

Dachshund Breed Council 8th November 2015
Acton Trussell, Bednell, Teddesley Community Hall ST17 0RZ

Officers Present:

Ian Seath (Chair)	
Katherine Herrington (Treasurer)	
Dachshund Club	Jeff Crawford
Dachshund Club of Wales	Judith Armstrong – Lynda Billingham – Tina Watkins
Eastern Counties DA	Minna Hagan – Wendy Hall
East Yorkshire DC	Eileen Herrington
Kennel Club BLC Rep	Apologies
Lancs & Cheshire DC	Andy Bethel
Longhaired DC	Annette Latham-Jackson – Janet Geeson
Midland DC	Daniel Roberts
Miniature DC	Dawn Norton – Ann Shelton
Northern Counties	Apologies
Northern LHBrA	Lois Wilkinson
Scottish DC	Apologies
Smooth Haired DC	Katherine Herrington – Diana Melbourne
Southern DA	Apologies
WEDA	Gill Goad – Roger Hayward
West Riding DA	Janet Kay - Sharon Shone
Wire Haired DC	Arnold Derry – Phil Rollinson
Health & Welfare	Judy Squires - Helen Geeson - Roger Sainsbury

1	Apologies for absence: Wendy Starkey, Zena Thorn-Andrews, Northern Counties Dachshund, Southern Dachshund Association,
2	Minutes of the meeting held 03/05/2015 (previously circulated) Accepted as a true record. Proposed: Andy Bethel Secoded: Minna Hagan
3	Matters Arising: Katherine Symns of the Kennel Club: Clarification of Judging. It is customary for the first time a judge awards Challenge Certificates in the coat that they own, exhibit or the coat that they first obtained a stud book qualification. AVNSC - Only dogs that are BoB and 1 AVNSC winner (the winner from a general AVNSC and or AV Dachshund must compete to decide the overall winner to go forward to BiS).
3.1	Welfare Statement: Summary Statement Breed Welfare: The judge should easily feel the ribs, shoulder-blades to be amended to - <i>the judge should span and feel the ribs lower down by the elbow and not the shoulders.</i> Action: Ian Seath

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4	<p>Treasurer's Report: All member clubs now pay by Direct Debit to the Breed Council £35 annually for Discover Dogs and Breed Council. Current Account £1096.48 A Facebook Group's walk raised £150 for the Health Fund. Dachshund Breed Council Health Fund: Income by Donations: £20384.84 <i>Some areas of Donations</i> (Winnie Fund £10900 + ESS £250 + Dachshund Club Loose Change + FB groups meet & walk). Details were given regarding ring-fenced monies for Lafora Testing and IVDD. All funds ring-fenced for Lafora are to be transferred to the Wire Club. Action: Katherine Herrington</p>
4.1	<p>Discover Dogs: Invoice from Discover Dogs/Crufts –chase up any invoices to be paid out before 31 December 2015. Action: Daniel Roberts</p>
5	<p>Correspondence: A letter received regarding Epilepsy with a list of dogs believed to have epilepsy – should we have an open registered for all dogs known which are reported by the owner with Vet evidence. Database to be set up. Action: Roger Sainsbury, Helen Geeson, Ian Seath</p> <p>A letter was received regarding assessment and feedback - to be covered in Education and Training 8.1</p>
6	<p>KCBLC: Report received from Mrs Thorn-Andrews and circulated to all clubs.</p>
7	<p>Health and Welfare</p>
7.1	<p>Health and Welfare Sub-committee: Report presented by Roger Sainsbury, was circulated to all clubs. Items included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Illegally imported puppies - data had been requested by DEFRA on puppy weights and sizes Action: Roger Sainsbury • The AHT is conducting a research project into epigenetics to look at factors relating to ageing • From April 2016 all dogs bred must be Microchipped in the breeder's name before 8 weeks old and moving on to new homes • Gill Key had donated 3 new roll-up banners for use at Pet Show events. Action: Roger Sainsbury to write and thank Gill • Good practice for breeders – it was agreed to add some new content to the website Action: Health Committee

