

The Dachshund Breed Council
THE DACHSHUND BREED COUNCIL
30th November 2014

Acton Trussell, Bednell & Teddesley Community Hall ST17 0RZ

Council Meeting Minutes:

Present

Officers.

Anne Moore (Chair)

Katherine Herrington (Treasurer)

Wendy Starkey (Secretary)

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| Dachshund Club | Anne Moore | |
| Dachshund Club of Wales | Judith Armstrong | Lynda Billinghamurst |
| Eastern Counties DA | Mina Hagan | |
| East Yorks DC | Irene Cook | Katherine Herrington |
| Lancs and Cheshire DC | Andy Bethel | |
| Longhaired Dachshund Club | Janet Geeson | Tricia Rhodes |
| Midland Dachshund Club | Ian Smith | |
| Miniature Dachshund Club | Paul Phillips | Judy Squires |
| Northern Counties DA | Fran Mitchell | |
| Northern LHBrA | Clare Bethel | |
| Scottish DC | Apologies | |
| Smooth Haired DC | Katherine Herrington | |
| Southern DA | Sue Ergis | Gina Salisbury |
| WEDA | Roger Hayward | |
| West Riding | Janet Kay | Katy Stancliffe |
| Wire Haired DC | Arnold Derry | |
| Health Coordinator | Apologies | |
| Mentoring | Helen Geeson | |

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| | <p>Responsibilities for Actions highlighted in RED (refer to Action Point List issued after the meeting)</p> |
| 1 | <p>Apologies for absence Ian Seath, Jeff Horswell. Roger Sainsbury, Zena Thorn Andrews, Lesley Brown, Dawn Norton, Flo Winchurch, Gill Goad, Wendy Hall, Daniel Roberts, Christine Russell.</p> |
| 2* | <p>Minutes of the meeting 18/05/14 (previously circulated) The Minutes were accepted as a true reflection of the previous meeting, Proposed Irene Cook Seconded Helen Geeson</p> |
| 3 | <p>Matters Arising Noted that East Yorkshire DC was represented.</p> <p>East Yorkshire DC and West Riding DC are planning Seminars.</p> |
| 4 | <p>Treasurer's Report Current Account balance as of 31/10/14 £10949.25 Health Account balance £18,030.73</p> <p>All clubs have now paid the extra to cover Discover Dogs and were reminded to ensure their Standing Orders were updated for 2015.</p> <p>£35 has been received for IVDD fund from Walk this Way</p> <p>The Dachshund Clubs loose change challenge has raised £583.26</p> <p>Katherine confirmed that there was no money specifically ear-marked for Lafora testing and that the Breed Council had not paid any money to the Wire Club for this purpose. However any funds received from the Kennel Club had been paid to the Wire Club.</p> |
| 5 | <p>Correspondence a) Wendy Starkey to write to Mrs Judy Sismey regarding Margaret Jamieson's judging at the Hound Show, to reiterate what Ian had already said and that we had no grounds to take the matter any further and it was a matter for show committees and exhibitors.</p> |
| 6 | <p>KCBLC Clubs are reminded to have KCBLC as a regular item on their agendas and any suggestions or ideas be forwarded to Zena. There has been concern regarding the lack of feedback between meetings and the Chairman has assured the Council that he would ensure updates would be provided, this is yet to happen.</p> |

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| | <p>The General Committee approved the following amendment to regulation F1.c with effect from 1st January 2015:</p> <p>“Only dogs of six calendar months of age and over on the first day of the show are eligible for exhibition at Kennel Club licenced shows. However societies may accept Not for Competition entries at their discretion and dogs aged four calendar months and over are eligible to enter Not for Competition at single breed and sub-group shows all Kennel Club Licenced Shows. Furthermore, dogs aged four calendar months and over are eligible to enter Match Competitions.”</p> <p>The KC has announced that it will be possible to award 2 sets of CCs to the same breed on the same day, they are giving opportunity for societies to share venues. Contact breedshows@thekennelclub.org.uk for further information.</p> <p>The CC allocation will remain the same for 2017.</p> |
| <p>7</p> | <p>A2 and CC Approvals There were no new proposals.</p> <p>Wendy Starkey to contact: Jenny Dove, Homem de Mello, Lloyd Cross, Ron James, Val Foss, Paul Singleton, Wendy Spencer, Cathy Gill, Rachael Barney and Julian Barney to remind them of obligation to submit critiques.</p> |
| <p>8</p> | <p>Judges List and Education Sub-Committe It was agreed that the committee should have 5 members with Wendy Starkey having an administration role. Proposed Long Haired DC Seconded West Riding DC Katherine Herrington, Helen Geeson, Sue Ergis, Janet Kay and (Subject to confirmation) Daniel Roberts have been selected for the committee.</p> <p>b) Southern Dachshund Association proposed that there be minimum criteria for C list judges. It was felt that a person should have owned/exhibited a dachshund for a minimum of 3 years and that they must attend a breed seminar. This is unlikely to affect non-specialists as generally they go on the B list. Proposed Sue Ergis Seconded Irene Cook Wendy Starkey to submit proposal to KC for approval.</p> |
| <p>9</p> | <p>Show and Club Event Dates ECDC proposed that club should give consideration to combining shows to free up weekends and reduce cost; most club are open to considering the idea but it's not always as easy to find venues large enough to hold such events.</p> |

