

Dachshund Breed Council

Minutes of Meeting of The Dachshund Breed Council

Nov 1st 2009 at Acton Trussell Community Hall. 11 a.m.

Chair. Ian Seath

Present:

Secretary: Lesley Brown

Cambrian	Debbie Plant	Nici Jones
Dachshund Club	Anne Moore	Jeff Horswell
Dachshund Club of Wales	Judith Armstrong	Morris Armstrong
E Counties DA	Anita McCarthy	
E Yorkshire DC	Irene Cook	Katherine Herrington
Lancs and Cheshire DC	Kath Bethel	
Long-haired DC	Trevor Watkins	Delia Edwards
Midland DC	Flo Winchurch	Gladys Mead
Miniature DC	Judy Squires	
Northern DA	Chris Moore	
N Eastern DC	Margaret Turner	
Northern LH D Br A	Andy Bethel	
Scottish DC	Edna Cooper	Lesley McNaughton/Vivienne Dunbar
Smooth-haired DC	Lovaine Coxon	
Southern DA	Sue Ergis	Gina Salisbury
Ulster DC	Apologies	
WEDA	Apologies	
West Riding	Kevin Hurst	Valerie Skinner
Wire-haired DC	Phil Rollinson	

Dr Ruth Barbour chair of the KC Breed Health and Welfare Strategy group addressed the Breed Council prior to the start of the meeting. She gave a brief outline of the work the KC group are doing and outlined some of the traffic light system in operation of various breeds. She congratulated the DBC on our proactive approach to H&W issues and for our input on updating the Breed Standard.

Dr Barbour's address was well received and chair thanked Dr Barbour on behalf of the breed clubs.

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Item	Discussion, Decisions and Action Points	Responsibility
1	<p><u>Apologies for absence</u> Ann Jeffrey & Pat Rees (WEDA), Dawn Norton (Min DC), Lesley Patton WHDC & Ulster, Clare Bethel (SHDC), Zena Thorn Andrews.</p>	Lesley Brown
2	<p><u>Minutes of the Meeting held 10/05/09</u> Minutes previously circulated were read by Secretary and accepted as a true reflection of the May 10th Meeting. Minutes proposed V. Skinner West Riding DC Seconded Flo Winchurch, Midland DC.</p>	Lesley Brown
3	<p><u>Matters arising from the Minutes</u> LHDC asked if WEDA (R Sainsbury lead) had produced the Breed Health publication for DBC to distribute to vets. Chair asked do clubs still want a document to circulate to general practice vets? All showed affirmative. Action: Secretary to follow up with WEDA. LHDC asked if the criteria for the judges list is now in place. Sec answered that the 2010 list will contain the revised criteria. This was also covered in next item.</p>	Lesley Brown
4	<p><u>Correspondence</u> Secretary read out correspondence not covered by agenda items. <u>Correspondence with KC re changes to judges list criteria.</u> Sec read out the changed criteria. Both proposals made at the May 10th meeting are now approved and will be implemented in the judges list for 2010. <u>Miniature Club</u> asked that the DBC should write to General Championship Shows requesting Minor Puppy classes, as it was felt that the number of entries in puppy classes has seen a large increase. DC proposed – Individual Clubs to write to General Championship Shows for Minor Puppy classes. Seconded Gladys Mead, Midland DC. <u>KC review of Breed Standards</u> In order to amend the weighing clause in the Breed Standard, proposed and seconded at the May 10th Meeting, the KC requires a new request for this. (See item 5) <u>WEDA</u> letter asking why a proposal made by WEDA at the last meeting was not voted on or mentioned in the Minutes. Full discussion followed pointing out that it was in the Minutes and that no vote took place as no club seconded the proposal. Sec reported that this had been dealt with at a committee meeting of WEDA and would report back as WEDA were absent at this meeting.</p>	Lesley Brown

