



## **UK SIGHTHOUND SPORT**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)**

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2023, 11.00 AM

Held via Zoom

#### **1. Opening and apologies**

Attendees: Sharon Dalgleish, Dawn Stockely, Judi Lucas, Robyn Styles, Lina Hoggren, James Allen, Martin and Penny Abbott, Angela Bayley, Stacey Haynes, Hilary Davies, Bernadett Nagy, Kate Bent, Lynn Ward, Simon Hutchinson, Catriona Ryan, Phil Edington, Carol Edington, Simon Hutchinson, Diana Webber, Nicole Rossa, Sarah Meadam, Liz Hales, 'Cat', 'Moein', Gay Robertson, Jan Wood, Elaine Booth, Judi Lucas, Angela Bayley, Natasha Hamilton.

Apologies sent by Jackie Jones, Kim Alexander-Scowen, Susan Shakespeare, Gretchen Elkerton, Helena Gaffney, Helen and Michael Williams, Sue Virgo. Lilah Wayman, Tracy Chamberlain, Denise Pitcher, Peter Gaffney

Meeting opened 11:02

#### **2. Minutes of last meeting**

PE to propose, KB to second.

#### **3. Matters arising**

##### **a. Volunteers required**

SD: we need volunteers albeit we have a strong committee, this will be on the entry and we would appreciate any small help.

b. Raffle purchase (online only)

SD: no raffle will be available on the day, therefore we do not have to handle cash. This will be on the website, on Facebook. We only sold raffles online last year.

GR: asked if we made a comparison as it seems we compromise revenue over convenience. SD confirms we did do a comparison.

c. SD: There is a Kennel Club survey on canine activities and Kennel Club is not added to it. There is a little box where you can write about lure coursing and we would like to urge as many people as possible to complete this survey as it will help us in the long run to gain recognition by The Kennel Club.

#### 4. Chairman's report

SD: In 2022 we were pleased to welcome back European Judges, Gier Hammer from Norway judged the Spring Championships , Orsolya Bali , Hungary, Judged at the summer Championships and Karin Koch and Anette Nyholm from Denmark judged at the Nationals alongside our National Judges.

The club continues to grow in popularity with many breeds attending our trials days, we look forward to seeing more Borzoi, Italians, Pharoahs, Afghans. Deerhounds and Ibizans amongst other breeds at our meeting in 2023.

We Had 11 new champions in all breeds this season:

Deerhound- Kirjojax Harris Jackie Wilce Quinton

The Magyar Agar Csodagar Csipkerozsa Rici Sveda

Pharoah Bazinga Desert Dragoness Alina Svaldenytes

Saluki Lux Ch Alishamar Roxanne Natasha Hamiltons

Ibizan Hound Abbotsoak Any Dream Will Do Vicky Woodward

Whippet Sprinter Bitches Carol & Phil Edgingtons Lavebella Lifes a Breeze & Gay Robertsons Moonlake Medium Blonde

Whippet Sprinter Dog Laurie Winter and Deb Yeats Zoraden Bright Star

Whippet Standard Bitch Kate Bents Veloxcanis Solis Venatrix

Standard Dog Alec And Sharon Dalgleish's Harerunner Hurricane Fly and Fierce Fireball Emeses Dream Well Done to you all!

The first world championships was held in Kalajoki Finland and the Uk sent a small but brave contingent including a Deerhound a Saluki an Afghan and Three whippets.

All were entered in the cacil classes held on the first day.

Two of the whippets gained podium places Nicole Rossas Ryemeadows Midnight Sun 4th and Jackie Jones Kenaiteen Blizzard at Silvergarth gaining a 6th place . Elaine Booths Afghan UK LCCh Way Up Travis Scott Gained a second position and a CAC.

The Word Championships will be held in Sweden this year and all qualifiers will be notified after the spring Championships.

This year we have lost a few of our committee members. Sue Virgo, Dawn Stockley Greg & Gill Mclatchie and Mike Florek. We thank them all for their time spent on the committee and they will be sadly missed

We have taken on a number of new members during the season

Kate Bent has taken over as treasurer, a thankless task for which we are extremely grateful, Elaine Booth ( Afghan) has joined us along with Jim Allen ( Saluki)and Simon Hutchinson ( Borzoi) we thank them for their commitment to the club

Finally This will be my last Agm as Chairman.

