

**SMOOTH COLLIE CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN**  
**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**  
**Held at the Grange Hall, Southam on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2014**



**I. Present:**

<i>President</i>	Mr T Hayward
<i>Chairman</i>	Mrs P Lister
<i>Vice Chairman</i>	Mr P Sewell
<i>Hon Secretary</i>	Mrs B White
<i>Treasurer</i>	
<i>Patron</i>	Mrs C Leach
<i>Vice Presidents</i>	Mrs S Clark, Mrs I Griffiths, Mr T Foulston
<i>Committee</i>	Mrs S Beeney, Mr S Burton, Mrs S Campbell, Miss C Norman, Mrs P Sewell, Mrs J Page, Mrs K Giddings, Miss D Moores, Ms M Benton, Mrs J Denton (co-opted).
<i>Members</i>	Mr A Griffiths, Mr J White, , Mr & Mrs Kennedy, Mrs D Murrell, Mrs P Meacham, Mrs D Howe, Mrs V Neff, Master J Burton, Mrs F Hutchings, Mr & Mrs Gay, Mr & Mrs Goodridge, Miss J Sewell, Miss A Lusty.

**Apologies:**

Ms A French, Ms F Forbes, Mrs D Forbes, Mr K Bishop, Mrs B Hayward, Mr & Mrs Geddes, Mrs Foulston, Mr & Mrs Juggins, Mr & Mrs Howells, Mrs E Moores, Miss C Robinson, Mr C Page, Miss L Williams, Mrs J Garnett, Mr & Mrs Russell, Mr & Mrs Brown, Mr & Mrs Trundley, Mrs S Richards.

**Minute's Silence**

Before the meeting commenced, the President, Mr Hayward, led a minute's silence in memory of those Smooth Collie friends who had sadly passed away during the last year: Mrs Mildred Fishwick, Mrs Sue Cook, Mrs Diane Purvey, Mrs Penny Evans, Mr Keith MacGregor and Mrs Linda Chapman.

**2a Approval of Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2013:**

These were approved. Proposed by Mrs S Beeney and seconded by Mr J White  
Votes for: 29                      Against: 0                      Abstentions: 3

**2b Matters arising:**

There were no matters arising.

**3. Chairman's Report (Pat Lister):**

Welcome to our AGM.

It has been a good year for the breed with several new puppies in the ring and a few new exhibitors.

We have organised a seminar to be held at the KC Building, Stoneleigh on 28<sup>th</sup> June. I hope you will try and attend, seminars are not only for those judging or those interested in starting to judge, but also very important for all who are breeding smooth collies and hopefully improve the standard of the breed.

Our open show is on 1<sup>st</sup> June at Bearley Village hall, to be once again shared with the Collie Association. So you will have the opportunity to enter two shows on the day. It should be a good day.

Because of the death of Linda, our Treasurer for a number of years, we will be voting for a new Treasurer today so the Club's Accounts are not ready at this time. We will be arranging a Special General meeting to be held after the open show to approve the accounts.

#### **4. Secretary's Report (Bev White):**

Another successful year for the Club and the breed albeit a sad one with the loss of so many of the breed's stalwarts. So much experience and knowledge lost.

Breed registrations in 2013 were up with 82 recorded at the Kennel Club which is 6 dogs fewer than 2012. However some 21 Smooths found themselves needing to be rehomed last year – a very disturbing statistic.

We have continued to raise the profile of the breed at events such as Discover Dogs, via our website and Face book pages and through promoting the various activities of Smooths – obedience, agility, canicross, PAT and therapy dogs. Our website and Smooth Look Editor Kate Giddings is always looking for ways to promote the non-showing side of the breed.

The electronic Smooth Look has been generally very well received. The format, photos and articles are excellent. The Christmas paper version was a bumper edition and again very high quality.

Show entries generally have dropped except for those shows that always attract a big entry – our own, other Club shows and of course Crufts. In 2013 our Open show drew an entry of 41 Smooths for all-rounder Rodney Oldham (17 fewer than in 2012), but our new venture in Special Award Classes attracted a wonderful entry of 17 for Sheila Beene. These classes are put on to enable newer judges to get experience and will now be run at all our open shows. The Championship show entry was 69 Smooths for judge Maria Foulston (11 more than last year). Rough entries were 41 at the Open show for Peter Sewell (10 down on 2012) and 29 at the Championship show for Sue Hewart Chambers (1 down). Please support the new Special Award Classes at our forthcoming Open Show. This year we will be back to back with the Collie association for our open show, and have two Finnish judges for our championship show.

I am pleased that we will welcome new committee members this afternoon, more pairs of hands are always welcome!

Finally, my thanks to fellow officers and committee for their hard work and of course to all members for their continuing support of our Club.

## 5. Treasurer's Report:

Sadly not available due to the death of Mrs Chapman.

The accounts will be prepared and presented at a Special general meeting which will be held after the judging of the open show on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2014, Bearley Village Hall, Snitterfield Road, Bearley, Stratford on Avon, Warwicks. CV37 0SB

## 6. Out of Pocket Expenses for Secretary and Treasurer:

The Committee has recommended that the honoraria paid to the Treasurer and the Secretary remain unchanged at £250 for the Secretary and £200 for the Treasurer (paid in arrears).

Votes for: 32                      Against: 0                      Abstentions: 0

## 7. Smooth Look – a discussion

Mrs Giddings, editor of the Smooth Look, led a discussion on the cost of producing the paper version of the Smooth Look which at about £4.00 per copy was too expensive for the club to support without raising membership fees to subsidise. Electronic copies (current and back copies) are available to all members via the Club website and can be printed off from there. Some members valued the printed copy with information about CC winners as a record of the breed. Others were happy with the electronic copies.

Following the discussion, Mr Hayward proposed and Mr Kennedy seconded that members wishing an A4 printed copy of the Christmas edition could request one via the Editor. Otherwise, all copies would be electronic.

Votes for: 26                      Against: 1                      Abstentions: 0

## 8. Election of Officers and Committee:

The result of the election was as follows:

Vice President	Mrs B Hayward	32 votes out of 32
Secretary	Mrs B White	24 votes
Treasurer	Mrs J Denton	32 votes
Committee Member	Ms A French	20 votes
Committee Member	Mrs P Sewell	29 votes
Committee Member	Ms L Williams	29 votes
Committee Member	Ms M Benton	26 votes

All members therefore formally elected.

## 9. Presentation of Annual Points Trophies:

The presentation of annual points trophies took place with winners also receiving a potted

primula, a tradition begun by former Club President Mrs Ada Bishop, donated by Mrs Leach, the Club's patron.

The results are published on the Club website and in the Newsletter.

## **10 Any Other Business**

The President allowed an item of AOB.

Mrs Giddings raised concerns about a recent thread on the Club's Face Book page which she claimed could be seen as denigrating the breed. She reminded the meeting that a lot of effort was put in to promote the breed in the best light possible.

Mrs White responded by explaining to those members present who did not access Face Book that the thread was a discussion about breed faults and generally was a discussion by show people/breeders/judges. Mrs White said that as the page's administrator (and Mrs Giddings is also an administrator), she constantly monitored the page content to ensure that nothing detrimental to the breed was posted. Mrs White had posted the original thread which had come up through a different discussion.

It was finally agreed that the Club's Face Book page should not be used for any other purpose than to show the breed in the best possible light. Anything else should be moved to alternative pages.

At the close of business, Mrs Griffiths asked members to show their appreciation for the Officers and Committee who all worked very hard for the breed and the Club.

Mr T Hayward then closed the meeting at 3.20pm.