

# Dachshund Breed Council

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## Minutes of Meeting of The Dachshund Breed Council

April 10<sup>th</sup> 2011 at Acton Trussell Community Hall. 11.30 a.m.

Chair. Ian Seath

**Present:**

*Secretary:* Lesley Brown

Cambrian	Apologies	
Dachshund Club	Anne Moore	Helen Geeson
Dachshund Club of Wales	Apologies	
E Counties DA	Wendy Hall	Gina Hardy
E Yorkshire DC	Apologies	
Lancs and Cheshire DC	Kath Bethel	
Long-haired DC	Delia Edwards	
Midland DC	Flo Winchurch	Daniel Roberts
Miniature DC	Dawn Norton	Judy Squires
Northern DA	Trish Hancock	Fran Mitchell
N Eastern DC	Trish Hancock	
Northern LH D Br A	Andy Bethel	
Scottish DC	Edna Cooper	
Smooth-haired DC	Apologies	
Southern DA	Sue Ergis	Gina Salisbury
Ulster DC		
WEDA	Gill Goad	Roger Hayward
West Riding	Apologies	
Wire-haired DC	Phil Rollinson	Joanne Lavin

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Item	Discussion, Decisions and Action Points	Responsibility
1	<p><b><u>Apologies for absence</u></b>                      Cambrian, LHDC (D Clarke), Midland (G Mead), SHDC (Katherine Herrington &amp; L Coxon), W. Riding (V Skinner &amp; J Kay), E. Yorks (I Cook), H&amp;W S/C Chair (R Sainsbury)</p>	
2	<p><b><u>Minutes of the Meeting held 10/10/10</u></b>                      Minutes previously circulated were read by Secretary and accepted as a true reflection of the Oct 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.                      Proposed DC Helen Geeson, Seconded Min. Club Judy Squires</p>	
3	<p><b><u>Matters arising from the Minutes</u></b>                      A Bethel raised the item/letter from an exhibitor re judging at L&amp;C where the Club was not informed prior to the DBC meeting. It was felt that a lack of respect was shown by the DBC to the L&amp;C Club. A B suggested that in future any complaint should be discussed with the Club concerned. Chair offered apologies and agreed in future complaints aimed at a particular Club would be notified to that Club prior to the meeting. Apology accepted.</p>	
4	<p><b><u>Treasurer's Report</u></b>                      The Sept. 2010 Seminar made a loss of £95.94 and Treasurer advised the need to re-consider ticket prices in the future in order to avoid increasing the subscription from Clubs. However despite this, Treasurer reported that we managed to make a small profit in 2010.</p>	
5	<p><b><u>Correspondence</u></b>                      Letter from exhibitor including a petition supporting the weighing of Miniature Dachshunds and asking for the DBC to educate/support Judges in judging to the Breed Standard. Complaint was that a dog was given a high award and weighed significantly over the 'desired maximum' weight.  <b>Action:</b> DBC and DC to respond.</p> <p>Copy of a letter to the KC and DC of Wales regarding the award of a CC to a dog which was claimed to be lame. Supporting signatories and additional letters also submitted. The KC and D C of Wales are dealing with this matter.</p> <p>A complaint regarding the lack of substance in Critiques from judges at a high level. Discussion followed with Chair to speak to judge in question and also to have an addition on writing a Critique in the mentor pack. It was suggested that a valuable Education Event on Critique-writing would be a useful tool for the DBC to consider organising.</p> <p>Judges travelling to and from shows with exhibitor was raised in a</p>	<p>Ian Seath &amp; Anne Moore</p> <p>Judith Armstrong</p> <p>Ian Seath</p>

