

The first GCM after the AGM was held on 17/05/15 with a 10:30 am start at Newton Regis Village Hall. In attendance were the President, the Chairman, the Secretary and 7 Committee Members.

The Chairman opened the meeting and then gave the floor to our new President for a short address. Mary thanked the Committee for her nomination and then went on to comment on the amount of Club management work we had to get through this year with regards to reviewing the Rules and Regulations and documenting all of the roles and responsibilities. She then gave a thought provoking viewpoint on how we as a committee will never agree on every matter put before us but we must always be professional in our attitude and deliberations as well as presenting a single voice and united front in the work that we do for the Club, the members and the breed.

We then got down to business to go through what was a very busy agenda. The election of Vice-Chairman resulted in Graham Bayne taking on that responsibility and Di Jones was co-opted to the committee position vacated by Mary Sherratt when she accepted the position of President.

A quick review of the Committee procedure showed that we are, in the main, doing everything as we should. The procedure covers things like attendance at meetings and confidentiality. All committee members agree to abide by this procedure.

The list of roles and responsibilities was fairly long but most of the positions are filled and the consensus was that the duties they entail are being carried out very well. Two positions were vacant, those of Membership Liason Officer and Puppy List Coordinator. I have taken on the MLO duties with Val Jarvis accepting the post of PLC. We are still continuing to work through the process of creating an up to date Job Specification for each of these roles and when this ongoing task is completed we will have created a valuable asset for the Club going forward.

We have set the dates for all of this year's meetings. These are 19/07/15, 12/09/15, 10/01/16 and a date in April 2016 which is still to be confirmed which will also be the date for the AGM. The meeting scheduled for July is an extra one where the only agenda item will be the Rules and Regulations. We want to take a good look at these and ensure that they are clear, concise and not open to any misinterpretation. If we are to recommend any changes to the Rules and Regulations, those recommendations will be presented to the AGM in 2016.

The Sub-Committee report for the WSC outlined the busy year that they have planned. Full details of the proposed activities are available on the Club website. The RSC report showed a quiet year so far which is obviously very good news. The GSC report concentrated on the work being done for PPC and in the area of attempting to introduce a Development Register.

This year's Championship show was next. The list of things that have to be done to put on the successful kind of show that we are used to is endless but as usual we are never short of volunteers. We look forward to welcoming everyone to what will, I am sure, be another good day.

We then moved on to discuss different methods we might employ to raise funds for rescue. There were various suggestions including a sponsored walk and a barbecue. If you have any ideas or can offer any help with this endeavour then please feel free to get in touch with me and I will take your proposals back to Committee.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 3:25pm.

Hopefully these notes will give a brief overview of the work the Committee does on your behalf. The Committee are always open to discussing your ideas and pleased to hear your point of view so please feel free to let me know what these might be and I will make sure that they are taken back to Committee. You can contact me by phone, by email or around the ringside at shows.

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