



The Norwegian Elkhound Club of Great Britain

(Incorporating The British Elkhound Society founded in 1923 and The Elkhound Club founded 1936)

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THE 24th FEBRUARY 2018 AT THE GREAT WESTERN HOTEL, BULKINGTON, COVENTRY.

Meeting commenced at 9.36am

Present, 31 Members, in total 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 during the year.

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

Mrs W Sharman, Sir Preston & Lady Eileen Keeling, Mr Mrs Hudson, Miss G Plowright, Mr Mrs Lake, Mrs N Croxford, Mr Granne, Mr J Crossley, Mrs S Wrigley, Mrs S Greaves.

3. Minutes of the previous AGM held at, Nettle Hill, Brinklow Road, Ansty, Coventry,
One amendment, Item 4 on the Agenda, Matters Arising, it should say, Mrs Sharman asked about the Geniscope results and not as stated, the Optigen results, proposer to this amendment Mr S Horner and Seconded by Ms Britt Cowper, all in favour, no abs and none against.

4. Matters Arising.

These will be covered elsewhere in the meeting.

5. Chairman's Report.

This was published and circulated with the newsletter, all members were content with the report.

Hon. Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet.

Copies of the report made available to members to pass around.

The Treasurer started by saying we have changed the Accountant, he is more local to him and easier to contact for support if needed.

The Accounts seemed to be in a healthy position.

It would be easier all round if more members paid by standing orders, so much easier than paying subs by cheques, the forms were available to anyone who wanted one.



The Accounts were proposed by Mr N Simms and Seconded by Mrs M Deuchar, all in favour.

7. Subscriptions

Slight dip in membership numbers from last year, still some coming through late.

We will not increase subscriptions at this time.

Proposed by Ms B Cowper and Seconded by Mrs Jannice Meyrick, all in favour of staying the same, no abs and none against.

8. Appointment of an Auditor.

The treasurer thought Mr Barry Gould had done a good job with the accounts and members agreed, £300 was a good price and the same as last year.

Proposed by Mrs T. Maun and Seconded by Mrs Jannice Meyrick. All in favour, no abs and none against.

9. Donations

Last year we donated £75 each to The Cinnamon Trust and the A.H.T. Members thought that this year we will stay with those but take it up to £100 each,

Proposer Mrs T. Maun and Seconded by Mrs H Tress.

10. Sub-Committee Reports:

10.1 Shows:

The Championship show judged by Mrs A Macdonald had 54 dogs with 78 entries, the show seemed to go well with no complaints.

The Open Show in August, run in conjunction with the Houndshow, had 50 dogs with 62 entries for judge Mr Joe Smith, the show was a little disjointed and we will look at options to make it run smoother, but overall it went well.

If anyone has any suggestions please let us know, also anyone who would like to steward or help at all please contact the Show Manager.

10.2 Breed Survey:

Not many health forms back, which hopefully is a good thing.

Vote of thanks must go to Mrs Barganska for compiling all the test results, we are not testing for Von Willebrand's type 2 now as the tests are inconclusive.

Mrs Cowper attended a Seminar at Stoneleigh during the year on Epilepsy, the speakers attending said that there is no cure, diagnosis is through your vets, the dog will need a brain scan, in most cases it can be managed with medication, but it affects the behaviour and temperament of the dog.

We have had no reports of this disease for quite a while, which is good.



Mr Maun, asked if the condition is hereditary?

In some cases, it can be hereditary or triggered by something totally out of the blue.

A point raised by Mrs Sharman, who sent in her apologies, sorry that she could not be present.

Now that we have prcd/pra testing offered by My dog DNA, what is the situation re results being published by the Kennel Club?

This is about the new provider of the test, we are in the same situation, we do not get results from the Kennel Club.

How do we make sure we actually get the results from that? It is up to the individual to inform the NECGB of the results.

10.3 Publications

Mrs Hudson took over the publishing of the 2017 journal and magazine from Mrs Croxford who worked on the 2016 publications which went down very well.

