



**LETCWORTH (FGC) DOG TRAINING CLUB MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD 26th FEBRUARY, 2018**

1. APOLOGIES

Lisa Greenhow
Karen Barker

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AGM 2017 & APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS 2017

Minutes -

Proposed: Sharon Harber

Seconded: Mark Dilley

Accounts -

Proposed: Dawn Carver

Seconded: David Anderson

- Vote: Agreed unanimously to be a true record of what was said.

3. MATTERS ARISING

None

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Elaine Brennan

Another successful year for our members this year. As always I would like to thank our dedicated instructors who give their time and knowledge in the classes and in running our show. Members can always be counted on to support the club from weekly training, to the show, which takes so much time and effort to run but is all worth it in the end and with glowing praise from those who attend. There has been so much to reflect on this year and with many changes to the club; which we'll cover later. I hope that 2018 will be just as successful.

Obedience Closing

From 1983, when Letchworth DTC first registered as a KC club, we have had the pleasure of supporting many members with their obedience training needs. Unfortunately this year will be the last year we are offering obedience classes for the foreseeable future. Doreen is retiring from the club this year.

Doreen has spent years giving her time for our members and we appreciate everything she has done, all the puppies and naughty family pets, through to rescue dogs who have learnt to love the activities and learning. Thank you Doreen for everything and we would like you to keep the Obedience Show Points Trophy as a memory of your time at the club.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT – Sandra Hammond

Accounts available to all members and the Club is still financially very strong – see accounts.

This year we are showing a profit of £3809, which is an improvement on last year.

Both agility and obedience have generated funds from training fees to cover the cost of their venues. Agility looks like it has made more money but this is due to an outstanding rent amount.

Membership fees remain the same as last year. Membership fees cover insurance, internet, maintenance of title and general up keep of the Club.

The 2016 Agility show made a healthy profit. Entries were up more than 2000 than the previous year.

Thank you to everyone who helped run the show.

Charity income at the show - £647.96

Preparations for the 2018 are well on the way. The venue has been booked at this year's price.

Money In

Belgian Shepherd Dog Agility show – Ring Party - £140.00.

Sale of Toys to members

Workshops for members
Interclub match – money from BATS for venue

Money spent

Stationery/ GCDC Paperwork
Website Hosting
Training workshops
Christmas Party/Social events
Flowers/Gifts – members
Club Clothing
Interclub match
Toys to resell
Training aids for obedience

6. OBEDIENCE REPORT – Doreen Smith

This is a really sad time for the Obedience side of the club, coming to an end after 35 years. It was started by Chris Bloomfield, John Rust and Chas Payne. There have been a number of trainers since then and it was my pleasure to be taught by some of these, which gave me the enthusiasm to go into the ring with my present dog. She is now 12 years old and having trouble with her legs, hence the reason for me giving up training to focus on looking after her.

We have had a wide variety of dogs through the classes. On the last night of the club we had two judges to assess the Kennel Club Good Citizen scheme tests, all passed with flying colours.

Kennel Club Good Citizen results

Bronze

Sarah Wold with Chester
Patricia Ibarrola with Chewie
Mel Godfrey with Humphrey
Paul Buchan with Lily
John and Sharon Lockhead with Flaura

Silver

Jennifer Alcock with Rex
Emily Surtees with Muffin
Mel Marshall with Bernard

Gold

Phil Worboys with Millie

7. **AGILITY REPORT** – David Anderson

It has been another busy year for the agility section. A big thank you to our Instructors for their efforts throughout the year. In particular, a very big thank you to Kim, Carolyn and Lisa who have left instructing for us, hopefully not forever! We have also welcomed Annette to the instructing team.

Congratulations to all our members who have worked hard and progressed through the year.

Well done to Sharon and Fly and Annette and Dex, who this year, both had their first clear rounds and won the class!

KC grade progressions

From grade 1 to 2 was

Mark with Esme

From grade 2 to 3 was

Mark with Esme

Mary with Ella

Grace with Elsie

Sandra with Bond

From grade 3 to 4 was

Liz with Rudi

Karen with Bryn

From grade 4 to 5 was

Lorraine with Shep

Karen with Bryn

Karen with Bella
Martin with Travis
From grade 5 to 6 was
Liz with Teal
Karen with Bella
And moving from 6 to 7 was
Caroline with Cherry
David with Meg

Fiona with Harry reached the Olympia Novice semi final
David with Meg reached the Olympia ABC semi final
Liz with Rudi qualified for the National 550 Jumping Cup final
Grace with Elsie were called back for a second trail for the GB team/ European Junior Championships

8. CLOSING OF OBEDIENCE – Elaine Brennan

The Chair closed the Obedience section of the Club due to lack of instructors available to take the classes. We have tried to recruit previously and have been unable to secure an instructor. With Doreen retiring, it seems the right time to close the Obedience section at the moment. This may change in the future if the Instructor situation changes.

9. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS/CHAIR

Elaine Brennan Standing for Committee/ Chair
Proposed: Dawn Calver
Seconded: David Anderson

Jo Sawford Standing for Committee/ Secretary
Proposed: Elaine Brennan
Seconded: Dawn Calver

Mark Dilley Standing for Committee
Proposed: Dawn Calver
Seconded: Owen Edwards

Sharon Harber Standing for Committee
Proposed: Jo Sawford
Seconded: Elaine Brennan

Dawn Calver Standing for Committee
Proposed: David Anderson
Seconded: Sandra Hammond

Mary Gough Standing for Committee
Proposed: Mark Dilley
Seconded: Dawn Calver

Fiona Hughes Standing for Committee
Proposed: Owen Edwards
Seconded: Mark Dilley

- Committee voted on block – unanimous vote.

10. CHARITY OF THE YEAR

A cheque for £2000 was presented to Gill Duroe for The Cinnamon Trust.
The club charity for next year will be St Johns Hospice at Moggerhanger.

11. AOB

Doreen Smith – I would like to continue with the Obedience section. It was decided to bring this to the next Committee meeting.

12. AWARDS

- Obedience
Puppy class – Aristie and Jimmy with Blue
Basic class – Sharon and John with Flaura
Top class – Emily with Muffin
- Agility

Show points Awards

Large - David Anderson with Meg
Medium – Martin Pike with Travis
Small - Caroline Harris with Cherry
Any Size – Vicky Gallagher with Custard

Clear Round Memorial Trophy

Fiona Timms with Harry

Progress Trophy

Martin Pike with Travis

Tara Trophy

Sandra King with Lexi

Seconds the Best memorial Trophy

Sandra Hammond with Bond

Meeting Closed 8.03 pm

Signed _____