

Smooth Collie Club of Great Britain  
Annual General Meeting  
To be held at Baginton Village Hall, Frances Road,  
Baginton, Warwickshire CV8 3AB  
On Saturday 17th June 2017



Meeting opened at 2pm by Mr T Hayward

A minutes silence was observed for those who have passed away in the past year,

### 1. Present & Apologies

President: Mr T Hayward  
Chairman: Mrs B White  
Hon Secretary: Mrs S Beeney  
Treasurer: Mrs J Denton  
Patron: Mrs C Leach

Committee: Mrs P Lister, Miss M Benton, Mr S Burton,  
Mrs K Russell, Mrs D Bell, Miss M Benton, Mrs C Howard,  
Mrs P Meacham.

Members: Miss C Norman, Mr P Sewell, Mrs B Trundley, Miss J Sewell,  
Mrs D Forbes, Miss F Forbes, Mrs D Cole, Miss S Flower,  
Mrs S Campbell, Mr R Russell, Mrs D Murrell, Miss K Kinsey,  
Mrs A French, Mrs P Sewell, Mr T Griffiths, Mrs D Howe,

Apologies: Mr & Mrs Gibson, Mr K Bishop. Mr J Ratcliffe, Mr M Howard,  
Mrs K Theobald, Mrs S Clarke, Mr & Mrs Gay, B Williams,  
Mr & Mrs Foulston, Mr & Mrs Glover, Mrs A Kinsey, V Neff,  
Mr J White, Mr & Mrs Geddes, Mrs P Hutchinson, Mrs M Brown.

### 2. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016

(a) Approval of the minutes proposed by D Cole, seconded by P Meacham. The minutes were Approved by 29 votes in favour, none abstentions and none against.

(b) Matters arising – no matters arising

### 3. Chairman's Report

It seems strange to be reporting on 2016 at our AGM this year as we're halfway through 2017 – this new venture of an outdoor SCOTY followed as usual by the AGM is a pilot for us. We did this as we felt that the contest needs 3 rings and there are very few venues in our budget that offer that opportunity. We also felt we could really maximise that garden party feel too. So what did you think?

Last year's shows were well attended and popular. You will undoubtedly have noticed from the balance sheet that last year was a better year financially for us and that's because we watched the pennies but also because entries were healthy and our members and friends have been generous to us as usual. Thank you to you all.

We will wait and see how this year's shows fare – certainly the open show with the Collie Association was a friendly affair and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Another test for us is the forthcoming championship show which will be held back to back with the City of Birmingham championship show. We may not get everything right the first time (although we'll be trying very hard to!) but I hope it will be a success. I hope that those of you who go will let us know what you think.

Registrations last year were 89 up slightly from 2015's 78. That is very good and I understand that there is now a steady demand for puppies with breeders having waiting lists. It's pleasing to see more and more

Smooths going to families who are interested in the many canine activities on offer which I think brings our versatile breed to the attention of a wider audience.

Education of the buying public continues to be a priority for us. Thanks to all our Discover Dogs helpers and their well-behaved dogs. If you are interested at helping out at Discover Dogs at Earls Court this October or Crufts in March,, please let me know.

In February, the Animal Health Trust launched its “Give a dog a genome” project which aims to map the genetic code of 75 breeds. The Smooth Collie community rallied round to raise the £1000 needed for us to participate and, within a week, we had the money and had secured a place as one of the first wave of breeds. The project will not have short-term benefits but is certainly an investment for the future.

With the extra money we raised from the genome project, we have this year launched our Smooth Collie DNA Archive with the Animal Health Trust; DNA from your dogs stored in the archive leaves a legacy for the research in the future. Taking part in this is free of charge for you and please ask me for more information.

In 2016 we finally got agreement from the Kennel Club that Rough puppies born in Smooth litters will be registered as Rough Collies. I don't think we had one born since this change in rules!

I've already strayed into 2017 so please indulge me for a moment longer! We launched an online health survey which runs until the end of July. The link for this is on the back of your catalogue. Please complete it and encourage your puppy owners to do so as well. As I write we have had over 370 responses! The information from this once analysed will give us a picture of the health of the breed and your concerns. We can then plan action if needed perhaps linking with the AHT or Cambridge University's Veterinary School with whom we are making good links. With the latter we are collaborating on a Cause of Death form, the data from which they will analyse for us and we can use this to look for any worrying trends and so being proactive in identifying potential problems early and nipping them in the bud.

