



UKSS Annual General Meeting (AGM)

13 February 2022

Meeting minutes

1. Opening and apologies

Meeting opened: 10:05 am

Attendees: Sharon Dalglish, Bernadett Nagy, Gill McLatchie, Lina Höggren, Michael Florek, Greg McLatchie, Philip Edgington, Gyula Gaszt, Catriona Ryan, Dawn Stockley, Sue Virgo, Robyn Sayles, Sarah Meadham, Tracy Chamberlain, Natasha Hamilton, Liz Hales, Gay Robertson, Peter Gaffney, Elaine Jenkinsen, Masha Shaverneva, Oxana Grigorenko, Lilah Wainman, Kate Bent, Carol Edgington, Martin Abbott,

Apologies sent: Elizabeth and David Johnston, Judith Lucas, Corinne Walton

2. Minutes of last meeting

Proposed: Catriona Ryan

Seconded: Dawn Stockley

3. Matters arising

GR confirms her name should be spelt as Robertson and not Robinson. This is spelt incorrectly at an item at the Working Party.

SD this will be rectified.

SD: we missed of an agenda point and it will be 5a – re-election of committee members.

4. Chairman's report

SD report's as follows:



The Club Continues to grow, and more sighthounds are coming.

2021 saw another year with covid with a later start to the season and sadly no European Judges.

We still ran three excellent Championship meetings with our UK judges and we are grateful to them all.

Michael Florek became the first judge to go through our training programme and passed the exam with flying colours. We hope to have more in the forthcoming season .

We held two successful training days with Sporting Whippet Club and the upcoming Trials day in March has been advertised in the breed notes of all sighthounds (including Italians) We have had a lot of interest and I hope this season will see more Afghans Salukis Ibizans Borzoi and Magyar running.

We had Four new Champion crowned . The First Helen Williams Saluki Ch Al Zubeyda Lena at Kasaque. The First Afghan Hound, Elaine Booths Way Up Travis Scott ,the first Standard Whippet our very own Harerunner Holy Smoke and the first Pharoah Hound Alina Sveldenytes Bazinga Desert Dragoness.

The European Championships in Netherlands was another big high for our sport with the UK taking its largest team and gaining three podium places with Lynn Wards Saluki Nicolefarhi Del Borgihino, who went on to win the Bitch CC at Manchester Championship Show this year Robin Sayles Show Ch No Ch Se Ch Abbotsoak Music of the Night and Our own Whippet Harerunner Hurricane Fly gaining 4th place.

Its great to see top show dogs competing in the show ring and winning on the field proving that these dogs are fit for function.

At the end of the year our secretary Tracy stood down and we would like to thank her for her time on the committee. We now have a new Secretary and Registrar Bernadette who has been on the committee since we started and has Magyar agar and Lina Hoggren who has Salukis.

Both ladies are learning the job so please be patient with them.

We have a new committee member Robyn Sayles who has Ibizan Hounds and a great addition to the team.



We look forward to another successful year and wish you all safe running and success with your hounds.

5. Treasurer's report

GillM: all members received the treasurers report, we made a profit last year as we had no foreign judges which is a big cost to the club. From this year we will have foreign judges again so our costs will increase substantially. We will likely to have pay ground rent in the future.

SD: we have already paid £400 for a judge from Norway to come over for the Spring Championships. We need foreign judges, and everything is more expensive, including accommodation. We also need to contribute to equipment, we want to have our own equipment but we cannot achieve that yet.

SD: our prices will increase as follows:

- entry fee of first dog increases from £8 to £10, entry fee of second and any consecutive dogs increases from £6 to £8 with effect from the first entries submitted for the Summer Championships;
- license book fee increases from £5 to £10 with effect from license applications submitted from 1 March 2022. This is a one-off charge.

This is still reasonable compared to other events and fees abroad.

Treasurer's report proposed Liz Hales

Secunder: Lilah Wainman

TC question: entry for European Championship £366,74, money received is different.

Gill: this is due to entry fee currency exchange rate differences.

Another question about expenses from this year – GillM confirmed this was an expense for this year already, including toilets that has gone up from £115 to £144.

5.a. Re-election of committee

Every committee member stays on the committee for 4years then they stand down and need re-electing. This year Gyula Gaszt and Phil Edington need to be re-elected; They both would like to stay on the committee.

Proposed: Cathriona Ryan



Seconded: Tracy Chamberlain

All in favour.

6. General update

SD updates the members as follows:

This year the Committee for Sighthound sports had their 5 year review and after a vote by the delegates voted to remove the measuring of Whippets and Italian Greyhounds at FCI Events. They are also introducing a two tier system whereby all dogs will have either a CACIL or CSS Licence. To gain a CACIL licence you need to have 2 Very Good placements at a European show.

This will not affect us in the UK but if we want to run in Europe we will need stickers on our licence to run there. We have stickers and will be issuing them at the first Championships.

We have a new coursing scoring system this year which we have got from the Netherlands. We hope it will make things easier for the secretarial team. We will be testing it out at trials day where we will be judging paired runs. I would like to thank Gyula for all the time he has put in to make this program work including translating it into English.

The first World Championships will be held in Finland this year.

The top 6 dogs and bitches from each breed will qualify. The closing date for UK dogs will be 17th April as the entry will be submitted to the Kennel Club to send to the Finnish Secretary.

All dogs attending will need a CACIL or CSS licence.

Raffle payments will be continuing to remain online to limit handling of tickets and cash.

7. Members enquires

a. Reminder on loose dogs

SD: Sarah Meadham raised there were a large number of loose dogs on the field last year. We should remind owners this can be very dangerous , thankfully we have not had any injuries but in order to prevent any injuries we ask members to check collars so dogs are kept under control on the day.

Peter G asks if we orange netting could be helpful, and we could use again.



TC, EJ do not recommend using them again due to hygiene and safety concerns. People need to be more careful and ask for help if they struggle to hold their dogs.

SD agrees we will not be using the orange net again.

CR, MS and GG suggest we should make the issue more prominent in the schedule, entry form, catalogue along with the £10 loose dog charge.

SD confirms the club will look into that.

b. Use of What3Words location, when possible

SD: we will look into using 'what3words' for the locations and publish it if we can to help people navigate to the field.

8. Other news and announcements

SD: KC discussed our proposal for the recognition, but they failed to send us a letter about it. KC acknowledged we were doing everything well and as we should be, but they have currently no resources to follow this through, but we do everything we can to encourage the KC to pick this up again as we are really keen to get recognised. Covid has not helped matters but we are hopeful we can organise a presentation for the KC at some point.

The Whippet Breed Council is very supportive so are other breed clubs and the KC is aware of that. Saluki and Deerhound club are supportive too. They write letters to KC to support us.

9. Any other business

SD: we thank Martin, Sarah for their fantastic photographs and every member who contributes to the photos every now and again. The club appreciates the work they put into this.

GR: 'racing and lure coursing' classes should be used as opposed to 'working' class if breed clubs propose to have such classes. 'Racing and lure coursing' applies to hounds, 'working' does not apply.

LH: asked if publications about the club can be on the website.

SD: the majority of these are publications and not available online but we do have certain achievements listed on the website like champions and European Championship achievements.

TC: asks if we can have the AGMs via Zoom as members do not have to travel.



SD: we are keeping it on Zoom for the time being.

Thank you for attending.

Meeting closed at 10:59am.