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NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM LABRADOR RETRIEVER CLUB

2024 DRAFT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES REPORTING ON 2023

Held at Chester-le-Street Cricket Club, Durham 16th May 2024, 6.30pm

Those Present:

L. Heron, L. Thompson, I Davison, A. Beckley, C Mitchell, K. Jenkins,
N. Bujnoch, F Maclean, I. Palmer, J. Smart, M. Findlay, P. Prior, S. Richardson,
S. Dodds, B. Davison, S. Wilkinson, R. Wilkinson.

Apologies received and accepted from: Frank & Helen Gilroy, Suzanne Ellison,
Philippa Williams, Liz McDougal, Becki Thistle, Lab Welfare, Anna Coates,
Michelle Olds, Lee Hartis

- 1 Draft Minutes of previous AGM for approval and adoption.
Copies of 2023 draft minutes had been available on the Club website from May 2023 and were further circulated with the AGM mailing to all members and were also available at the meeting. Acceptance proposed: A. Beckley. Seconded: J. Smart. 2023 Minutes were approved and adopted unanimously.
- 2 Matters arising from the Minutes. None
- 3 Chairperson's Address: Lynda Heron
Lynda's report had been circulated to all members with the AGM mailing and copies were available tonight. Lynda wished to thank everyone for attending and also give thanks to all of the officers and committee members for their work during our busy Centenary year and despite the accounts showing a small loss – it had been far less than we had envisaged to hold our centenary celebrations.
4. Treasurers Report: Anne Beckley, Treasurer/Membership Secretary
Anne's report and the accounts balance sheet had been provided to members prior to the AGM and no queries or questions were forthcoming.
 4. a) Increase in membership fees. General Committee had discussed this at length previously and A. Beckley explained that this was needed due to the increase in all costs and the slight decrease in memberships. Irene Davison also commented that our membership subscriptions had not increased since 2015.

An increase of single membership from £10 to £12 per year and Joint membership from £12 to £15 was proposed by General Committee. *I. Davison proposed the increase to AGM and this was seconded by A. Beckley. AGM voted unanimously to agree the increase with effect 1st January 2025.* Overseas memberships would be charged at the same rate as UK due to the use of electronic mail rather than postage.

5. Secretary's Report: Irene Davison, Club Secretary

Irene's report had been circulated with the AGM mailing to members and copies were available at the meeting.

6. Field Trial Secretary's Report: Lee Hartis, F.T. Secretary & Working Test Secretary's Report: Lee Hartis

Lee's report had been circulated with the AGM mailing to members with further copies available at the meeting.

7. Show Secretary's Report: Cheryl Mitchell, Show Secretary

Cheryl's report had been circulated with the AGM mailing to members with further copies available at the meeting. Cheryl wished to state that following our change to one intake of members per year, she had been approached by potential new members who wished to become committee members but were not members. Lynda explained to Cheryl the situation regarding co-opting new members.

8. Club Representative Annual Reports

- a) Breed Council/Breed Health – Lynda Heron – to follow
- b) F T Liaison Representative's Report: Samantha Whyte - to follow

9. Educational/Programme

A Club bursary of £300 is available annually to provide an educational event for members and non-members. This is on a rotational basis aiming to satisfy work/show and pet interests. In 2023 this had been encompassed within our Centenary celebrations and Lynda Heron advised the meeting, future events would follow once arranged.

11. Out of pocket expenses

General Committee had reviewed these from the previous year and proposed the levels should remain the same for 2024. **This was agreed unanimously by the AGM.**

12. Election of Officers and positions within the Club

All nominations received had been correctly proposed and seconded and **were accepted unanimously**.

13. Election of Committees, Breed Council, Breed Health, Breed Education and Field Trial Liaison representatives

The Breed Education Representative role was still vacant. Lynda asked if anyone was interested in filling this role and whilst not being able to commit at the moment, Kay Jenkins said she would discuss with people with a view to possibly filling the role. All previously listed nominations were **unanimously accepted by AGM**.

14. Election of Auditors

Anne Beckley explained that Mr Chris Pidgeon had very kindly audited the accounts again and we were hopeful that he would continue as he had commented that the accounts had been prepared extremely well and no amendments were required. / Davison seconded. **This was unanimously agreed by AGM**.

15. Rules and Regulations Review

Reluctantly changes had been requested and agreed by the Kennel Club to reduce the required numbers of members present at meetings due to falling numbers of attendees. **AGM unanimously agreed to the reduction to 10 members in attendance at AGM and 5 per sub-committee meeting**.

16. Proposals by members

No proposals, questions or queries had been received by members following circulation of the AGM mailing.

17. Any Other Business

No other items were proposed for consideration and Lynda Heron thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 7pm.