



AGM Minutes February 8,2026

Present: Sapphira Parker, Lynn Ward, Martin Abbott, Anne Cliverd, Verity Arbuthnot, Diane Gardner, Steve Gardner, Fay Sechari, Sarah Meadham, Nicole Rossa, Phil Edgington, James Allen, Lina Hoggren, Cherry McCredie, Elaine Jenkinson, Hilary and John Davies, Peter and Helena Gaffney, Kate Bent, Melanie Collins, Natasha Hamilton, Josie Manley, Sharon and Brian Tomkinson, Malcolm Rankine, Daniel and Emma Swilinski, Greg McLatchie, Angela Bayley, Cecilia Andersson, Diane Bowsher, Sue Meecham, Catherine Pearson, Liz Hales, Melanie Sampson (joined 1050am)

1. Apologies from: Carol Edgington, Lilah Wainman, Pat Chadwick, Fiona Graham, Elizabeth Johnstone, Carly Soffe

Meeting opened 10:31am

2. Minutes from previous meeting proposed by Lynn Ward and seconded by Greg Mclatchie

3. Matters arising: None

4. Chairmans report:

A brief recap of last season. We were back at West Ilsley for both our trials day and Spring Championship last year. A cold wind and challenging terrain are always features of this venue. The field team rose to the occasion and the courses they laid produced some memorable performances. A Deerhound, Beardswood Xanthe, earned the Best in Field becoming the first Deerhound to do so at UKSS.

At the Summer Championship, our event was held alongside the Hound Association's "Hound show "at Stafford showground. Over the weekend we held Trials, a popular "have a go" session open to all on Saturday, and our Summer Championship on Sunday. A huge effort was put in by the committee to organise the weekend and this was reflected in the positive feedback received. A well done to Runphar Tadita Atira gaining the Best in Field.

In the autumn, at Stratford, our National Championship saw another first. The event was a two-day competition. As we grow and entries become more numerous this allows us to run all who wish to enter in a more relaxed manner, though it brings new challenges for the committee and field team. A well-designed course and dogs in peak condition



led to some wonderful runs, and at the award ceremonies some surprised and emotional owners. Congratulations to Ryemeadows Precious Opal who took the Veloxcanis trophy for supreme Best in Field.

The 2025 season saw 7 new lure coursing champions, these were;

Lcch Coppermow Harfang avec Elstoto,

Lcch Qazal Sarbaz Har Kala Rachi (Imp Bel),

Lcch Phareal No Questions Asked at Runphar,

Lcch Wizzywips Heaven Sent,

LCCh Ger Ch Shiny Sensations For Your Eyes Only to Dapperdiva,

LCCh Mumtaz Caleche,

LCCh Rayma Xano-Xano I,

Trophies were also awarded as follows;

The My Way Trophy; Zafaraniyeh Dashte Margo

The Yazid Cup; Beardswood Xcaliber

Many Congratulations to all. Well done.

In May 2025, 18 Sighthounds representing the UK competed in the World Coursing Championship, held in Czechia. They all performed well at this top level and the 5 podium places achieved reflects this. Congratulations to all involved.

The 2026 World Coursing Championship is set to be held in Denmark and I hope we will be able to send a strong team to represent the UK.

As Stacy Haynes has resigned from the committee, I would like to thank her for her hard work and support, especially the newsletters and articles she produced which, I'm sure everybody thoroughly enjoyed, as did I.

I look forward to another year of wonderful coursing. I am sure that with the support of our members and help from volunteers we can run another successful season.



5. Treasurers report.

As shared with members by email before the meeting. The accounts have been independently verified.

Whippet of the Year- we sponsored an award for the best Racing/ Lure coursing dog. This cost £75.99 and is a very valued award. Thanks to Elaine Jenkinson for organizing.

Hiring costs, insurance and grounds continue to rise but the club is in a good position with our membership up by around 100% on last year.

KB wants to thank everyone for fast payments and it was much improved this year. Reminder to all that payments need to be made within 24 hrs of forms being submitted. We will not be chasing payments and you may find that your entry has not been accepted due to missing payments.

6. Officers and Committee

Stacey Haynes has resigned and we all want to say a massive thank you to her for all her hard work especially with all the incredible articles she wrote.

This leaves a vacancy on the committee and we urge any members that may be interested to email the club.

7. General Updates and News

2026 Season:

After the success of Nationals all championship events this year will be 2 days. We will start with a single trials day on the 29th March in collaboration with Sporting Whippet Club. UKSS will be handling all entries so keep a look out for when they open.

Spring Championship to be held at Braydon, Wiltshire on April 18-19th

Summer Championship location TBC but hopefully on June 27-28th

National Championship to be held at Stratford Racecourse on September 19-20th



We do our best to avoid clashing with Champion Shows, but it is impossible to avoid all shows. With events being over two days we will endeavor to accommodate breeds on either day to help if a show is also on the same weekend.

Congratulations to Whippiness Tornado Takeoff for winning Best R/LC at the Whippet of the Year Awards

NEW SCORING PROGRAM

We have been in talks with the developer of the scoring program that was used at the WCC in Czechia and is also being used at competitions all over Europe now. It will massively reduce admin time on the committee during the competition day and the judges as well. We are asking that members begin to register their dogs on the website in preparation for this change.

The website is www.coursing24.eu

Sapphira mentioned that she has registered her dogs on to it in preparation for some adventures abroad and it was pretty straightforward but can take a bit of time uploading the documents. We will look to release a “how to guide” to help members.

Kennel Club Recognition

Progress is in a lull with this and we are still aiming to achieve this goal as a club. If any members feel they could help with this, we would be grateful for you to email in.

8. Any Other Business

Verity asked about training, online seminars etc for fitness. Phil said that trial opportunities at events are a great place and more slots will be available over 2 day events. For fitness lots of walks. Liz mentioned finding hills for them to run up, beach running, swimming.



Diane Bowsher asked if the split of standard and sprinter whippets would be the same with the 2 day events. Phil, Sarah and Sapphira confirmed that the breed splits will be decided meeting by meeting. Sarah suggested we may look to split the whippets by sex rather than height class.

Lynn Ward wanted to thank the volunteers that help on the day and to request for new ones to try it out. It really makes a big difference.

Liz Hales wanted to thank the committee for all their hard work. Kate Bent thanked Liz for all her help too.

Question of when entries will open- Sarah Meadham said it will be around the end of February for Trials.

Phil thanked everyone for coming and is looking forward to the season

Meeting closed 11:04am