



**LETCWORTH (FGC) DOG TRAINING CLUB MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD 25th FEBRUARY, 2019**

1. APOLOGIES

Mary Gough
Annette Warwick

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AGM 2018 & APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS 2018

Minutes -

Proposed: Mark Dilley

Seconded: Sharon Harber

Accounts -

Proposed: Jean Rose

Seconded: Dawn Calver

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

3. MATTERS ARISING

At the end of last year's AGM Doreen Smith indicated she would like to carry on as an Obedience Instructor after leaving the Club. It was discussed at the next Committee meeting and it was felt the same issues continued of only having one obedience instructor. The Committee upheld the decision to close the Obedience section at this time. Doreen Smith was written to with an explanation of the decision. No response was received.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Elaine Brennan

It has been another year with many changes on the horizon for Agility. I'd like to thank the instructors for planning and working towards supporting those changes in our classes, to ensure that all our members are up to date with the latest training.

Our members have had a brilliant year which David will be telling you all with the Agility report and yet another successful show; despite the few accidents which just showed what a wonderful community we have and the expert help we have at the show which meant the people were well cared for.

I hope next year will be just as successful.

Chair presented the cheque to our charity this year – St John's Hospice at Moggerhanger for £2000.

Hayley from the charity expressed her thanks for the money and shared how important it is for community groups to support the hospice and enable them to support families in and around Bedfordshire.

The Chair then shared the new charity for the coming year – Canine Partners.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT – Sandra Hammond

This year we are showing a loss of £7037. This is due to last year's rent for the agility venue being invoiced late and coming out of this year's money £1635.00 We are now up to date.

Extra expenses have been ring and zone flags for show which were very successful and cost £2754.00.

We made extra donations; £480.00 to Huntingdon Rugby club and £300 Memory of Steve Garstang.

The deposit has been paid for this year's show venue and for trophies.

Misc Money In

BSD – Ring Party - £140.00.

Sale of Toys

Interclub Match (Money from Bats for venue).

Misc Money Out

Stationary/ GDC Paperwork
Internet
Christmas Party/Social events
Flowers/Gifts – members
Club/ Instructor Clothing
Interclub Match
Toys to resell

Membership has remained the same as last year, but may need to increase next year.

Membership covers, insurance, internet, maintenance of title and general upkeep of the club. The insurance costs £604.00 and membership fees brought in £403, which is not covering the costs. This will be discussed at Committee meeting.

The Agility Show

The entries and were down from 2017, as was camping. But we still had a good profit, £1800
It was a relaxed and enjoyable show and there was good feedback on the ring and zone flags.

Charity income at the Show £623.38.

This was made up of - Entry Quiz - £321.82. Thanks go to Jo and Dave, who once again wrote and marked the quiz, raffle – £181.00, Jollyees stand donated £85.66, collection tin £35.00.

Gill ran a stall for Cinnamon Trust, which was once again very successful.

Jo Hobson-Cooper organised ladies to sell cakes for McMillan Cancer, this again was a huge success.

Preparations for 2019 are well on the way, judges, trade stands and utilities are booked. Unfortunately cost of the venue has increased by 5%. Show dates next year - 30th, 31st August & 1st September.

During the set up days we have a lot of help from non- members, these get fed and watered. A few have already said they will come early this year.

Finally, a big thank you to husbands, wife's and partners for all their support at the show too.

Some stay at home and keep life there ticking over, this allows you to stay all week with no worries.

Thanks to everyone for all your hard work.

6. AGILITY REPORT – David Anderson

We have welcomed a good influx of new blood in 2018. A large intake of new members at the beginning of the year was followed later in the year with a further intake of both new members and existing members with new dogs. All are now settled in classes and progressing well with the help of our dedicated band of instructors.

A number of members have had particularly notable agility achievements in 2018.

Congratulations to Annette and Dex who have made massive progress with Dex's reactivity and confidence around other dogs at agility, and came 4th in Sam's LHO League; David and Skye who achieved their first clear round; Jane and Henley who had their first Grade 1 win, agility at BitznBobz; David and Meg who reached their first Championship Final.

Well done to those members who won up in Kennel Club grades in 2018:

- Sharon and Fly to G2
- Sandra and Lexy to G2 and G3
- Diane and Woody to G4
- Annette and Dex to G4
- Owen and Meme to G2, G3 and G4

Very special congratulations to those members who gained Kennel Club Agility Warrants in 2018

- Mary and Ella - Bronze
- Owen and Meme - Bronze
- Martin and Travis - Silver

8. RULE CHANGE – Elaine Brennan

Current rule:

18. No bitches in season are allowed in the hall for training classes.

Proposed rule change (delete strikethrough)

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Vote – for change – 9

No change - 5

Current rule:

26. The Society will make a list of members and their addresses available for inspection, if so requested by members of the Club or by the Kennel Club.

Proposed rule change (delete strikethrough section, add starred section):

26. The Society will make a list of members and their addresses available for inspection, if so requested by ~~members of the Club~~ or by the Kennel Club *or law enforcement agencies*.

Vote – for change – 14

No change – 0

Both rules will be adopted and rule changes sent to Kennel Club for approval.

9. CHARITY OF THE YEAR

Covered in Chair's report.

10. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS/CHAIR

Sandra Hammond

Standing for Committee/ Treasurer

Proposed: Julie Waldock

Seconded: Elaine Brennan

Sharon Harber

Standing for Committee

Proposed: Mark Dilley

Seconded: Owen Edwards

Dawn Calver

Standing for Committee

Proposed: Mary Gough

Seconded: Mark Dilley

David Anderson

Standing for Committee

Proposed: Elaine Brennan

Seconded: Sharon Harber

- Committee voted on block – unanimous vote.

11. AOB

None

12. AWARDS

Agility

Show points Awards

Large - Owen Edwards and Meme

Medium – Martin Pike and Travis

Small - Fiona Timms and Elmo

Any Size – Ian Gallagher with Dotty

Clear Round Memorial Trophy
Fiona Timms and Harry

Progress Trophy
Hannah and Sylvie

Tara Trophy
Sandra and Bailey

Seconds the Best memorial Trophy
Owen Edwards and Meme and Fiona Timms and Harry

Meeting Closed 8.01 pm

Signed _____