

## **East Grinstead & District Dog Training Club**

Minutes for AGM 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Held at Club House

Those present,

Committee members

Barry - Chairman, George - Treasurer, Maggie - Secretary, Bill, Val, Colin, Maureen, Theresa, Marguerite, Fran

President

Richard Cunnington

and 18 club members.

Barry opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Linda Potter.

### 2. Propose minutes from last meeting.

Minutes were proposed by Teresa and seconded by Val.

### 3. Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising

### 4. Chairmans Report.

Barry reported that the 2016 classes were well attended particularly the puppy classes.

There had been good successes with the Good Citizens Awards. The Show was very good thanks to all those who gave their support. The Christmas meal at the Crown Turners Hill was good and the dogs party and fancy dress was great fun. Barry thanked George and Maggie and all the trainers Val, Bill, Marguerite and Linda for their help during the last year. Finally Pat Beaton – who was a founding member and a judge at Crufts – had died.

Barry sent a card and a donation to the Lewi Body Society. The funeral is 21. March at Worth Crematorium.

### 5. Treasurers Report

George reported that the highlight was that the club is in a good state at the moment.

We don't make a huge profit but we are keeping our heads above water. The Show will keep going as long as possible. On the Financial Statement the trophies had been written off, likewise some stock which had no value. The Puppy Foundation Courses were making a nice turnover but they were not converting to the Bronze Classes etc. We need to promote the obedience and competitive side of the club. Val added some people don't like tests but she always encourages the puppy class owners to come along.

The Show and entries were normally good, the rent for Ardingly Show ground was £2600 but it was well supported. Barry said it was not easy to find another venue.

George reported that he took over the accounts in 2015 and found the accounts £5000 adrift. He thought it a banking error to start with as there was a difference between the account and what was in the minutes. After telling the Financial Ombudsman he thought it a banking error the Ombudsman reported back the the previous treasurer had taken the money out. She has since moved to South Africa. 3 months later he received a solicitors letter agreeing £4000 had been a mistake and the money would be returned.

He is still trying to find a way to get that money back

Barry absolutely retuted - as suggested by the solicitors the idea that another £5000 had been a loan to the Show account £5000 and £4000 had been removed on the same day. Barry said the club had never had any need of a loan. Esmee - member said it was confusing on the accounts when the £4000 happened. George said we do not have statements for Feb 2013 - they are not available. But both lots of money came out on the same day Esmee asked what cost to get the money back and at what point would it be written off. George said it had cost £150 for letters so far Esmee said she - Sally - and her family will know we can't get at them. It was agreed that George would keep trying to recover the money.

#### 6. Show Committee Report.

Bill introduced Fran who has agreed to manage the Annual Show at Ardingly. He said they need lots of help with food, stewarding and entries. We should promote Pre Beginners as being good fun to club members - it is Bronze ish level. Fran asked if we know about camping at Ardingly as this may encourage more people. George will call Ardingly and email the answer to Fran.

#### 7. Election of Officers.

The officers agreed to stand again.

#### 8. Talk by Richard Cunningham -- President .

Richard gave a talk about things that are poisonous to dogs, Chocolate, Grapes, mould and daffodils. The members were invited to join the discussion.

#### 9. Awards

Richard presented the awards .

Most progress 7.30 class Trevor & Cheryl Charman with Samson

Best Rescue Sue Carter with Jess

1<sup>st</sup> Time handler Simon Peaty with Monk

Liz Ritson Cup Louise Hobson with Monty

Most Progress 8.15 class Alix and Michael Casey with Meg

Most progress with difficult dog Esmee Robinson with Pepper

Head Trainers Trophy Mary Jamieson with Bramble

Most progress 9.00 class Teresa Brown with Charlie

Class A Bill Larkin with Bree

Class B Bill Larkin with Boy

Class C Bill Larkin with Butch

Beginners Christine Haytor with Harvey

Novice Christine Haytor with Harvey

#### 10. A.O.B.

George asked how many visits there were to the website.

Theresa suggested the competition class could put on 2 minute demos to show what they do in competition to encourage others to get involved.

There was a discussion about puppy creches which could get out of hand without the right handling. He would discuss this with Richard.

The meeting was closed by Barry.