It's pretty clear that breed clubs have an important role to play in educating owners so that their dogs can live as healthy and happy a life as possible and in this we are no different.. Breed clubs do so much more than running dog shows. Without them, there would be no breed-specific research, no fundraising for health and rescue, and no development of health schemes.

A Canine Alliance survey last year showed that many people have been put off dog showing in some Breeds (hopefully not ours) and nearly half the respondents had been on the receiving end of bullying. We all have a responsibility to be welcoming to newcomers and to behave in the sporting manner suggested in our Code of Ethics. You will see that we are proposing amendments to this to take account of these findings which I hope we will not have Cause to use.

Education of judges and exhibitors is also high on the list of our priorities. All the evidence suggests poor judging is one of the biggest factors in determining show entries. People are simply voting with their cheque books (or credit cards) and staying away from expensive shows where they don't think the judge will give them a fair crack of the whip. Add to that expensive food and £10 to park in a field and it's not surprising people prefer to enter at Breed Club shows. It's not as simple as saying it's Breed Specialist judges or All-rounder judges that are good or bad. There are good and bad of each type and we have been amongst the most proactive in putting on seminars and assessment events that help people to understand the Breed Standard. The KC launched its Academy in 2015 and has lots of free resources as well, but you'll have to take out a subscription to watch the breed-specific films. The KC's Chairman Simon Luxmoore has described the current judges' development and selection approach as “not fit for purpose”. Most exhibitors would agree and the changes proposed in the recent Judging Framework will be an interesting development which we will be expected to support. Fortunately our present programme closely matches the KC format so we won't have to make too many changes. We are proposing changes to our judges list criteria to encourage more judges but at the same time ensure they have the necessary knowledge through our development programme. In 2019 we will have more CCs on offer and we want to make sure the judges are fit for purpose.

Before I finish I'd like to thank all the officers and committee members who freely give up their time to organise and manage shows and other events - Without you all, we couldn't have achieved all the successes we have had during 2016. Today we'll be welcoming new officers and committee and I hope that they will enjoy their time in office. I'd like to especially thank Sheila and Jo for all their hard work over the past few years. The roles of secretary and treasurer are huge as you know and take up considerable time each week, not just on show days. They will be sorely missed by us all.

Bev White (Chairman)

#### **4. Secretary's Report**

Bev has covered everything that has happened over the last year in her chairmans report and left me very little to say. As you will be aware I am stepping down as Secretary today due to other commitments. It has been an interesting and challenging experience and I would like to wish the Club all the best for the future.  
Sheila Beeney

#### **5. Treasurer's Report**

##### Capital Account (page 1)

We had a balance of £12013.75 in the current account at the year end, an increase of £395.68 from the previous year end. The stock in hand figure has increased significantly due to the stock of Champions Books and Iris Coombs books that we now hold.

The Southcombe Trophy balance shown is still held in the reserves, the decrease from last year was the cost of the special award presented to Finn at the AGM

The accrued expenses shown are for the Accountants fee for 2016, and the smooth look Xmas 2016 expenses that has not been paid at the year end.

The accountants fee has in fact been saved as Dee Cole very kindly audited the accounts for us this year.

The give a dog a genome surplus shown in the reserves has now been used to purchase the swab kits that Bev was telling us about earlier.

##### Income & Expenditure (Page 2)

The Public liability insurance was down very slightly in 2016 at £295.65, a drop of 1.3% over 2015.

The AGM expenses were reduced by £193.99 for 2016 after a concerted effort to keep expenses down and the great reduction in printing costs

Committee meeting expenses rose by £32 mainly due to there being no more free venue entitlements as in previous years.

The discover dogs expenses are off set by the contribution from the kennel club, but there was a cost of £136 for re-printing the leaflets

for distribution at such events. These are now held in stock for future events.

The bank charges show are in respect of the paypal charges incurred in the selling of the books etc via our website and are off set by the charge made for the books.

