

Dachshund Breed Council

Minutes of Meeting of The Dachshund Breed Council

October 9th 2010 at Acton Trussell Community Hall. 11 a.m.

Chair: Ian Seath

Present:

Secretary: Lesley Brown

Cambrian DC	apologies	
Dachshund Club	Helen Geeson	
Dachshund Club of Wales	Judith Armstrong	Christine Sheppard
E Counties DA	Wendy Hall	Gina Hardy
E Yorkshire DC	Katherine Herrington	
Lancs and Cheshire DC	Kath Bethel	
Long-haired DC	Trevor Watkins	Hazel Watkins
Midland DC	Flo Winchurch	Gladys Mead
Miniature DC	Dawn Norton	Judy Squires
Northern DA	apologies	
N Eastern DC	apologies	
Northern LH D Br A	Andy Bethel	
Scottish DC	apologies	
Smooth-haired DC	Lovaine Coxon	
Southern DA	Gina Salisbury	
Ulster DC	Apologies	
WEDA	Anne Jeffery	Roger Hayward
West Riding	Janet Kay	Valerie Skinner
Wire-haired DC	Phil Rollinson	Joanne Lavin
KC Liaison Rep.	Zena Thorn-Andrews.	

The Meeting started with a minute's silence to mark the passing of members of the Dachshund community.

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1	<p><u>Apologies for absence</u> S Ergis (Sec. SDA), P Rees (Chair WEDA), L Patton (Chair WHDC), P Hancock (Sec. Northern & N Eastern), M Turner (Chair SDC) & E Cooper (Sec. SDC), G Mead (Chair Midland), I Cook (Sec. E Yorks), Ulster.</p>	
2	<p><u>Minutes of the Meeting held 10/05/09</u> Minutes previously circulated were read by the Secretary and accepted as a true reflection of the Meeting. Prop: A Bethel (NLHDBA), Sec: J Kay (W Riding)</p>	
3	<p><u>Matters arising from the Minutes</u> None.</p>	
3.1	<p><u>Minutes of AGM to be signed off (omitted from previous agenda)</u> Minutes previously circulated were accepted as a true reflection of the Meeting. Prop: V Skinner (W Riding), Sec: Lovaine Coxon (SHDC)</p>	
3.2	<p><u>Election of Vice Chair (omitted from previous agenda)</u> Lovaine Coxon was prepared to be re-elected for a further term of office. Prop: WEDA, Sec: Midland DC. Agreed.</p>	
4	<p><u>Treasurer's report</u> Treasurer reported a healthy balance at the present time due to 2009 Conference income, however there were further expenses not yet shown for the September seminar. Sales of the Conference DVD generated £120 profit. Today's expenses for hall and catering also to come out of the balance.</p>	
5	<p><u>Correspondence</u> Secretary read out correspondence not covered by agenda items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Correspondence with the KC regarding a "volume breeder" of Mini Smooths who was now an ABS member. It was agreed that litter registrations in the Breed Record Supplement would continue to be monitored and any concerns would continue to be raised with Bill Lambert at the KC. 2. Letter from an exhibitor complaining about Breed Specialist judges at a recent Club show and a perceived lack of integrity in the judging. It was agreed that there was no place for corrupt judges and ZTA pointed out that the KC had systems in place by which complaints could be raised. The question was also asked why the exhibitor had not complained to the Club on the day of the show. 3. Letter from a candidate complaining of the result of an A2 assessment. Brief discussion followed; consensus of opinion was upon 'failure' best course of action is to re-visit Sayers, apply for another assessment asap and take 	

