



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Held on the 25th of February 2023
at the
Best Western Hall Hotel, Coventry, CV12 9RU.**

Present - 34 Full Members, 1 Junior Member in total 35 as listed in the Attendance Book.

1. Chairman's Welcome:

Chairman asked Members to stand for a minute's silence in respect of friends, family and Members who have passed away in the last twelve months.

2. Apologies: Written apologies were received from the following:

Sir Preston and Lady Eilene Keeling, Trevor and Patricia Houghton, Mark and Janine Williams, Katherine Tress, Brian and Maureen Lake, Diana and Peter Hudson, Enid Hicks, Michael Sharman, Sarah Middleton, Luc Middleton, Ian and Rena Lees, Britt Cowper.

3. Minutes of the previous AGM held at, Corley Village Hall on the 20th of March 2022:

Copies available for members to read.

They were proposed by Mr W Croxford and Seconded by Mrs T Maun.

4. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

5. Chairman's Report:

Copies were made available for anyone to read, Chairman read out her report and it was accepted by the meeting.

6. Hon. Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet:

Copies of the accounts were made available to Members prior to the commencement of the meeting. The Hon. Treasurer reported that there was a small loss for the year mainly due to the high costs relating to storage of the trophies.

Membership numbers had remained roughly the same as the previous year.

The Members Fund accounts to £18,535.12

Following discussion, Mrs McHugh proposed acceptance of the accounts, seconded by Mrs Sharman.

7. Subscriptions:

The Hon Treasurer proposed that the subscriptions should remain the same.

Proposed by Mr W Croxford and seconded by Mrs T Maun to remain the same, all-in favour.

8. Appointment of an Auditor:

Hon Treasurer proposed to stay with Barry Gould FMAAT of BMG Accountancy Services Limited.

Proposed by Mr W Croxford and seconded by Mrs L Stephenson.

9. Donations

Following discussion, the meeting felt that we should donate £100 to the Breed Council and make no other donations this year.

Proposed by Mrs W Sharman and seconded by Mrs B Benner.



10. Sub-Committee Reports:

10.1 Shows:

The Chairman read out the Show Report and was asked about the date of the Clubs Open Show. It was confirmed that the show will be held in September at Corley Village Hall.

10.2 Breed Survey:

Mrs Cowper thanked members for testing their breeding stock and said that the breed is in a good position because of this, nothing much to report, again it was cysts and cancers that was the main problem.

Mr Maun asked about a litter in Ireland and whether they had been tested?

10.3 Publications:

Miss Cook read out a prepared statement. This confirmed her disappointment in the way the publication subcommittee had failed to work as a team. She also said that although she had received a thank you from the club for her contribution and proof reading, she had not done anything as due to an admin error the journal had gone to print without her input. The printed version contained a number of errors which she felt had an impact upon her professional and personal reputation.

Ms Brown asked whether there is a schedule of dates when help is needed in order that volunteers could come forward?

Miss Mortimer said that she had paid for her Affix, but it was not published in the journal.

The Chairman thanked all that had worked on the journal, and if anyone had any amendments, they should send them to herself with a copy to the Hon Secretary

11. Election of Officers and Committee:

As previously advised to the Members.

The position of President and Hon Secretary were uncontested; therefore, the following were declared re-elected:

President: Mrs J Cowper
Hon Secretary: Mrs L A Middleton

No new nominations for Committee were received. Therefore, the following were declared re-elected:

Miss S Middleton
Mrs D Hudson

12. Trophy Update

The latest situation concerning the trophies was discussed. Most are now in safe storage, and the long process of checking and cataloguing them is well under way. The meeting was informed that it is planned to keep the Club Show trophies, those for the Contest of Champions, plus the points trophies.

13. A.O.B. (at the discretion of the Chairman)

Mrs Sharman asked whether the Kennel Club had approved the changes to the Constitution & Rules and Code of Ethics?

The Chairman confirmed that approval had at last been received.



The Norwegian Elkhound Club of Great Britain
(Incorporating The British Elkhound Society founded in 1923 and The Elkhound Club founded 1936)



Ms Barganska asked about the possibility of Social Events?

A discussion was held about possible ideas, although the group walks were mentioned and seemed very popular, it was a good way for people to interact with Elkhounds and their owners and these were to be applauded.

Ms Barganska also raised the matter of the schedule of health test results that she has compiled and would appreciate any missing results to be sent to her for inclusion.

Mrs Maun drew everyone's attention to the availability of Hip Scoring in Australia and the fact that the turnaround is very efficient. The British Veterinary Association still has a backlog due to the pandemic.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.55 am