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	<p>letter from three exhibitors who claimed to have seen a judge leaving a show with an exhibitor who had been awarded a BOB by the judge. Although not against KC rules, it was felt this behaviour to be unethical and a suggestion was made that the DBC re-direct the complaint to the relevant show.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Press release or Newsletter to include ethical behaviour re: judges travelling with exhibitors.</p> <p>Letter from E Yorks regarding Mr and Mrs Wells CV and Mrs Wells JDP credit pass for consideration to the DBC Judges List. Agreement for the Wells to go on the B list (all rounder) for 2012. Min Club suggested that any future Judging appointment may wish to an assessor present. Mr &amp; Mrs Wells Inclusion to the DBC Judges List 2012: Proposed A Moore, Sec. S Ergis</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Secretary to write to Mr and Mrs Wells informing them of the DBC decision.</p> <p><u>Chair's correspondence</u></p> <p>The subject of 'volume breeders' was raised with Bill Lambert re Accredited Breeders. KC had been asked to approach/inspect those breeders not complying with the breeding frequency of bitches and other anomalies of best practice.</p> <p>Correspondence with KC re judges submitting their own forms for A2 approval without the support of the DBC or a Breed Club.</p> <p>Anne Moore submitted her resignation from the H&amp;W Committee. Chair thanked Anne for her support &amp; work during her time as Chair.</p> <p>Revision of the Code of Ethics to add Vets to inform KC re breeding following a Caesarean Section; this had already been added to the DBC CoE.</p>	<p>Ian Seath</p> <p>Lesley Brown</p>
6	<p><b>KCBLC.</b></p> <p>Zena Thorn-Andrews circulated her report. Representatives felt there were still 'loopholes' in the category of <b>any other colour</b> in the KC list of acceptable colours for registration. (See 8, below)</p>	
7	<p><b>A2 and CC approvals</b></p> <p>Secretary read the list of A2 and CC approvals since last meeting which had been previously summarised and circulated to Clubs.</p>	
8	<p><b><u>Breed Standard – Acceptable colours.</u></b></p> <p>Chair asked for comment from Clubs on the proposal to ask the KC to make Blue, Isabella, Tricolour and Piebald unacceptable colours in the Breed Standard. Proposed Dachshund Club, Seconded SDA; Approved. Chair to write to KC requesting amendment.</p> <p>As there were still anomalies in the lists of "Registration Colours" the Coat Clubs (LHDC, SHDC, WHDC) were asked to review the current lists at their forthcoming meetings and report back at the</p>	<p>Ian Seath</p> <p>LHDC, SHDC,</p>

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	<p>next DBC meeting.</p> <p>The colour cream/fawn in MSH was already under discussion by the SHDC.</p> <p>ZTA read the current KC list of Registration colours.</p>	WHDC
9	<b><u>Health and Welfare</u></b>	
9.1	<p><b><u>Health and Welfare Sub Committee.</u></b></p> <p>Following A Moore's resignation as Chair of H&amp;W Sub-committee Judy Squires (Min. Club) suggested Roger Sainsbury BVM&amp;S, MRCVS (WEDA) as new Chair.</p> <p>Proposed H Geeson (DC) Sec. W Hall (Eastern Counties DA); Carried unanimously.</p> <p>Chair thanked Anne Moore for her work and lead of the H&amp;W committee.</p>	
9.2	<p><b><u>Cord 1 Retinal Degeneration MLHD</u></b></p> <p>Nothing to report in MLHD. Keiko Miyadera (AHT) is continuing to research the late/early onset gene when she moves to the USA and the AHT believes it is close to isolating the second mutation.</p>	
9.3	<p><b><u>Cord 1 Retinal Degeneration MSHD</u></b></p> <p>MSHD breeders continue to register pups from untested parents - mainly from 'volume or lone' breeders.</p> <p>DBC to ask KC to send a letter to MSH and MWH breeders re DNA testing for cord1 PRA.</p>	Ian Seath
9.4	<p><b><u>Cord 1 Retinal Degeneration MWH</u></b></p> <p>As above report.</p>	
9.5	<p><b><u>Day Blindness in WHD</u></b></p> <p>P Rollinson reported that samples have been collected and will be sent to the AHT research dept.</p>	
9.6	<p><b><u>Lafora's Disease</u></b></p> <p>Analysis of the 96 samples from 2010 had identified 12% Affected. WHDC thanked Clubs for offers of donations for funding the implementation of a full DNA test. Lab in Germany had 6 'blind samples' to identify clear, carrier, affected status.</p> <p>It was noted that Lafora's is poorly understood by Vets. More information is needed.</p> <p><b><u>Action</u></b></p> <p>Testing at shows will be available, Nora Price to coordinate. More information to be published.</p>	WHDC
9.7	<p><b><u>IVDD</u></b></p> <p>AHT will test 100 dogs to see if it is possible to identify a DNA test for back disease. Cost ~£100 per dog. Chair asked if the Clubs could part fund this? It was suggested that the KC Charitable Trust be</p>	