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7.2	<p>IVDD: H&W Sub-committee report presented a summary of a meeting held with experts in May 2015. It was proposed to initiate a screening programme and an offer of support from Dawn Norton's company CVS (via Prof. John Innes) would be followed-up. Matters to be agreed included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Screening technology – CT or X-ray • Cost and degree of subsidy from the Council plus other potential donors • Scoring protocol and follow-on advice for owners/breeders • Whether to prioritise Mini Smooths initially • What other data/swabs to collect from dogs that might benefit future research <p>Action: Ian Seath & Dawn Norton</p>
7.3	<p>Lafora Disease (MWHDC): H&W report by the WHDC, progress is being made with fewer unsafe litters being bred now. Last test session was September 2015 with 39 dogs. Approx. £9.5k of funds remains to subsidise future tests, plus ring-fenced BC Health Fund money to be transferred to the WHDC. Overseas clubs and owners are increasingly making use of the Canadian test and it was asked if their results would be available in the UK.</p>
7.4	<p>Eye Disease (Miniatures): Cord1 is continuing as a Required DNA test for all Miniatures and the KC writes an advisory letter to anyone breeding Affected puppies. Distichiasis – awaiting recommendations on next steps from AHT & Prof. Crispin. Action: Ian Seath to follow-up for recommendations It was agreed that there should be at least one opportunity per year for owners to attend a clinical eye examination session at one of the Clubs' events. Action: Clubs to identify potential screening opportunities at a show</p>
7.5	<p>Registration of Recessives : Due to the NCDCA being unable to attend the meeting this item was withdrawn. However, a summary paper from the Health Committee was circulated and all Clubs were asked to review this with their committees.</p>
8	<p>Education and Training:</p>
8.1	<p>Judging List and Education Sub-committee: Katherine Herrington presented the Committee's report. The committee is working well. Reliance is on clubs to inform the sub-committee of any judges retiring or passed away. Kennel Club requirement is to have an up to date judges list. A letter had been received making suggestions for improvements to the A2 Assessment process, following the NCDCA event. It was pointed out that the JDP approach to running assessments was aimed at experienced all-rounders. Following a discussion of the merits of the previously adopted Breed Council/Clubs' approach it was unanimously agreed that this was the route all future assessment events should take (Proposed Andy Bethel, Seconded Judith Armstrong). The Education Committee was asked to review the current guidance documentation and update it, where necessary, for all clubs to use. This is important to ensure a consistent, transparent and good practice approach is adopted. Action: Education Committee</p>

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	<p>All judging list applications and updates need to be with the Judges sub-committee by 30 November each year to be included in the following years judging list.</p> <p>Action: All Clubs</p>
8.2	<p>A2 and CC Approvals: Jenny Rowe and Lynn Brooks had been approved for the A2 List. Yvonne Kent, Adam Rowell, Lesley Brown and Lynda Billingham would be moving to the A1 List. Brenda Jones would be moving to the A3 List.</p>
8.3	<p>Planned Education and Assessment Events: Smooth-Haired Club and Northern Podengo club –Date 28th February 2016 - running a joint seminar on breed standards for both breeds with opportunity to go over some dogs,(Not an Assessment) also a talk on CV writing Young Dachshund Club – had recently run an event Wire Club – Seminar; no details at the moment Eastern Counties – Spring; no details at the moment LHDC – maybe joint seminar with WHDC</p>
8.4	<p>Criteria for taking A2 Assessment: Candidates having judged 150 Dachshunds, or more, can apply for seminar-based A2 assessments and should be given priority over any other candidates (who do not have this level of experience). All clubs AGREED.</p>
9	<p>Discover Dogs: Plans remain the same as in previous years – Minis and Standards of the same coat in the same booths. Ian Smith (Midland DC) will be coordinating this for Crufts 2016. Organisation for Crufts is well underway. The Midland DC expressed their thanks to all clubs for their help.</p>
10	<p>Communications: No Press Release information needed. News items to be included in monthly Newsletter, as appropriate.</p>
11	<p>Any other business: Delay the next meeting to 11:00 a.m. to allow those who have a good distance to travel time to attend meeting. Request for full judging list to be sent to all clubs once it has been published. Dates of club shows to be sent to BC Secretary s they can be shared.</p>
12	<p>Date of Next Meeting: 15/5/16 11:00</p>