

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE LABRADOR BREED COUNCIL HELD AT THE
KENNEL CLUB, CLARGES STREET, PICCADILLY, LONDON ON MONDAY, 11th APRIL 2016**

Present:

Mr Richard Stafford	Chairman Out Going, Labrador Retriever Club
Mrs Sheelin Cuthbert	Chairman In Coming, East Anglian Labrador Club
Ms Alison Scutcher	Acting Secretary, Kent Surrey and Sussex Labrador Retriever Club
Mrs Erica Jayes	Cotswold & Wyevever Labrador Retriever Club
Mrs Janet Cole	East Anglia Labrador Retriever Club
Mrs Joy Venturi-Rose	Kent Surrey & Sussex Labrador Retriever Club
Mr Alex Douglas	Labrador Club of Northern Ireland
Mrs Rachel Williams	Labrador Retriever Club
Mr Robin Pollock	Labrador Club of Scotland
Mrs AngnesMay Pollock	Labrador Club of Scotland
Mr David Coode	Labrador Retriever Club of Wales
Mrs Margaret Barker	Labrador Retriever Club of Wales
Mrs Marion Hopkinson	Midland Counties Labrador Retriever Club
Mrs Julia Lewis	Midland Counties Labrador Retriever Club
Mr Eric Parr	North West Labrador Retriever Club
Mrs Lynda Heron	Northumberland & Durham Labrador Retriever Club
Mrs Joanne McDonald	Northumberland & Durham Labrador Retriever Club
Miss Anne Johnson	Three Ridings Labrador Retriever Club
Mrs Wendy Southwell	Three Ridings Labrador Retriever Club
Mrs Sussie Wiles	Yellow Labrador Club
Mrs Fiona Braddon	Yellow Labrador Club
Mr Geoff Hatfield	West of England Labrador Retriever Club
Mr Chris Mills	West of England Labrador Retriever Club

The Chairman opened the meeting and explained that due to the Breed Council Secretary being unwell, Alison Scutcher had been asked to step in to cover the secretary.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies received from Karl Gawthorpe Cotswold & Wyevever LRC

2. Minutes.

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 9 April 2015 were circulated. The minutes were proposed by Julia Lewis Midland Counties Labrador Retriever Club and seconded by Sheelin Cuthbert East Anglian Labrador Retriever Club

3. Matters Arising.

Sussie Wiles Yellow Labrador Club wish the committee to note and minute that Fiona Braddon had not received payment from the Breed Council Secretary in respect of work carried out on the website.

ACTION POINT: BC Secretary to make payments

4. Adoption of Accounts.

Due to the unexpected absence of the Breed Council Secretary an incorrect copy of the accounts had been supplied and copied. Alison Scutcher contacted Karl Gawthorpe by telephone. He emailed the correct set of accounts. Alison Scutcher left the room to request KC staff reproduce copies.

Once copies were obtained and re-circulated there were several queries regarding the layout and ability to understand the accounts in their current layout.

Point 1 – there appeared to be a discrepancy in the income and the question was asked if a club had not paid their subscriptions

Point 2 – Why was Discover Dogs fund not listed under income?

It was discussed and agreed that the accounts could not be approved without full understanding of the accounting. It was agreed that 14 days be given with the Breed Council Secretary resubmitting the accounts to all clubs with correct headings and layout.

ACTION POINT: BC Secretary to resubmit revised accounts by email to all clubs within 14 days

Point 3 – Eric Parr North West Labrador Retriever Club proposed a new accountant is sought as his club had experienced difficulties and mistakes. This was agreed.

ACTION POINT: BC Secretary to source new accountant

5. Election of Chairman.

The current Chairman, Richard Stafford, advised the floor that he would not be seeking re-election to role. There was some discontent that clubs had not been made aware of this and they had not been mandated accordingly. Richard Stafford advised that the position is elected from within the delegates attending the meeting and although this was challenged the election of a new chairman took place.

East Anglian Labrador Retriever Club proposed Mrs Sheelin Cuthbert and was seconded by The Yellow Labrador Retriever Club

Cotswold & Wyevern Labrador Retriever Club proposed Mrs Marion Hopkinson and was seconded by West of England Labrador Retriever Club.

The candidates left the room with a paper ballot undertaken. Each of the 13 clubs had one vote each.

The results of the paper ballot were:

Mrs Sheelin Cuthbert - 8 Votes so was duly elected

Mrs Marion Hopkinson – 5 Votes

Richard Stafford formally handed the Chair to Mrs Sheelin Cuthbert to continue proceedings

6. Election of Secretary/Treasurer

Karl Gawthorpe had expressed his wish to continue in the role.

He was proposed by Rachel Williams of The Labrador Retriever Club and seconded by Alex Douglas of The Labrador Club of Northern Ireland

All voted in favour.

7. Secretary's Expenses for Administration.

It was proposed that the Secretary's Expenses remain at £200. All voted in favour.

8. Subscriptions for 2015

Alison Scutcher advised that after a conversation with Karl Gawthorpe, he wished the committee to consider increasing the subscriptions to £250 plus an additional £50 to cover Discover Dogs, giving a total subscription of £300.

This was proposed by Cotswold & Wyevever LRC and seconded by Midland Counties LRC. All voted in favour.

Alison Scutcher requested that all cheques for subscriptions to be handed to her before the end of the meeting. LRC Northern Ireland, West of England Labrador Club, East Anglian Labrador Retriever Club confirmed the payment will be sent by post to the Breed Council Secretary.

Any other business

The Chairman asked if there was any other business. Labrador Club of Northern Ireland advised that they had not yet received their travel expenses from the last Breed Council Meeting but this was due to an oversight of the previous LRC NI committee not submitting a claim.

There was no other business so the meeting was closed at 2.16pm