The purchase cost of goods sold is mainly in respect of the book sales and as you can see is reflected in the high figure for the sale of goods.

##### SCOTY

The revenues and expenses for SCOTY 2016 were very similar to 2015 with a small drop of £2 in the overall profit for the event.

The cost per head for the event based on tickets sold was £10.86, again very similar to 2015.

##### SEMINAR 18.06.16

The seminar held last year returned a healthy profit of £166.41. No seminar was held in 2015.

##### OPEN SHOW

The Open Show also returned a good profit but not as good as in 2015 due to a drop in entries. The monetary value of the entries fell by £239.

Health sales of food and raffle tickets together with the catalogue sales and the generous donations still made for a healthy profit, helped by the sharing of the venue charges with the Collie Association

The cost for judges refreshments is also taken care off in this arrangement.

### Champ Show.

This show saw a very much improved return largely due to the decrease in expenses incurred over 2015.

Although the smooth entry was down, the rough entry increased and along with a generous donation from our patron and excellent sales of rafflr tickets and catalogues, a very good return was achieved for the event.

The biggest expense for this event was the venue hire which will be much reduced this year when our champ show is held in conjunction with the City of Birmingham Show at Stoneleigh

### Smooth Look

Only one printed edition was produced in 2016 which reduced the cost considerably, but this still remains an expensive undertaking in both printing and postage.

As you can see sales of the books that were printed in 2016 have been very good and obviously these items are available to purchase on-line through our web-site.

We must thank Sheila and Bev for the huge amount of work that has gone into getting these printed and the on-going distribution that takes place as a result of the on-line sales. Bev also arranged for the printing of this years calendars and I believe these were pretty much sold out by the end of 2016

The result of all this hard work has been to turn around a loss of nearly £700 in 2015 to a profit of over £1150 in 2016 and the committee continues to work hard to ensure that all future events organised by the club continue in this way.

Jo Denton

**6. Approval of the proposed Social Media Protocol.** All approved

**7. Approval for the addition of the following to the Club Code of Ethics:**

- a. Blue Merle to Blue Merle matings are unacceptable.
- b. All members must comply with Compulsory Microchipping Laws.

All were in favour

**8. Approval for the addition of the following to the Clubs Rules under the heading of Property:**

Award trophies shall be presented at the Club Open and Championship Shows, SCOTY and AGM to current members of the club only. It is the responsibility of the recipient to ensure trophies are returned to the Club by the equivalent event in the following year and in the condition in which they received them.

Non return of trophies or return of trophies in a significantly poorer condition than when they were presented, will result in the member being requested to remunerate the club for the value of the trophy up to a maximum value of £100.00. The member will receive a written notification of such and a timescale of 6 months will be allowed to comply. Non compliance will result in the members being ineligible to receive trophies at future events.

All were in favour

**9. Proposal for the following members to be accorded Honorary Life Membership of the Smooth**

Collie Club of Great Britain, in recognition of their long service and contribution to the breed:

Mr Trevor Hayward, Mrs Birgit Hayward, Mrs Pat Lister, Mrs Isobel Griffiths,

Mrs Christine Leach, Mrs Stella Clark and Mrs Penny Sewell.

All were in favour

**10. Approval for a change to the Club Judging Criteria**

The Committee have agreed that the Club "A" Specialist and Non Specialist list, requirement 3, should be updated to bring it in line with Kennel Club criteria. At present it states:

3. To have judged a minimum of 80 Smooth Collies.

The Committee is seeking approval for the following:

3. To have judged a minimum of 50 Smooth Collies.

All were in favour

**11. Election of Officers and Committee:**

Election of Hon Secretary -	Miss M Benton.	29 votes out of 29
Election of Hon Treasurer -	Mrs A Kinsey.	21 votes
Election of Committee -	Mrs D Cole	23 votes
Election of Committee -	Mrs A French	16 votes
Election of Committee -	Miss K Kinsey	20 votes

All candidates therefore formally elected

**12. Presentation of the Annual Points Trophies**

The presentation of the annual points trophies took place and the results will be published in the next Smooth Look

Mr Hayward closed the meeting at 3pm