

THE DACHSHUND BREED COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 24th 2013
Acton Trussell, Bednell & Teddesley Community Hall. ST17 0RZ

Minutes of the meeting

Present:

Chair Ian Seath

Secretary: Lesley Brown

Treasurer Katherine Herrington

KC Breed Liaison Officer

Health Coordinator

Health & Welfare

Mentoring/Education Coordinator

Discover Dogs Coordinator

Zena Thorn Andrews

Roger Sainsbury

Judy Squires

Helen Geeson

Ian Smith

Cambrian

Apologies

Dachshund Club

Anne Moore

Dachshund Club of Wales

E Counties DA

Wendy Hall

E Yorkshire DC

Katherine Herrington

Lancs and Cheshire DC

Kathryn Bethel

Long-haired DC

Janet Geeson

Midland DC

Daniel Roberts

Miniature DC

P Phillips

Judy Squires

Northern Counties DA

Apologies

Northern LH D Br A

Andy Bethel

Scottish DC

Apologies

Smooth-haired DC

Katherine Herrington

Lovaine Coxan

Southern DA

Jenny Rowe

Gina Salisbury

Ulster DC

WEDA

Gill Goad

Roger Hayward

West Riding

Celia Mortlock

Wire-haired DC

Mandy Dance

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Item	Subject	Actions
1	<p>Apologies for absence. Cambrian, Northern Counties, Scottish DC, Sue Ergis, Irene Cook, Flo Winchurch, Gina Hardy.</p>	
1.1	<p>Vice-Chairman Mrs Anne Moore was proposed and unanimously elected Vice Chair to serve a one year term of office. Proposed Judy Squires Seconded Katherine Herrington.</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of the meeting held 21/04/13 (previously circulated) Minutes accepted as a true reflection of previous meeting Proposed Gina Salisbury Seconded Judy Squires. The Minutes were signed by the Chairman.</p>	
3	<p>Matters arising from the Minutes There were no matters arising.</p>	
4	<p>Treasurer's Report Health Account balance £4816.50 A donation of circa £10,000 was expected from Di Reid-Handy (Winny Fund or IVDD). Current Account balance £868.07 It had previously been agreed that contributions towards the expenses of Discover Dogs would be paid by the Clubs to the Breed Council, instead of to the Midland DC. Action: A total of £90 had been received and those clubs who had not paid were asked to send their £10 to the Treasurer. Action: The Treasurer asked clubs to come to the AGM with proposals for a single level of donation to support DD. Action: the Midland DC and SDA were asked to provide advice on the typical costs of printing materials for the DD events.</p>	<p>All Clubs All Clubs MDC, SDA</p>
5	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Stoneleigh Pet Show – this event clashes with Houndshow and Paignton so delegates felt it would be difficult to find committee volunteers to cover it. Action: Invite the Pet Advisor team to coordinate this event on our behalf. (b) Scottish Dachshund Club had written regarding Judging List criteria – to be discussed under Item 7 (c) Newsletters had been received from the AHT and Liverpool University Vet School 	<p>Ian Seath</p>

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6	<p>KCBLC Mrs Thorn-Andrews congratulated the Breed Council on its achievements in winning awards at the KC/KarltonIndex Health Awards 2013. She said the KC had provided new guidelines for the appointment of CC judges which she would pass to the Secretary. Action: Circulate the new guidance. She reported on matters that had been raised at the Liaison Council: registrations of non-standard colours, JW points system, partnership ownership regulations and Special award classes all of which were under discussion by the appropriate KC committee. 3 proposals were supported by the delegates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Judging contracts should include a requirement to send critiques to the show Secretary, DW and OD - 5 generation pedigrees should be required for all imported dogs (currently 3 gen.) - A2 assessments should be carried out at Open Shows prior to a CC appointment rather than an evaluation at the first appointment <p>The next meeting was planned for 25/5/14. The meeting thanked Mrs Thorn-Andrews for her report.</p>	Lesley Brown
7	<p>A2 and CC Approvals The Secretary reported on A2 and CC approval forms received since the previous meeting and reminded all Clubs of the importance of responding to these. Action: All Clubs to provide feedback on CC/A2 Forms. The 2014 Judging Lists would be compiled during December 2013. Action: Send any changes plus B or C List CV to the Secretary. The SHDC expressed concerns that some A2 applications for Breed Specialists had been turned down by the KC and no satisfactory explanation had been received. In contrast, applications from All-rounders seemed to be approved irrespective of the Clubs' opinions. Action: Secretary to write to the KC expressing our concerns over the lack of transparency in the approval process which made it impossible for candidates to identify what they needed to do in order to be approved. The Scottish DC had written to propose that A2/3 criteria be reduced from 300 to 250 dogs and 100 to 80 classes. Action: Clubs to consider this proposal in committee for discussion at the next meeting.</p>	<p>All Clubs</p> <p>All Clubs</p> <p>Lesley Brown</p> <p>All Clubs</p>
8	<p>CC allocation at General Championship shows. ECDA/WEDA proposals had been received for a reallocation of GCS CCs to make a more geographical balance and even spread through the year. Action: Clubs to review in committee and comment at the next meeting.</p>	All Clubs
9	Health and Welfare	

