

Dachshund Breed Council 3rd May 2015
Acton Trussell, Bednell, Teddesley Community Hall ST17 0RZ
Council Meeting Minutes

Officers Present:

Ian Seath (Chair)

Katherine Herrington (Treasurer)

Dachshund Club	Anne Moore
Dachshund Club of Wales	Geraldine Brace
Eastern Counties DA	Minna Hagan
East Yorkshire DC	Eileen Herrington – Irene Cook
Kennel Club Liaison Rep	Zena Thorn-Andrews
Lancs & Cheshire DC	Andy Bethel
Longhaired DC	Tricia Rhodes – Annette Latham-Jackson
Midland DC	Daniel Roberts - Ian Smith
Miniature DC	Judy Squires
Northern Counties	Apologies
Northern LHBrA	Lois Wilkinson
Scottish DC	
Smooth Haired C	Katherine Herrington
Southern DA	Sue Ergis – Gina Salisbury
WEDA	Apologies
West Riding DA	Janet Kay
Wire Haired DC	Ian Smith
Mentoring Coordinator	Helen Geeson

1	<p>Apologies for absence: Judith Armstrong, Arnold Derry, Janet Geeson, Wendy Hall, Roger Hayward, Jeff Horswell, Suzanne Metcalf-Bilgin, Fran Mitchell, Dawn Norton, Paul Phillips, Roger Sainsbury, Valerie Skinner, Flo Winchurch, Wendy Starkey</p>
2	<p>Minutes of the meeting: 30/11/2014 (previously circulated) With amendment: Ian Smith attended for Midland DC. Proposed Anne Moore 2nd Judy Squires. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.</p>
3	<p>Matters Arising: no matters arising</p>
4	<p>Treasurer's Report: Current Account at 26/04/15 £1362.47 Health Fund £2088.99 Overall the accounts are looking very healthy. All standing Orders of £25 to the Breed Council have been increased to reflect the £10 Discover Dogs = £35 Some donations to the Health Fund have had specified health areas: Southern DC £100 to Lafora – Great Joint DA & Walk this Way to IVDD. WEDA donated £1000. A balance of approx.. £8000 is in the WHDC Lafora Fund and the WHDC has discussed transferring this to the Breed Council for future management. Action: WHDC to confirm if they wish the BC to take over the Lafora Fund</p>
5	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>a. It has been reported that the Kennel Club has been giving out inconsistent information to an enquiry regarding breeding age and timing between litters</p> <p>b. Denise Tyerman had written to Jason Whittington regarding a judging</p>

	<p>appointment at an all breed championship show offered to judge who does not appear on any Dachshund judging list. The society has since rescinded the invitation and appointed a judge that meets the criteria of eligibility to judge more than 3 classes without CCs.</p>
	<p>c. A letter from the KC has been sent to all breed clubs regarding the “beaten dog rule” and Special Classes an updated Specimen schedule is on the KC website. Action: Secretary to copy this to all clubs</p>
	<p>d. Christine Furneaux forwarded a report to say the Rescue service now has Charitable Status from December 2014 Irene Cook has a new address: 45 St. Mary’s Avenue, Hemingbrough, Selby, N. Yorks. YO8 6YZ Tel: 01757 630826</p>
	<p>e. A request for recognition to Valerie Skinner for all her hard work, dedication, time and money – Deferred to AGM Honoraria and Donations</p>
	<p>f. Clarification required from KC regarding first time awarding CCs. All agreed as a breed specialist you must award CC’s in your own breed first. It is with the KC and has been discussed, which has now being forwarded to the next General Committee meeting for further discussion. Action: Breed Council should write to the KC for confirmation of Dachshund criteria.</p>
6	<p>KCBLC: Where show reports are not submitted to dog papers, you should write to individual breed club/council and ask them to investigate. KC has no control over the dog papers to have reports published immediately. It was suggested when submitting reports to the dog press that judges should include a copy to the society officiated at. The KC had not accepted the Council’s request to amend the C List criteria.</p>
7	<p>Health & Welfare: Apologies from Roger Sainsbury who was unable to attend. The Chairman read Roger’s report.</p>
7.1	<p>H&W Sub-committee: Reminder: Dachshunds are a category 2 breed watch. Weighing is a guide for judges to miniature breed type and the health of an animal should not be compromised. 13 clubs voted to support the current policy on welfare at shows; 1 club abstained. Action: Chairman to review the existing FAQs on welfare and showing.</p>
7.2	<p>IVDD: A meeting is to be held at the end of May and Catherine Mellersh will give us information on the next stage of the DNA programme. The meeting will also discuss a potential x-ray screening programme along the lines of that being used in Scandinavia. This may be supported by a subsidy from the Health Fund.</p>
7.3	<p>Lafora Disease (MWHD): Possibly subsidy available for 2 more rounds of testing.</p>
7.4	<p>Eye Disease (Miniatures): Moving along well and most people are aware of PRA (cord 1). Judy Squires presented the results of the Miniature Long Distichiasis screening programme which confirmed there was a cause for concern. Further advice is awaited from Sheila Crispin and Cathryn Mellersh. Suggestion to have eye testing at shows. Anne Moore commented that a vet</p>

