

The first full GCM since the AGM was held on 03/07/16 with a 10:00 am start at Newton Regis Village Hall. In attendance were the President, the Chairman, the Secretary and 8 Committee Members.

Before we got down to a very full agenda the Chairman welcomed the new Committee member and reminded everyone present about the confidentiality of those matters discussed during our meetings.

From the minutes of the last meeting there was one matter arising which needs mentioning. Due to ongoing unforeseen circumstances affecting an important part of the event that our President had postponed until later in the year, said event has now sadly been cancelled. However, our President is currently recording the purpose and content of the proposed event on video which will be issued on DVD when editing has been completed.

The document that outlines Committee procedure has been updated. Also updated were a number of the documents which outline the roles and responsibilities for various job functions within the Club.

The list of correspondence was mainly concerning the general running and workings of the Club. However there was one item of note concerning the latest initiative being run by the KC, namely the KC Academy. There is a lot to consider regarding this and we have ordered the information pack so that the matter can be fully discussed as an agenda item at the next meeting.

There was a general discussion about cost savings and specifically how we send information out to the membership. The thinking was, as has been previously discussed, that email and other digital methods should be the default. As a move towards this, the next mailing which is due to be out for LKA will include notification that schedules for Club shows will no longer be posted out unless they are specifically requested. The majority of our exhibitors now enter online anyway so this should not prove problematic.

The data that had been supplied regarding show entries was discussed. It was generally evident that this data supported the upcoming redistribution of CC's and that our breed was well catered for with the allocation of CC's that we receive. This led to a wider discussion of dropping numbers at shows and what we as a Club can or should do about that. Suggestions received since the AGM were included in the discussions and these will be ongoing at the next meeting.

The Championship show was next and the consensus was, based on the feedback received, that we had put on yet another excellent show. The eye testing had gone very well and looks like something that should be continued. As the BH&GSC had always been responsible for this service in the past, we will be asking them to take over the running of this service going forward.

Congratulations were given to our new editor on her first newsletter. The publication had been very well received and contained some interesting and informative articles.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 3:20pm.

Hopefully these notes will give a brief overview of the work the General Committee does on your behalf. The General 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 the General Committee. You can contact me by phone, by email or around the ringside at shows.

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