

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE DACHSHUND BREED COUNCIL
6th May 2012

Acton Trussell, Bednell & Teddesley Community Hall. ST17 0RZ

Chair: Ian Seath

Secretary: Lesley Brown

Present:

Cambrian	Sue Hewart-Chambers	Karen Kennedy
Dachshund Club	Anne Moore	Jeff Horswell
Dachshund Club of Wales	Judith Armstrong	Morris Armstrong
E Counties DA	Wendy Hall	Gina Hardy
E Yorkshire DC	Irene Cook	
Lancs and Cheshire DC	Kathryn Bethel	
Long-haired DC	Delia Edwards	Mike Wedge
Midland DC	Flo Winchurch	Daniel Roberts
Miniature DC	Dawn Norton	Judy Squires
Northern Counties DA	Trish Hancock	Fran Mitchell
Northern LH D Br A	Andy Bethel	
Scottish DC	Edna Cooper	
Smooth-haired DC	Katherine Herrington	
Southern DA	Sue Ergis	Gina Salisbury
Ulster DC		
WEDA	Anne Jeffrey	Gill Goad
West Riding DC	Janet Kay	Valerie Skinner
Wire-haired DC	Joanne Lavin	

KC Liaison Representative: Zena Thorn-Andrews.

Chair H&W Sub Committee Roger Sainsbury

Coordinator Mentoring

Scheme Helen Geeson

Item	Subject	Resp. for actions
1	Apologies for absence Phil Rollinson, Lovaine Coxon, Zena Thorn-Andrews	
2	Minutes of the meeting held 02/10/11 (<i>previously circulated</i>) Minutes previously circulated of Oct 2 nd 2011 were proposed for acceptance by A Moore DC Seconded by Jo Lavin WHDC	
3	Matters arising from the Minutes There were no matters arising.	
4	Treasurer's Report Treasurer Reported that the Health Fund was set up with the £500 surplus from the DBC in 2011. Generous donations from Clubs and individuals have swelled the figure of the Health Fund to £1510. The DBC current account stands at £1864 following the successful Breed Conference.	

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5	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Secretary read correspondence from an exhibitor complaining that an unsound dog was given top awards at LKA. The exhibitor had reported this on the day to the LKA.</p> <p>Secretary of SHDC explained that the complaint had been dealt with by their Committee. Mr Horswell advised that the Breed Club should also have informed the KC of the complaint.</p> <p>A letter from the Great Joint DA with a donation of £200 to the Health Fund.</p> <p>A letter from the Chairman to the Chairman of the KCCT updating the Trust on progress with Lafora testing and thanking them for the generous donation (£5000) towards the screening programme.</p> <p>An e-mail regarding Judges being unaware that an ounce or two over 11 lbs was not a disqualifying fault. Also judges who seem unaware of the Breed Standard. Correspondent suggested a letter go out to judges re the Revised Breed Standard. After discussion it was suggested that the Secretary should write to A list judges including a leaflet explaining the latest requirements within the Breed Standard. Secretary suggested it be covered in a general update of the list and also include the DBC 'quick guide to the Breed Standard'.</p> <p>Action: Sec to cost printing address labels, letters, postage. Update A list judges.</p> <p>Chair had received a summary report from the KC on Judges' reports for Miniature Dachshunds. Most judges reported they were happy with the condition of Miniature Dachshunds.</p>	Lesley Brown
6	<p>KCBLC</p> <p>Jeff Horswell presented KCBLC report from Zena Thorn-Andrews in her absence.</p> <p>Three proposals from other breeds were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shi Tzus regarding JW Regulations. Prop. Fran Mitchell, Sec. Gill Goad; Agreed - Vizslas regarding registrations of two litters within a 12 month period. Prop. Anne Moore, Sec. Judith Armstrong; Agreed - Ridgebacks regarding Non-standard colours not being eligible for breeding. Jeff Horswell argued against supporting this and this was supported by the meeting <p>The Liaison Rep. was due for re-election for 2013-2015. Zena Thorn-Andrews was proposed to continue in this role.</p> <p>Action: Sec. To write to the KC with our nomination.</p>	Lesley Brown