	<p>attends Manchester Championship show all days and would be happy to carry out a test at the show. Prior arrangements need to be made.</p> <p><u>Action:</u> Mini Club and LHDC Club to follow-up with Sheila Crispin.</p>
7.5	<p>Code of Ethics: Draft amendments were circulated to all clubs to discuss with their committees after the last meeting. Agreed to adopt with by a large majority vote (11 in favour, 1 abstention)</p>
7.6	<p>Dachs-Life 2015: Breed Lifestyle & Health survey conducted, over 2000 dogs' information had been returned. It was noted that around 200 returns were from Australian dogs. A full report can be found on Dachshund health website.</p>
	<p>Concern has been raised regarding dogs advertised on some internet websites. Being very young puppies or dogs claiming to be younger, some with serious health problems it was noted a large majority of these dogs are coming from Romania.</p>
8	<p>Education & training:</p>
8.1	<p>Judging list & Education Sub-committee: Detailed report was give by the chair of the Judges sub-committee on the route of adding new judges to the Breed Council Judges list. <u>Action:</u> A written copy of the process will be sent to all clubs. <u>Action:</u> Any applications, CVs to be with the Judges sub-committee by the end of November of each year to be included on the following year's list. <u>Action:</u> Mentoring Scheme information is to be given to all Judging list applicants.</p>
8.2	<p>A2 and CC Approvals: It was agreed that all information regarding A2 and CC nominations should be circulated to all clubs for them to return opinion. <u>Action:</u> Secretary to send full information. It was agreed that in line with the KC guidance the number of dogs to have been judged is 300 for both breed specialist and non-breed specialist A3 List. Proposed by the Judging S/committee; Seconded by Anne Moore. 12 in favour; 1 against. <u>Action:</u> Secretary to request change to the KC.</p>
8.3	<p>Planned Education & Assessment Events: Dachshund Club of Wales - A2 assessment - Handling seminar 24 May Northern Counties Dachshund - Breed seminar and assessment 7th June Southern Dachshund Association - Breed seminar and assessment 15 August</p>
9	<p>Discover Dogs: A very successful 4 days but very hard work. Request from the coordinator for non-show pictures that could be used in any of the booths these should be sent to Ian Smith. Requested for a single source of information on the Breed Council website for Discover Dogs as some misinformation had been given out. <u>Action:</u> Ian Smith & Ian Seath to create a new DD page.</p>
10	<p>Communications: <u>Action:</u> Chairman to include a news item in the next Newsletter.</p>
11	<p>Any other Business: KC communication: the beaten dog rule for Special Awards classes does not apply, to be circulated to all clubs.</p>

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	It was agreed, as a guide, that no person having judged less than 150 dogs can apply for a hands-on assessment, as some judges who have in excess of this number are having difficulty in securing a place.
12	Date of Next Meeting: Sunday 8 th November 2015 – venue to be confirmed.