Work has started on the journal which this year we are looking at utilising colour photos, there are plenty of flyers around the room, with Mrs Hudson's contact details for adverts, deadlines, etc.

11. Election of Officers and Committee.

Chairman: Mr R I Greaves, uncontested so he is elected, this will be his 34th year on the Committee.

Treasurer: Mr Greaves said that the club is very grateful to Mr Byrne for taking on the Treasurers post, he was co-opted onto Committee earlier and was uncontested, so he is elected Treasurer.

For **Committee** member vacancies, there were four positions, Ms B Cowper and Miss S Middleton were co-opted on during the year and both wish to put themselves forward for election.

Mrs Gilbert had come to the end of her term and is willing to be re-elected.

Mrs Lindsey Smith was not present at the AGM, so a vote was taken to defer the appointment of Lindsey until we know what has happened, and then we can co-opt her onto the Committee.

This vote to defer was proposed by Mrs Jannice Meyrick and Seconded by Mrs Vanessa McHugh.

12. Trophy Update

Mr Crossley sent his apologies as he was unable to attend the AGM.

A letter was read out to the members and as it has been for a while, the main item was about the missing trophies.

Mr Crossley would like everyone who has a NECGB trophy at home to let him know what they have, just type out a list and email it to him.

We really need to get the trophies in a better state, we recognise it is unacceptable at the moment, the feeling was that if we were to recall the trophies for a period of one year, we know what we have.



There is also the problem of trophies not being returned to the shows.

13. Proposed rule changes from the Committee.

At the 2017 AGM there were some proposed rule changes, the agreed changes were submitted to the Kennel Club.

They responded, they had looked at our changes and they identified some areas which required updating to conform with Kennel Club Regulations for registered Societies.

The first one was rule 7, this is about expulsion of members, they wanted it to read, “Any member who shall be disqualified under the KC rule A11.J(.5) and /of KC rule A11. J. (9) shall ipso facto cease to be a member of the club”

The second one was Rule 9.6 General Meetings – Please include in this rule that the Committee has the right to convene a Special General Meeting.

The third one was Rule 11.3 Club Accounts – Please amend this rule to read “The Accounts shall be kept by the Hon Treasurer, and Auditors, Unconnected to the Committee, shall be appointed at each AGM who shall audit the Club’s accounts for the ensuing year before the AGM.”

The fourth one was Rule 13, Kennel Club the final court of Appeal – Please amend this rule to read, “The KC shall be the final authority for interpreting the rules of the society in all cases relative to canine or society matters”

These were Proposed by Mrs Vanessa McHugh and Seconded by Mrs Margaret Deuchar, all in favour no abst and none against.

14. There was a discussion about seeking the members thoughts on including a Champion class at the Breed Club Championship show.

2019 Championship show would be a start for us.

The winner of the Champion class can compete with all other winners for the CC.

There are things for and against, it is not compulsory it is up to the members and the club if they would like to try it.

In one case it would be ideal if the exhibitor had two dogs that would usually be in the same class and this could be a problem regarding handling of the dogs, but if you had one of the dogs in a Champion class then you could have the other in the Open class, as said there are good points and not so good.

We could try it for a couple of years to see if it would work for us.



15. A.O.B.

Mrs Sharman enquired if enough was being done on contacting members by email.

We do email what we can, when we can, there are instances when it is not possible, the first AGM mailing included the Magazine, so we had no option but to post out, but the second posting was all done by email as far as we could, we still require more email addresses from members, where no email addresses had been provided it went by post.

We then had a further discussion, this time regarding Regional clubs, did members think it was a good idea, again the opinions were mixed.

We really need to do more to promote the breed, some thoughts e.g. tracking would be an option, agility, if any members had experience of these or anything different they could send something for the magazine, with contact points etc.

Mrs Houghton thanked members for their good wishes after losing Elsa, everyone had been so kind.

Mrs Maun thanked everyone for their help in getting her Elkhound Britt, back home safely.

Meeting closed at 10.45am.

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The presentation of points trophies for 2017 would now be presented to the winners.

