



UK SIGHTHOUND SPORT

AGENDA of AGM Sunday 17th March 2019, 1.30 pm
Down Ampney Village Hall, Cirencester, GL7 5 QR

1. Opening and apologies

Present: Jan Doherty, Tracy Chamberlain, Sharon Dagleish, Gill McLatchie, Susie Logan, Bernadett Nagy, Gyula Gazt, Carol Edgington, Phil Edgington, Mike Florek, Duncan Nicholls, Greg McLatchie, Penny Abbott, Martin Abbott, Caroline Osborne, Fleur Chant, Freddie

Apologies:

Kate Bent, Elizabeth Johnstone, Alec Dagleish, Iain Logan, KarenFisher, Catriona Ryan, Heidi Kreipe
Meeting open: 1.34

2. Chairman's report

We held 2 Opens and our first Champs in 2018, and awarded our first LCCs. The highlight of the year was the first British team attending ECC in Denmark and achieving 2 podium places. 7 whippets also travelled to Holland where 6 earned podium places proving the Brits are a force to be reckoned with! 2019 ECC will take place in Estonia, we hope to send a small team, should Brexit allow. 2019 we will run 3 Championship meetings, and continue to bring in FCI judges as well as train up UK judges. We are continuing to push for KC recognition of our sport, though it is slow progress. We have welcomed Phil Edgington and Gyula Gazt to our committee who will be great assets. We wish all members a successful season but would like to remind you that you run your dogs at your own risk.

3. Treasurer's report

We made a small loss of £50. Our main expenses are associated with judges expenses, though we make every effort to keep flights and accommodation etc at a minimum. We need to grow the club and increase the number of entries to ensure sufficient income to break even. Our bank account has funds enough to cover all immediate expenses, and there is a further £214 in the Paypal account. We are very lucky that Sporting Whippet Club continues to loan us the equipment required to run our meetings.

4. General update & working party

A 'Working Party' is being formed separate to the UKSS committee to continue the efforts to get KC recognition. This is a structure already used by other 'canine activities'. If anyone has any connections within the KC we would welcome any assistance.
The KC have agreed to send an entry for ECC Estonia.

5. Other news and announcements.

Grounds – we are actively looking for grounds, ideally in the Oxfordsgire area. 20 acres of flat ground, sheep or dairy farm is perfect. If anyone has any connections or ideas we would be grateful. If there are no alternatives we shall return to Somerset for Summer champs. SWC will continue to run the lure – thank you.

Rules - We have introduced additional National Rules, that all judges will be supplied with supplementary to the FCI judges guide prior to any engagement.: -

All dogs running on a competition day are to be muzzled.

- I) Non-runners are to be retrieved and restrained by owner/handler at earliest opportunity whilst ensuring there is no distraction of the other dog.
- II) The course will be set and determined by UKSS committee.
- III) Any problems, questions or concerns are to be raised with the named Lure Coursing Director.
- IV) A non-runner shall be given a DISMISSAL and *not* a DISQUALIFICATION

Refreshments – we will no longer have refreshments available at meetings. Thank you Susie Logan for providing the stall through 2018.

6. Change of year end.

A change from 28 February to 31 December was proposed by Sharon Dalgleish, Seconded Penny Abbott, agreed by all.

9. Any other business

A thank you from Susie.

Sharon mentioned SWC was investing in new equipment which would lead to improvement in the running of UKSS meets.

Meeting close: 2.15