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	<p>advantage of the Mentoring Scheme.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. LHDC asked why candidates were allowed to take an assessment after only 4 years of judging experience irrespective of numbers judged. The policy agreed at a previous meeting was that anyone who had judged more than 150 Dachshunds would be eligible to apply for an assessment. 5. Letter from an exhibitor requesting that the Breed Clubs should be proactive in appointing more Breed Specialist Judges as there was an 'overload' of all-rounder judges at shows this year. 6. Letter from a student on the Mentoring Scheme thanking DBC for an excellent scheme and mentor, sending a donation to the DBC to benefit Dachshund Health and Welfare. 	
6	<p><u>KCBLC Rep's Report</u> ZTA reminded Clubs the next Breed Liaison Council meeting was 29th Oct and any items to be in for the 25th. <u>Main agenda items:</u> In view of the increasing number of exports to China there is a need for a proposal to the KC to not support the export of dogs to China or to any country which has no reciprocal Animal Health Legislation.</p> <p>ES Spaniel Soc. ref Judges at all-breed shows need to be on a B or C list of Canine/Breed Club.</p> <p>Endorsements are not for life - a proposal to make an endorsement for each litter.</p> <p>Permission to mate a bitch over 8 years of age. Will have to undergo tests for all health issues. N.B. very few requests are given permission.</p> <p><u>Other discussion points:</u> The amalgamation of the Northern and North Eastern Dachshund Clubs could take a year to complete.</p> <p>May SKC: Following many complaints Zena had written to complain of state of showground. SKC replied that the issues will be addressed.</p> <p><u>Acceptable Colours:</u> The ban on Dapple to Dapple matings would be w.e.f. 01/01/10 – need for clubs to be vigilant on colours via the Breed Record Supplement.</p> <p><u>Action:</u> The SHDC was asked to discuss in Committee whether it wished to have "Cream" added as an acceptable colour for Mini Smooths.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>SHDC</p>

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	forms but Chair requested that Clubs send individual forms to Sec. to circulate, so Clubs can amend their forms and criteria if they wished.	All
11	<u>Health & Welfare</u>	
11.1	<u>Health Plans</u> It was agreed that an Annual Health Report for 2010 should be published and issued in the New Year. <u>Action:</u> H&W Sub-committee to compile the Report.	Anne Moore & Ian Seath
11.2	<u>Cord1 Retinal Degeneration MLHD</u> Members of the public seem to be much better informed about the importance of DNA screening now. 55% of registrations in the BRS shows tested parents, but doesn't show Hereditary Clears. <u>Action:</u> Need to address this with the KC. LHDC to take lead.	Trevor Watkins
11.3	<u>Cord1 Retinal Degeneration MSHD</u> Lovaine Coxon reported that advice is given to always use one Clear parent. New registrations now state the cord1 status of Mini Smooths. Need to work towards ABS members testing all breeding stock; mating Carrier bitches to untested stud dogs should not be allowed. A question was asked about whether the KC only required tests to be carried out, or if they required the results to be used to inform breeding decisions. <u>Action:</u> Chair to write to KC for clarification.	Ian Seath
11.4	<u>Cord1 Retinal Degeneration MWH</u> Judy Squires circulated a summary of cord1 PRA testing for MWH Dachshunds showing 3 Affected, 19 Carriers, 84 Clears. It was recommended by the AHT and supported by the Council that MW breeders should test for cord1 and aim to not produce a litter which could include Affected puppies. <u>Action:</u> Chair to ask KC to add testing for cord1 PRA for MWH as a requirement for the ABS. The AHT had also tested for the NPHP4 mutation but this was not found to be of significance in the MWs screened. As NPHP4 had originated in Standard WHD, the Chair suggested the Council should ask for the AHT's support in conducting a research screening of WHDs. All agreed. <u>Action:</u> Judy Squires to liaise with AHT and WHDC.	Ian Seath Judy Squires
11.5	<u>Lafora's Disease</u> WHDC reported that 96 samples had been sent to Canada for testing. Owners will get individual results which will be published in Live Wire and on the WHDC website. The KC press statement recommending ABS members to test for Lafora's was not requested by the Clubs and the WHDC	

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	Release.	Seath & Lesley Brown
14	<p><u>AOB</u> <i>(at discretion of Chairman)</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A comment on some all-rounder judges having too many judging appointments in one year was aired. 2. ABS – concerns over ‘volume breeders’: A brindle MSH has been de-registered following a DNA test from an ABS member. The 2010 BRS showed 7 litters from one breeder 5 of which were from bitches with a 2009 DOB. Another showed breeding from consecutive seasons. A delegate raised concern at the inspection visits; a report was completely different from remarks on the day of inspection. <u>Action</u> Chair to write to KC. 3. Midland DC asked for each Club's £10 donation for Discover Dogs to be in by December 2010. DBC agreed to donate towards Discover Dogs, if the MDC required additional funds. 	<p>Ian Seath</p> <p>All</p>
15	<p><u>DONM</u></p> <p>Sunday 10th April 2011 @ 11:00 a.m Venue: Acton Trussell Community Hall. <i>N.B. – Hall booked and meeting confirmed post-meeting.</i></p> <p>Meeting ended 14:25.</p>	<p>Lesley Brown</p>