

The Dachshund Breed Council
THE DACHSHUND BREED COUNCIL
18th May 2014

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Before Council Meeting Council Meeting
Minutes: Chairman: Ian Seath

Present

Officers.

Ian Seath (Chair)

Katherine Herrington (Treasurer)

Wendy Starkey (Secretary)

Cambrian

Dachshund Club

Anne Moore

Jeff Horswell

Dachshund Club of Wales

Eastern Counties DA

Mina Hagan

Lynn Black

Lancs and Cheshire DC

Andy Bethel

Longhaired Dachshund Club

Lesley Brown

Janet Geeson

Midland Dachshund Club

Flo Winchurch

Miniature Dachshund Club

Dawn Norton

Paul Phillips

Northern Counties DA

Apologies

Northern LHBrA

Louise Wilkinson

Scottish DC

Christine Russell

Smooth Haired DC

Katherine Herrington

Edna Cooper

Southern DA

Sharon Broad

WEDA

Gill Goad

Roger Hayward

West Riding

Apologies

Wire Haired DC

Arnold Derry

Mandy Dance

Health Coordinator

Judy Squires

Mentoring

Helen Geeson

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	Responsibilities for Actions highlighted in RED (refer to Action Point List issued after the meeting)
1	<p>Apologies for absence Gina Hardy, Suzanne Bilgin, Wendy Hall, Roger Sainsbury, Janet Kay, Zena Thorn Andrews, Lovaine Coxon, Sue Ergis, Gina Salisbury</p>
2	<p>Minutes of the meeting 24/11/13 (previously circulated) The Minutes were accepted as a true reflection of the previous meeting, Proposed Paul Philips Seconded Katherine Herrington</p>
3	<p>Matters Arising The Pet Advisor team had agreed to organise the Stoneleigh Pet show 2nd -3rd August; costs to be arranged.</p>
4	<p>Treasurer's Report Current Account balance as of 26/4/10 £1099.25 Health Account balance £18,130.73 The health fund has received a major donation of £10,000.00 form Di Reid-Handy's Winny fund, which is ear-marked for IVDD research. Other donations received this year account for a further £1000.00.</p>
5	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>a) The Kennel Club have acknowledged Lesley Brown's letter expressing concerns re judges meeting correct criteria, but they are not able to comment on any individual submissions.</p> <p>b) The KC have yet to respond to the request that a social media clause be added to the code of ethics – Jeff Horswell to chase up.</p> <p>c) An email has been received from Your Dog re September 5th issue inviting clubs to advertising in their "Join a Club" feature, it was felt the costs were too high.</p> <p>d) Helen Geeson to look at adding features to judges mentoring scheme, following an unnamed email received. Helen pointed out that it can be very difficult to appoint mentors, and she assured that when asked for potential judges for open shows she is very keen to put forward people on the scheme. Helen was keen to include mentoring in a possible judges sub-committee.</p> <p>e) Christine Furneaux is coordinating for the British Dachshund Rescue, to be formed as charity. They are looking for people to become Trustees, which will not involve any personal liability. She has also asked for a network of volunteers to collect, foster, transport dogs, vet potential new homes, asked all clubs to try to form a regional network. Daxaid will be incorporated but will still be a separate entity, with its own funding. All clubs to consider individual "thank you" for Val Skinner. All clubs to remove Val from Breed Rescue information.</p>

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	<p>f) Jane Gosney expressing concerns re Lafora and overseas Mini Wires. Letters have been sent to all known overseas clubs except Russia; Mina Hagan has contacts in Russia and will pass on details.</p> <p>g) Victor Perham has written to Arnold Derry WHDC re a sister/brother mating of his dog he bought in 2008 and which now has several major health issues. The breeder is not a club member. Ian Seath has responded and informed and assured him that such close matings are now banned by the KC, and expressed Breed Council's desire to continue educating breeders and buyers. WHDC has also responded to Mr Perham.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>KCBLC Wendy Starkey to write to the KC for clarification, if a dachshund competes at an open show, judged on the group system, in AVNSC Dachshund, can the BAVNSC Dachshund go on to compete in the Hound group.</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>A2 and CC Approvals Lesley Brown has completed and returned pink form for Yvonne Kent, Wendy Starkey to circulate details for Lynda Billingham to all clubs. There are no new CVs for C or B list Edna Cooper raised concerns that an A2 application has been turned down by KC and although unclear only possible stumbling block is a ringside assessment. If KC won't tell candidate why they failed how are they to go about getting through. Assessors need to be allowed to inform the candidate why they have not been passed. Wendy Starkey to write to KC requesting that there could be a way to provide candidates with some feedback from their assessments.</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>CC allocation at General Championship Shows. ECDA had proposed that 6 sets of tickets could be offered at General Championship shows on a regional basis rather than the current allocation where not all varieties have CCs. A number of clubs had not discussed this in committee. Voting: 3 clubs in favour, 8 against. Not Carried.</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>Judges List 2014 The KC will consider Club opinions regarding changing the number of dogs judged for A list judges, they are proposing 300 dogs. Scottish Dachshund proposed classes reduced from 100 – 80 number of dogs 350 – 250, seconded by Dachshund Club, This was not supported by the clubs' vote.</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Health & Welfare i) Apologies from Roger Sainsbury who was unable to attend. He is still investigating, with the AHT, the possibility of conducting a research</p>