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9.1	<p>H&W Sub-committee Roger Sainsbury presented a summary of the current work of the H&W Sub-committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Helga Church had been appointed as a third Pet Advisor. - The AHT was being consulted about sample sizes for investigating Brittle Bone Disease, which has a high prevalence in European Wires. - A few cases of Liver Shunt had been reported and it was suggested that an information sheet should be added to the Health website. - The KC/AHT had initiated a piece of research into the canine genome and a number of Dachshund owners had been invited to participate. - The Pet Advisors report was read, including a proposal to submit to the KC on criteria or confirming Champion status, subject to relevant health testing. Action: Clubs to discuss in committee prior to next meeting. <p>Helen Geeson presented a summary of the FCI's guidance on breeding strategies for potential adoption into the Dachshund Health Strategy. Action: Clubs to provide feedback on the FCI document.</p>	<p>Ian Seath</p> <p>All Clubs</p> <p>All Clubs</p>
9.2	<p>IVDD Gina Salisbury provided an update on progress with the AHT 's IVDD DNA research project, explaining that there was still a shortfall in the required number of samples. Action: Chase offers of samples. The Chairman reported that Fitzpatrick Referrals had offered to host a Neurology seminar in the New Year.</p>	<p>Gina Salisbury</p>
9.3	<p>Lafora Disease (MWHD) Sue Holt provided an update on progress with the full DNA screening test and advice for MWHD breeders. Of the 322 dogs tested, results consistently showed 10% to be Affected. The Breed Records Supplement for Q3 2013 showed 82 puppies were bred from "safe" mating and 103 from "unsafe" matings. The KC had been supplied with information on the Canadian test. Roger Sainsbury proposed and Anne Moore seconded a proposal that the KC be asked to make the Lafora Test "Official", so that results could be recorded on Mate Select and Registration documents. Unanimously supported. Action: Make formal request to the KC. The KC would then be asked to write to owners of MWs to advise them of the importance of the test and results would be monitored in the same way as cord1, with "warning letters" sent to people breeding Affected puppies.</p>	<p>Roger Sainsbury</p>
9.4	<p>Eye Disease (Miniatures) Mrs Squires confirmed that warning letters are continuing to be sent via the KC to anyone breeding cord1 Affected puppies. The number of dogs screened for Distichiasis at the Houndshow had been disappointingly low and a further session was planned for the Mini Club show in Feb. 2014.</p>	<p>Min. DC</p>

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9.5	<p>KC Breed Watch Judy Squires confirmed that the Min. DC had been asked by the KC for its opinion on Miniature Dachshunds being moved onto Breed Watch Category 2 with respect to concerns about body condition. She advised that the Min. DC had responded to the KC to support this proposal.</p>	
10	<p>Education and Training</p>	
10.1	<p>Mentoring Scheme No new applicants had joined the scheme.</p>	
10.2	<p>Planned Education & Assessment Events WR & EY seminar and hands-on (with Borzois) 16/3/14 Dachshund Club – A2 assessment and seminar 19/7/14</p>	
11	<p>Discover Dogs Ian Smith provided an update on arrangements for Discover Dogs at Crufts. He still had a few gaps to fill, but was confident of finding volunteers.</p>	Ian Smith
12	<p>Code of Ethics. Social Media follow up from last meeting, it was proposed that a clause to cover inappropriate remarks via social media be added to our Code of Ethics. Proposed Gina Salisbury, Seconded Lovaine Coxon. 10 in favour, 0 against, 2 abstained. Action: Secretary to write to KC to request the addition to our CoE.</p>	Lesley Brown
13	<p>Items from Smooth Haired Dachshund Club.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The SHDC pointed out that all Judges should judge using the KC Breed Standard at all UK shows and not the FCI standard. 2. Some adverse comments had been made to Judges before and after judging re temperament of Smooth Haired Dachshunds. Following discussion it was agreed that advice on temperament and judging procedures should be included in Mentoring and Seminars, and that this applied to all six varieties of Dachshund. It was also suggested that the SHDC may wish to seek further advice from the KC on approaches to temperament testing in the ring. 	All Clubs SHDC
13	<p>Communications The Chairman confirmed that the meeting's key messages would be included in the BC Newsletter.</p>	Ian Seath

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14	<p>Any other business</p> <p>WEDA: Details of a prolific breeder of MS were provided, from the Breed Record Supplement. The Chair agreed to discuss this with the KC's ABS Manager.</p> <p>SDA: A question was asked about the support of Breed Rescue following Val Skinner's retirement. It was reported that the organisation of Rescue was being reviewed by the Trustees.</p> <p>Min. DC: It was suggested that Clubs who cannot send their normal Officers as representatives to the Council meeting should encourage other committee members to attend instead and that this would be preferable to having no representatives.</p>	<p>Ian Seath</p> <p>All Clubs</p>
15	<p>Date of Next Meeting & AGM</p> <p>18th May 2014</p>	Lesley Brown