

Dachshund Breed Council Meeting, 14 May 2017
Acton Trussell, Bednell, Teddesley Community Hall ST17 0RZ

Officers Present:

Ian Seath (Chair)
 Katherine Herrington (Treasurer)
 Pauline Kerslake (Secretary)
 Anne Moore (Vice Chair)

Dachshund Club	Lynda Billingham
Dachshund Club of Wales	Judith Armstrong – Christine Sheppard
Eastern Counties DA	Minna Hagan – Wendy Hall
East Yorkshire DC	Katherine Herrington
Kennel Club Liaison Rep.	-
Lancs & Cheshire DC	-
Longhaired DC	Annette Latham-Jackson – Janet Geeson
Midland DC	Daniel Roberts - Ian Smith
Miniature DC	Dawn Norton -Judy Squires (Health)
Northern Counties	-
Northern LHDBrA	-
Scottish DC	-
Smooth Haired C	Katherine Herrington
Southern DA	Sue Ergis – Tina West
WEDA	Roger Hayward
West Riding DA	Janet Kay
Wire Haired DC	Anne Moore
Health Committee	Helen Geeson

Item	Subject	Action
1	Apologies for absence: Andy Bethel, Irene Cook, Fran Mitchell, Michael Paget, Christine Russell, Zena Thorn-Andrews, Roger Sainsbury, Gina Salisbury, Lois Wilkinson.	
2	Minutes of the meeting held 02/10/2016 (previously circulated) Minutes accepted as a true record: Proposed Judy Squires. Seconded: Janet Kay	
3	Matters Arising: 8.2. KC proposal to reduce the number of dogs judged from 300 to 250 for CC approval. A letter had been received from the KC confirming their decision to reduce the number of dogs judged from 300 to 250 for CC approval.	
4	Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reported the accounts were in order. Health Account: £27,852.00 Current Account: £1,574.08	

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5	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>The Chairman had received correspondence from a person making a complaint against a Dachshund Breed Club Official who they say had allowed their miniature PRA Carrier stud dog to be mated to a bitch with no record of eye testing. A letter of reply will set out the latest research evidence in relation to PRA in miniatures. The Breed Council members were reminded that it is important they lead by example where test recommendations were made by the Health Committee.</p> <p>A set of 6 Dachshund Club award spoons had been received by Jennifer Matthews, the daughter of a recently deceased exhibitor of Standard Wire dachshunds who exhibited under the affix of Tanglewood. Lynda Billinghamurst to send a letter of thanks to Mrs Matthews.</p> <p>A letter received from the Dachshund Club of Wales requesting the Dachshund Club be more considerate to other Clubs when listing their show dates in the Dachshund Club newsletter.</p>	<p>I Seath P Kerslake</p> <p>L Billinghamurst</p> <p>Dachshund Club</p>
6	<p>KCBLC:</p> <p>The Chairman read out the report provided by the KC Liaison Representative, Zena Thorn-Andrews. (Copy attached).</p>	
7	<p>Health and Welfare</p>	
7.1	<p>Health and Welfare Sub-committee:</p> <p>Helen Geeson read out Roger Sainsbury's Health and Welfare report (copy attached).</p>	
7.2	<p>IVDD</p> <p>To provide an update on progress with the X-ray screening programme. (Contained in Roger Sainsbury's Health and Welfare report)</p>	<p>Ian Seath</p>
7.3	<p>Lafora Disease (MWHD):</p> <p><u>Lafora Update Spring 2017</u></p> <p><i>Since last year there have been a further 2 testing sessions. In Autumn 2016, 49 tests were carried out and on 29th March 2017 a further 38 tests were sent for analysis. We are still awaiting the results from March but from all the previous results, the incidence remains largely in line with our earlier findings of 10% Affected, 40% Clear and 50% Carrier.</i></p> <p><i>There are more "safe" litters now being bred and Ian Seath publishes the analysis of safe / unsafe mating combinations in the Newsletter.</i></p> <p><i>The Animal Health Trust is continuing to use saliva samples to test out the reliability of the saliva Lafora test they are developing and we have sent swabs from our last 2 testing sessions so that we can compare results. We are planning to send extra samples from an upcoming Championship Show so that they have the numbers they need to finalise their trial.</i></p> <p><i>We are seeing more requests from vets who are using our test for diagnosis and in the last 2 batches we have seen samples from Basset Hounds. Requests from overseas are also coming to us as awareness is growing about Lafora Disease.</i></p> <p><i>We plan to hold the next testing session in Autumn 2017 and we already have requests for application forms.</i></p>	