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7	<p>A2 and CC Approvals Summary of KC requests for A2 or CC approval. Approved. Colin Ashmore. Margaret Boulcott. Sue Holt. Tom Johnson, not approved.</p>	
8	<p>CC Allocation 2014 Six proposals had been put forward by Clubs. Chair asked for points of clarification by those Clubs. Jeff Horswell speaking for Dachshund Club's two options. First option contained no rotation. JC proposed – supported by Southern DA. Second option all coats Nationals have full coats CCs. Give Northern Counties a set so not disadvantaged. ECDA and WEDA rotation – 3rd year 4th set to L and C. Eastern Counties Gina Hardy outlined their proposal with paired Clubs gaining CCs. SDC commented three sets of CCs was not viable for a Champ Show.. The point was made that Great Joint Clubs appoint choice of Judges twice. LHDC support DC's first option. Midland DC indicate cost of venue prohibits losing a set of CCs. Propose to give Standard Smooth CCs and swap set of Mini Smooth CCs. WEDA were asked if they had a clear proposal rather than the request put forward. It was decided to vote on the six proposals in a paper vote. Before voting Chair reminded Clubs this was a unique opportunity to look at CC allocation.</p> <p>Result of voting was an even split between DC's first and second proposals. Chair commented if after a second vote it was undecided we would have to ask the KC to decide. A second vote was taken with show of hands. Result: JH Option 1: 9 in favour. JC Option 2: 8 in favour. Chair suggested sending all the voting results to the KC as supporting information, with the final Council vote in favour of DC option 1.</p> <p>Action: Chair to send results to KC. JH to act for DBC with KC in case any clarification was needed.</p>	Ian Seath
9	<p>Breed Standard Colour Clause Chair read a letter from the KC (previously circulated) with a revised Colour Clause. Min Club commented colours should be unacceptable purely on health grounds. DC commented judges should not place a dog if it is an unacceptable colour. DC proposed the Breed Council accept the revised colour clause. Proposed Anne Moore (DC). Seconded Sue Hewart-Chambers (Cambrian). All in support.</p> <p>Action: Write to KC to confirm our acceptance of the revised Colour Clause.</p>	Ian Seath
10	<p>Health and Welfare</p>	

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10.1	<p>IVDD</p> <p>H&W Chair circulated a handout with IVDD data from the recent health survey. He explained there was good evidence of a genetic factor at play and recommended we continue to support the AHT DNA research.</p>	
10.2	<p>Lafora Disease (MWHD)</p> <p>Jo Lavin read a report from the WHDC. The German Data/Results have been disappointing as they had not been able to separate Clear/Carrier results. The Club had referred back to the Canadian lab for a Clear and Carrier Test. Both blood and saliva test samples were sent to Canada in March for a research assessment of the viability of a saliva test. Results will be published ASAP.</p> <p>Action: Publish Canadian Lafora Test results, once they are available. The WHDC also reported that there had been some unpleasant behaviour towards volunteer testers at show testing sessions. The Chair thanked Clubs for their cooperation and financial support for the screening programme.</p>	WHDC
10.3	<p>Eye Disease (Miniatures)</p> <p>Judy Squires reported Mini Wires were the most recent variety to be added to the cord1 screening programme and the Mini Club check all dogs in the Breed Record Supplement to identify untested dogs producing Affected puppies. Warning letters are then sent, by the KC, to these breeders.</p> <p>Keiko Miyadera is still working on the second mutation that affects age of onset for PRA.</p> <p>Distichiasis (ML) has been found by the AHT during PRA research testing. It was noted 42% Mini Longs had Distichiasis. AHT are willing to do research if provided with samples. It was suggested that testing by AHT could be done at the Min Club Show free of charge (funded by DBC, Mini Club and LHDC) to establish a base level for the condition. This will give the AHT data to pursue gene research, if appropriate.</p> <p>Judy Squires also proposed eye exams could take place at the Min Show and the Long Haired Show. Chair proposed the Breed Council strongly encouraged BVA eye test as it is of value in addition to cord1 testing. He suggested testing sessions at the relevant Clubs would be useful.</p> <p>Action: Min Club and LHDC to liaise and arrange eye testing sessions.</p>	Mini DC/ LHDC

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10.4	<p>Health Survey 2012 Roger Sainsbury reported preliminary findings from the Dachs-Life 2012 Survey. IVDD prevalence was highest in SS, MS and MW dogs over the age of 5. Neurological findings – of 11 epilepsy cases, 7 were Mini Long Hairs. Results show 7.5% of Mini Wires have Lafora's. Distichiasis reported in MLH was lower than that found by the AHT during their PRA research. Skeletal problems showed the usual range in older dogs. There were 11 cases of Patella Luxation in Miniatures. Chair pointed out that it is easy to screen for Patella Luxation and it could be quite easy to set up a screening session at a Show. He thanked Roger Sainsbury for his input.</p> <p>Action: Full Survey results to be published on the DBC Health website.</p>	Roger Sainsbury/ Ian Seath
11	Education and Training	
11.1	<p>Mentoring Scheme Helen Geeson provided an update on her proposals for the development of the Mentoring Scheme . Suggested a three-tiered system – New to Breed/New to Judge/and number for A2/A3 List. Mentored student to be paired and sit with experienced Judges. The details were provided as handouts for each Club and HG asked for comments/feedback once Clubs had had a chance to review the proposals.</p> <p>Action: Finalise the format of the Mentoring Scheme based on Club feedback</p>	Helen Geeson
11.2	<p>Planned Education & Assessment Events DC and ECDA were planning to run a joint seminar.. SDA advised that the GJDA Clubs also hoped to run a seminar in the Autumn.</p>	
12	<p>Communications Action: Key points from the meeting would be announced in future BC Newsletters.</p>	Ian Seath
13	<p>Any other business Discover Dogs: Southern Dachshund Association had agreed with the Midland DC to take responsibility for the London events.</p>	Sue Ergis
14	<p>Date of Next Meeting 21st October – Sunday – 10.30 a.m. start - coffee at 10.00 a.m. Meeting closed 11.35 a.m.</p>	