) is unable to attend.

Chairman BT will not be present as he is away overseas. (So will try and attend by Skype) VH the other officer will be acting chairman for the meeting - as such she is not allowed to represent Wessex.