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| | <p>Clubs are asked to let Ian know of any sites they know of in their area, 1 suggestion was NEC in Birmingham. Ian Seath will write to the Kennel Club suggesting purpose built facilities for both north and south of the Country, giving regard to Brown Belt land. Proposed East Yorkshire DC Seconded ECDA</p> <p>Katherine Herrington advised that the KC will be rotating the days for all General Championship shows from 2018.</p> |
| 10 | <p>Health & Welfare</p> <p>i) Apologies from Roger Sainsbury who was unable to attend.</p> <p>Helga Klausgraber a pet advisor and Charlie Hipkin have resigned from the Sub-committee, he proposed Dawn Norton and this was seconded by Sue Ergis as a new member, Wendy Starkey to write to advise Dawn.</p> <p>ii) IVDD</p> <p>AHT have advised that the IVDD genetics project was underway and they hoped the preliminary work would be completed by the end of August, to date nothing has been received.</p> <p>The AHT has begun analysing the DNA from “clear” and “affected” IVDD samples, but this will be a slow project. There is a recent paper from the US on the potential value of Thermal Imaging. Ian is in discussions with RVC to see if we might set up a trial to replicate the results in the UK.</p> <p>Di Reid-Handy is continuing to raise money for IVDD and will be sending a cheque, to Katherine.</p> <p>iii) Lafora</p> <p>Up to September 2014 tests have been carried out on 357 miniature wire haired dachshunds. Unfortunately, the Lafora mutation has been found in nearly half and 13% have 2 copies of this gene. It was advised that to protect the gene pool carriers still be used for breeding and maybe even some affected.</p> <p>The Toronto Lafora test became an official Kennel Club test. It was announced on the 18th November 2014 that it was to be a requirement for ABS from 1st January 2015. Letters have been sent to the Veterinary Record and Veterinary Times.</p> <p>Arnold advised that there is probably enough funding left for 2 more sessions which would cover 2015 and that we need to try to find some more funding.</p> |

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| | <p>Ian Seath to check if Lafora testing is on the opening puppy page of the KC Puppy search and to ask for its inclusion if not. Also suggested Ian contact Veterinary schools to highlight Lafora to students.</p> <p>iv) Distichiasis, Still waiting for Sheila Crispin to report back.</p> <p>PRA Testing is still on going Mini Longs 1 Affected, 11 Carriers, 17 Clear Mini Smooth 4 affected, 31 carriers, 47 clear, 1 carrier was a Russian import. Mini Wire 6 carriers, 8 clear.</p> <p>All Clubs asked to consider a physical eye examination day, maybe to include all breeds not just dachshunds.</p> <p>v) Code of Ethics The Health Sub-committee tabled a proposal that this be reviewed as the current code is out of date. All clubs to discuss at their meetings and all revisions be sent to Wendy Starkey by 31st March 2015 so can be discussed at the AGM.</p> <p>vi) Pet Advisors No report sent.</p> <p>vii) Dachs-Life 2015 An IVDD lifestyle survey is being developed. This would cover factors such as diet, exercise, where they live i.e. house or kennel, environmental factors such as stairs, furniture etc., vaccinations, neuter status, bred from/stud. This is to see if factors in addition to being overweight and length/height proportions are involved.</p> |
| <p>11</p> | <p>Education and Training</p> <p>Mentoring Scheme Nothing new to report; scheme still available although co-ordinating proving difficult. Helen has hopes that the Judging Sub-committee will have a positive effect. Suggested that the mentoring scheme been included on the Judging List application form. Northern Counties DC are proposing having a seminar and A2 assessment and are trying for March 2015.</p> |
| <p>12</p> | <p>Discover Dogs Crufts 2015 require mini longes and mini smooths for Friday and smooths for</p> |

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| | Sunday if anyone can help. Crufts are also cutting down the size of booths and we will now have 3 booths instead of 6. Any costs to be submitted to Katherine. |
| 13 | Communications Ian Seath to advise Social media groups, i.e. regional groups to ask them to provide health information if they allow puppy sale adverts. It is very evident that the pet owners are still lacking information. |
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| 14 | Any other Business |
| 14 | Date of Next Meeting 3 rd May 2015 at Acton Trussell subject to availability. |