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	<p>approached re funding. Dawn Norton (Min. Club) reported that the DVD from DodgersList had a very poor take up. Still need to publicise more and put on websites, plus have the DVD available at Discover Dogs.</p>	<p>Ian Seath Dawn Norton</p>
9.8	<p><b><u>Annual Health Report &amp; Breed Health Status.</u></b> 2010 Report had been published and Clubs can send this with Annual Returns. The most frequent conditions being reported are Lafora's and Back problems. DC suggested vets ask clients to report conditions to Breed Club Secretaries/FB forum or the DBC. A Breed Health Survey will be conducted in 2011.</p>	<p>Roger Sainsbury &amp; Ian Seath</p>
9.9	<p><b><u>Breeding Frequency and Code of Ethics/ABS</u></b> Sue Ergis reported that 39 MSH and 12 MSH bitches were bred on consecutive seasons (according to BRS). Recommendation that the KC should ask ABS breeders to rest bitches between litters. Need to report to KC breeding frequency. <b>Action:</b> Southern DA to contact KC/ABS and report back at next meeting.</p>	<p>Sue Ergis</p>
10	<p><b><u>Education and Training</u></b></p>	
10.1	<p><b><u>Mentoring Scheme</u></b> Judy Squires asked for information to be provided to Clubs so that they could consider offering judging appointments to Mentor Scheme students.  Critiques: quality not quantity should be addressed. Help perhaps in the form of a critique template could be included in the Mentor pack. (See Item 5, above)  Flo Winchurch (Midland DC) suggested a hints &amp; regulations of stewarding also to be included in the pack. Produce as part of the pack &amp; supply to Breed Clubs for referring to new stewards. Anne Moore offered to help type up.</p>	<p>Lovaine Coxon      Flo Winchurch &amp; Anne Moore</p>
10.2	<p><b><u>Planned Educational Events</u></b> Events included: ECDC Breed Seminar with Beagle Association. WEDA presentation on Breed Standard and hands-on session. DCoW seminar /assessment. Scottish DC Breed Seminar.</p>	
11	<p><b><u>CC Allocation</u></b> WEDA Gill Goad asked if the proposed amalgamation of Northern and North Eastern DC could result in a set of CCs being available so that WEDA and ECDC might apply for a 2 year rotation. N/NEDC replied that KC promised no penalty would be incurred in the amalgamation. It was felt more CC allocation should be given to Breed Clubs rather than General Champ Shows. DC suggested that the decision on the new NCDA CC allocation</p>	

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	<p>should be reported at the next DBC meeting. Midland DC asked if a new set are created can DBC write to KC to express an interest in MSH set to go to a breed club/rotation CCs. <b>Action:</b> Breed Clubs to wait for KC decision. Defer to next meeting.</p>	NCDA
12	<p><b><u>Communications</u></b> It was agreed that, once again, there would be a post-meeting press release.</p>	Ian Seath & Lesley Brown
13	<p><b><u>Any other business</u></b> London Pet Week – like Discover Dogs: Midland DC will be supporting this and reminded Clubs that donations would be appreciated before the end of the year.</p>	All Clubs
14	<p><b><u>Date of next meeting</u></b>  Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct . 2011 @ 11:00 a.m.  <b>Venue:</b> Acton Trussell Community Hall.</p>	