Alec and I will be starting a new life in Spain in the summer, it is a very exciting time for us.

I know I leave the club in excellent hands and feel it has a team that will keep it moving forward.

I will still work remotely to gain recognition for our sport and will be on hand to offer advice where needed.

I would like to thank my fellow committee members and all of you for your support and for making UKSS what it is. I feel very proud to have been a part of it.

I wish you all a successful and safe season

## **5. Treasurer's report**

The Accounts for 2022 were circulated with the AGM Agenda and Minutes from the 2022 AGM.

Opening Balance as of 01.01.22 - £5,633.86

The Spring, Summer and National Championships incomings and outgoings have been broken down individually, the 'profit' from each can be seen. Huge thanks must go to Dawn Stockley for her donation of £500 towards the costs of the Summer Trials and Championships, along with Liz Hales' providing and cooking hot lunches at the National Championships where she donated £73.71.

Other income was made up from Membership payments, Licences and three other generous donations. Lina Hoggren donated £50 to the Club, Liz Hales donated £200 towards a new printer for photographs for the Licences, and BSFA donated a sum of £762.35 following the dissolution of their club. We are all very grateful for these kind donations.

Other expenses were made up of the following:

Bank Fees – Lloyds Bank non sterling transactions when paying judges in a foreign currency and PayPal non Friends & Family fees when entries are, inadvertently, paid not using the Friends & Family option.

Licence Costs – including photo paper and folders.

Rosettes –

Communications – Web costs, postage, telephone and stationery costs.

Windbreaks and Flags – purchased with the help of the donation from BSFA, and looked fantastic at the National Championships.

Insurance – a cost shared with Sporting Whippet Club

Hire of Kit from Sporting Whippet Club – the Club uses all SWC equipment as UKSS do not own any.

Printer is still to be purchased.

Judges' accommodation for National Championship is yet to be paid as no invoice received.

Closing Balance as of 31.12.22 - £7,573.37

## **6. Election of Committee Members**

CR and SD are up for reelection. SD is willing to stay until she leaves for Spain and stands for reelection, supported by the Committee.

Propose DS, seconded J

## **7. General update**

SD: We have a venue for the Trials day: Starveall Farm, West Ilsley, Newbury, RG20 7 DN. Entries will be open shortly. Spring Championships are at Frampton, judges will be confirmed shortly. We are looking for a venue for the Summer Championship.

We will be applying for the Kennel Club recognition this year again. Wilhelm said regarding the CACIL qualification that they spoke to the FCI who said they could not do anything to help us unless it came from The Kennel Club. The FCI currently does not accept our show result to qualify for CACIL so we need KC recognition.

## **8. Members enquiries**

BN: no enquiries received.

## **9. Other news and announcements**

SD: we now do a Top Dog awards and we use the same calculation what we use for the World Championships. Trophies were sponsored by Sarah Meadham, Elaine Booth, Dawn Stockley, Sharon Dagleish. Ricsi Sveda himself made a quite a few and they look great.

BSFA trophies were donated to us and they will be used for Top Dogs Trophies.

These will be presented at the Spring Championships with a rosette.

## **10. Any other business**

GR: needs to know well before Christmas if the UKSS wants to organise the trials day at her location as it requires a lot of preparation. SD thanked GR for communicating this.

LW: enquired about the Doggear prizes for the Nationals. SD: they did not sponsor us last year because they didn't see our email on time, it went to their spam. They sent a parcel with prizes but they are not enough to sponsor an entire championship. We will reach out to them this year again.

CE: asked if whippets can be cleared for SWC on the trials day. SD: we can do measuring but it will be a UKSS event predominantly.

Liz H: asked if licensed dogs were needed to clear on trials day. SD: yes, that's always great to have.

DW: asked if a 9 year old can come to run on trials day. SD confirmed it can.

RS: asked if they could enter on behalf of someone else who is not good at technology. SD: confirmed it was ok.

DW: asked at what age can dogs start running full courses. SD: around 12 months old.

**Meeting closed at 11:41am.**