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7.4	Eye Disease (Miniatures): <i>(Contained in Roger Sainsbury's Health and Welfare report).</i> Stud dog owners should ensure bitches coming to them are tested prior to mating. On 25/3/18 at the Wire Haired Club show there will be a physical eye test/health/distichiasis available with Roger Goodyear at Sky Blue.	All Clubs
7.5	Registration of "Recessives" Ian Seath read out a report prepared by Roger Sainsbury. (Copy attached).	
7.6	Coat Colour registration lists The KC's current list of registration colours for all dachshund varieties are unacceptable. The KC to be requested to update lists of registration colours as prepared by Helen Geeson. Anne Moore proposed the list as presented. Seconded: Daniel Roberts.	H Geeson
8	Judging, Education and Training	
8.1	Judging List and Education Sub-committee: The 2017 judging list had been accepted without any problems. Only one person had applied for the Mentoring Scheme. Four judges had to be chased-up to provide critiques. The JSC to present recommendations and actions needed to support the new Judging Framework at the next BC Meeting.	Judges Sub-Committee
8.2	A2 and CC Approvals Mrs Herrington presented the list of KC approvals for awarding CC's. The DBC Judges Sub-Committee will now be responsible for assessing a person's criteria compliance and suitability to award CC's.	Judges Sub Committee
8.3	Planned Education and Assessment Events: WHDC – Seminar and Grooming Talk – 4 November 2017 LHDC/DC – 23 July 2017 – A2 Assessment and Seminar. <i>(The LHDC/DC to share any FAQ lists on the new Judging Framework after the joint seminar).</i> Dachshund Club of Wales – 4 June 2017 - A2 Assessment. The JSC was asked to present a summary of Breed Club requirements of the new JCF at the next meeting.	L Billinghamurst A Latham-Jackson JSC
9	Calibration of Scales The clubs confirmed that they each make their own arrangements to ensure their scales comply with the current regulation; i.e. <i>"If a society/club and/or judge wish to weigh Miniature Dachshunds at a show the intention to do so must be clearly stated in the show schedule, and a certified weighing machine must be provided. The intention to weigh must be agreed in writing between the judge and the society/club in good time prior to the show and on the day of the show each new dog must be weighed by the judge or with the judge observing."</i>	All Clubs

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10	<p>Use of Social Media Concern was raised over the use of Social Media, in a negative way, by Officers of the Breed Council about Dachshund Breed Clubs and their show requirements. A request was made that everyone reviews the Social Media rules and regulations supplied by both the Breed Council and the Kennel Club.</p>	All Clubs
11	<p>Discover Dogs Discover Dogs at Crufts had once again been a success. More volunteers would be welcome as this year Saturday and Sunday were extremely busy. The displays are now looking a bit tired. Booths need to look more professional. £276.73 is available for new equipment etc.</p>	I Smith
12	<p>Communications: The Chairman to update the DBC website.</p>	I Seath
13	<p>Any Other Business The Vice Chair to attend a health seminar on Hemangiosarcoma at DCW and will report back.</p> <p>Janet Kay asked if Clubs would communicate more with each other when booking shows to avoid clashing of dates.</p> <p>All Clubs to send their show dates to the Secretary as soon as they are booked.</p> <p>There being no further business the meeting closed at 1.55p.m.</p>	<p>A Moore</p> <p>All Clubs</p> <p>P Kerlake</p>
14	<p>Date of Next Meeting: Sunday, 29 October 2017, 11:00am, Acton Trussell</p>	P Kerlake