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	<u>E Yorks letter re: A2 & CC approval</u> to be addressed in Item 7.	
5	<p><u>Dachshund Breed Standard</u> Jeff Horswell read out Zena’s report... Double Dapple matings – progeny will no longer be registered on H & W grounds is in place. Also query on brindle matings/progeny. i.e. progeny cannot be registered as brindle unless one parent is a brindle. Revised list of colours is now in place. Ireland and export of dogs to Ireland of small mini i.e. Kaninchens: Ir KC will recognise small minis as Kaninchens. Interim Breed Standard is now in place as the Breed Standard. It was agreed at the May meeting that there is now no need for the clause on “thin and undernourished ” dogs as the KC H&W guidance to judges fully covers potential problems. (see item 4.)</p> <p>Dachshund Club Proposed (J Horswell): “To remove the clause on ‘thin and undernourished’ dogs from the Breed Standard.” Seconded Min Club (J Squires), Carried unanimously. Action: Chair to re-submit proposal.</p> <p><u>Weighing of Miniature Dachshunds</u> There are concerns that some judges are still out of touch with the breed standard and regulations regarding weighing of miniatures. There have been instances of judges dismissing dogs from the ring. Min. Club asked that an information sheet be included in each Judge’s pack for Miniature judging appointments. Proposed NLHBrA, Seconded LHDC Action: All Clubs to provide the updated information sheet in Judge’s Packs.</p>	Ian Seath
6	<p><u>Inter-varietal Matings</u> J. Horswell reported the KC had agreed to require health screening of both parents, but there has so far not been any application for registration. He also advised that, because of reciprocal agreements between Kennel Clubs, any dogs already registered abroad would have to be accepted for registration in the UK.</p>	
7	<p><u>A2 & CC Approvals</u> Secretary read letter from E. Yorks DC regarding Breed Specialist and All-Rounder judges going through to the A2 list. It was felt there was a need for information on assessments and written papers passed to be stated in more detail on forms coming through from the KC. Sec. also raised subject of KC Evaluators for first time judges of CCs. It is extremely difficult to find willing volunteers from the KC list supplied. Sec. generally rings 6 relevant people who are geographically near the venue and after 6 negatives has to leave it</p>	Lesley Brown & Irene Cook

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	to the KC to allocate their own Evaluator. After discussion it was decided to continue with the current approach, but to advise the KC if people on their lists confirmed they did not wish to act as Evaluators.	
8	<p><u>Breed Conference</u></p> <p>It was confirmed that plans and for the Dachshund Breed Conference were well under way. Jeff Horswell to lead presentation on the Revised Breed Standard. Lesley Patton responsible for Hands-on session and dogs to be brought for this. Anne Moore responsible for Lunch and refreshments. There will be a DVD of the Conference available for sale. Secretary reported a rapid take-up of places and a waiting list approaching 20. Chair reiterated that there is clearly a need to run seminars regionally. Anne Moore (H&W sub- committee) advised of a need for Stewarding Seminars. Chair directed item to AOB.</p>	
9	<p><u>Health & welfare</u></p> <p>Sub headed 9.1 – 9.5</p>	
9.1	<p><u>Health Plans</u></p> <p>Anne Moore – lead: The H&W Sub-committee had nothing to report at this time. All relevant matters were covered by the agenda (below).</p>	Anne Moore & Ian Seath
9.2	<p><u>Cord 1 Retinal Degeneration MLHD</u></p> <p>LHDC and Min. DC presented feedback from their meeting with J Sampson. A request for a control scheme for cord1 DNA testing of MLHD to stop the registration of “Affected” dogs was not agreed as there is currently not a high enough rate of testing. This will be reconsidered when it can be demonstrated that 70% of dogs are being tested. A letter from the KC re DNA testing has been circulated to all breeders registering litters of MLHD.</p>	Judy Squires & Trevor Watkins
9.3	<p><u>Cord 1 Retinal Degeneration MSHD</u></p> <p>SHC reported all going well and moving forward. Min. Club had nothing to update re: PRA and testing. The public seemed to be more aware of testing and of seeking a responsible breeder.</p>	Lovaine Coxon & Judy Squires
9.4	<p><u>Epilepsy (Incl. Lafora’s) Update on progress & plans</u></p> <p>P Rollinson read Lesley Patton’s report and recommendations for a Lafora’s screening programme. WHDC asked for space at Breed Club shows for testing to take place. Possibility for testing and</p>	Lesley Patton

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	<p>Proposed: J Horswell (DC), Seconded: V Skinner (WRDA) Carried. (No abstentions) Action: Secretary to write to the judges to inform of the Breed Council's decision.</p>	Lesley Brown
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DONM: Sunday 18th April. 2010 @ 11:00 a.m.

Venue: Acton Trussell Community Hall.