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screening for Brittle Bone Disease.

The KC have circulated a DNA list which contains a number of errors. **Helen Geeson** is to collate all worldwide lists and send to KC.

Catherine Mellersh is researching into why some breeds live as long as they do, dachshund longevity is one to be looked at with the average age of death of 13.

- ii) **IVDD** Roger, Ian, Gina, Judy and Helga attended an RVC presentation on their conformation research. A number of follow-on actions had been jointly agreed.

Swedish researchers have found a relation between chromosome 12 and IVDD. 50 control DNA samples and 50 affected have now been reached for the AHT to begin their work on whole genome scanning.

- iii) **Lafora** testing is continuing. 25 dogs were tested in January. The 102 previously completed tests showed 43 carriers, 8 affected and 51 clears. This is consistent with other results. The KC have accepted the Canadian test and will be reporting results in the BRS.

There are sufficient funds for a further 80 tests and a further session is scheduled for 24th June in Litchfield. No puppies under 16 weeks had been tested at the previous session.

The KC are sending e-mail letters to all breeders who have registered MW Litters to inform them of the need to use the Lafora test. Judy Squires to liaise with Gary Johnson to send letters to breeders producing Affected puppies (as per cord1).

Thanks were expressed to the Lafora sub-committee and Pet Advisors for their efforts to inform the pet owners.

- iv) **Eye Disease (Miniatures) PRA** KC are still sending out letters. Latest tests showed Mini Long 0 affected, 20 carriers and 19 clear. Mini Wire 2 affected, 9 carriers and 25 clear, it is believed that there is now no reason to be breeding affected dogs. Testing is ongoing.

Distichiasis, take up was reported by the Min. DC as poor. Over 3 sessions 85 dogs have been tested, with a high incidence of the condition. Club is still collating the paperwork to back up test results before sending to Prof.

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	<p>Crispin for further analysis. Not yet ready to say where to go with this research.</p> <p>v) FCI Breeding Strategies A number of clubs had not reviewed the FCI document with their committees. It was felt by most that this was not the way to go instead, but that increased education and guidelines for breeders, especially novices, would be a more acceptable approach than trying to define numerical breeding limits. Helen Geeson agreed to review the breed diversity breed factsheet and to incorporate breeding information into the mentoring scheme.</p> <p>vi) Pet Advisors' Proposal on criteria for Champion status It was felt by most that this was not the way forward; rather that breeders should be educated to ensuring the health status of any breeding they undertake. Not carried.</p>
10b	<p>Education and Training</p> <p>Mentoring Scheme Nothing new to report, scheme still available although co-ordinating proving difficult.</p>
10c	<p>Planned Education & Assessment Events</p> <p>Long Haired club looking to hold a Stewarding seminar. Dachshund Club are holding a breed seminar and A2 Assessment 19th July, now full.</p> <p>Northern and Lancs/Cheshire are in talks with East Yorks Borzoi Club to hold a joint seminar.</p>
11	<p>Discover Dogs Cost of parking at NEC discussed; to be left with Flo Winchurch. Thank you to all who supported event.</p>
12	<p>Communications Dealt with at AGM.</p>
13	<p>Any other Business</p> <p>All Clubs asked to provide Wendy with show dates for 2014, 2015 and 2016.</p>
14	<p>Date of Next Meeting 30th November 2014 at Acton Trussell subject to availability.</p>