



BORDER COLLIE CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1 MARCH 2015 at 11.00 am
at WILLINGTON VILLAGE HALL
TWYFORD ROAD, WILLINGTON, DE65 6DE**

AGENDA

- 1 Apologies –**
- 2 Approval of Minutes of meeting held 30 March 2014**
- 3 Matters Arising From The Minutes**
- 4 Chairperson's Report**
- 5 Secretary's Report**
- 6 Treasurer's Report**
- 7 Officers and Committee**
 - **President** – Nomination received for re-election of Mrs Marion Hopkinson unopposed. To be confirmed at the AGM.
 - **Chairperson** - Nomination received for re-election of Mr Peter Simmons unopposed. To be confirmed at the AGM.
 - **Secretary** - Nomination received for re-election of Miss Anita Gowing unopposed. To be confirmed at the AGM.
 - **Treasurer** - Nomination received for re-election of Mr Doug Collier unopposed. To be confirmed at the AGM.
 - **Vice-Chair** – Mrs Pat Ward has not stood for re-election. The Club thanks her for the many years that she has been Vice-Chair. Nominations received for Ms Annette Walters & Mr Gary Clarke. A postal ballot is required and ballot papers have been sent to all members, for the return of votes to the Secretary by 13 February 2015 at the latest. Result of the ballot to be confirmed at the AGM.
 - **Committee** - the following committee members remain:- Paul Bloomfield, Louise Collier, Natalie Holtappel.
Pat Ward has been nominated for committee. To be confirmed at the AGM.
The following co-optees have been nominated for committee:- Sue Gillingwater, Julie Morewood, Jill Spurr, Phil Surridge and Tracey Wilkinson. These positions will be confirmed at the AGM.
- 8 Proposal For Review Of The Rules** – previously notified to all members. Proposed by Doug Collier and seconded by Louise Collier.

(Text to be removed is shown in ~~strike through~~; new or replacement text is underlined)

3 MEMBERSHIP – Membership is open to all and persons wishing to enrol as members will, having been supplied with a copy of the Club's Code of Ethics and Rules, ~~will~~ automatically be regarded as having accepted such Code and Rules and agree to be bound by ~~it~~ them.

4 THE FINANCIAL YEAR shall begin on 1 January each year and end on the last day of December of the same year. The annual subscription shall be payable ~~to the Honorary Treasurer~~ each year. No member whose subscription is unpaid shall be entitled to any of the privileges of membership and ~~any~~

~~member failing to pay the annual subscription by 1 May next, the committee shall have the power to erase his name from the register of members~~ the committee shall have the power to erase from the register of members any member failing to pay the annual subscription by the 1st of May next.

8 c) The committee of twenty one shall continue in office until the next Annual General Meeting, when one third i.e. seven members (according to their position in the rota) shall retire, but are eligible for re-election. The rota being kept up to date by the Chairman. All vacancies to be filled by voting at the Annual General Meeting.

Notifications for Officers and 1/3 full Committee of 21, be proposed by any member of the Club provided that the nominations are notified to the Hon. Secretary in writing by 31st December, together with the name of the proposer and seconder, and the nominee's agreement to stand. The names of all persons seeking election together with the proposer and seconder will be included in the AGM notice and circulated to all members prior to the AGM. All formal notices are sent by post except where the member has specifically agreed to accept communication of notices by email.

10 TREASURER - The Treasurer shall take charge of all monies of the Club, and shall open an account in the name of the Club with a bank approved by the committee of management. He/she shall issue a receipt to all members for their subscriptions and only if requested for any other monies received. He/she shall produce all books, documents and vouchers relating thereto and hand them over to the auditor and committee of management. He/she shall keep a suitable Cash Book authorized by the auditor and committee of management. The Club must make a list of members and their addresses available for inspection if so requested by the members of the Club or by The Kennel Club. ~~All payments will be made by cheque and no cheque shall be valid unless it bears~~ Cheques must be signed by any two of the following four officers signatures:- President, Chairman, Treasurer or Secretary.

12 f) A resume of the minutes of the meeting of the committee of the Border Collie Club of Great Britain and the Breed Council ~~and the Breed Council Health Sub-Committee~~ shall be published in the Club's Newsletter and/or on the Club's website.

14 NEW RULES - The rules of the Club shall not be altered except at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting, and such alterations shall not be brought into force until the Kennel Club has been advised, and given its approval of the alterations. New Rules or amendments introduced specifically to meet Kennel Club requirements shall be adopted immediately and be included in the Society's Constitution with effect from the Society's annual meeting. Notice of proposition and amendment must be given to the Secretary in writing, and signed by the member or members proposing and seconding the amendment by 31 December, and the Secretary shall notify such proposed amendment ~~by posting~~ to the members at least five weeks before such a meeting (see Rule 8 c) above).

9 Proposal By Doug Collier

The Club's subscription has been £7.50 single, £9 joint and £10 Family and Overseas since 2004. It was agreed by the Club over thirty years ago that 50p should be levied from the subscription and set aside as a donation to a Rescue organisation chosen annually by the Club.

The income from membership subscriptions has been falling over the last few years and stood at £1,230 in 2013 before the deduction of the levy. The 2014 accounts have not yet been certified by the auditor but I believe that income has increased slightly.

Costs have increased during the last ten years, particularly when the Club agreed to double the honorariums two years ago from £795 to £1465 and this year when it was decided to give all members a free yearbook. The 2015 Yearbook has been funded by considerable 'in house' labour to keep the production very cheap and income from advertisers has contributed. That may not always apply. This year's book will sell for £15. It will therefore appear that we are giving away a very generous gift to our members. I propose that it is time we reviewed the level of subscriptions. Without doubt our members get the best deal of any Club.

Please can these proposals be discussed at the AGM on 1 March.

Proposal A – The Rescue levy on all memberships to cease. (The Club has a Rescue Fund which is available for the Committee to use as they decide.)

Proposal B – to increase the subscriptions

Single from £7.00 to £8.50

Joint from £8.50 to £10.50

Family and Overseas from £10 to £12.

Proposal C – to charge a joining fee for new members of - Single £3, Joint £4 and Family and Overseas £5.

Members who let their membership lapse for a period of more than two years should be charged a joining fee when they rejoin.

If any changes are made to subscriptions at the 2015 AGM then they will not come into force until 2016.

10 Any Other Business – At the discretion of the Chairperson/President