

Smooth Collie Club of Great Britain
Annual General Meeting
To be held at The Grange Hall,
Coventry Road, Southam, Warwickshire, CV47 1QA,
2:30 pm on March 19th 2016



Agenda

1. Present & Apologies
2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th March 2015
 - (a) To approve the minutes
 - (b) Matters arising
3. Chairman's Report
4. Secretary's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Judging Criteria:
 - (a) The committee are proposing that the "C" list criteria should be as follows:

For aspirant judges who have shown an active interest in Smooth Collies over a minimum 5-year period and who have attended an approved Smooth Collie seminar which includes group hands on sessions with a mentor and been awarded a Certificate of Attendance that has the approval of this club.

(Existing - For aspirant judges who have shown an active interest In Smooth Collies over a minimum 5 year period and who have attended an approved Smooth Collie seminar and "hands on assessment" and been awarded a certificate that has the approval of this club.)
 - (b) The committee are proposing that the "B" list criteria No 3. should read as follows:

Must have attended an approved Smooth Collie seminar including a Judging Assessment and Breed Standard written examination and been awarded a Pass Certificate.

(Existing - Must have attended an approved Smooth Collie seminar and "hands on assessment" and been awarded a certificate)
7. Future of the Smooth Collie of the Year competition: Due to rising costs, the committee would like to ask the membership for their views.
8. Smooth Look - discussion.
9. Presentation of Mary Hardy Awards
10. Election of Officers and Committee
11. Presentation of the Annual Points Trophies

Close



SMOOTH COLLIE CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Held at the Grange Hall, Southam on 14th March 2015

1. Present:

President:	Mr T. Hayward,
Chairman:	Mrs P Lister,
Acting Hon Secretary:	Mrs S Beeney,
Treasurer:	Mrs J Denton,
Patron:	Mrs C Leach,
Vice-Presidents:	Mrs S Clark, Mr T Foulston, Mrs I. Griffiths, Mrs B Hayward
Committee:	Mr S Burton, Mrs P Sewell, Mrs J Page, Miss D. Moores, Mrs M Benton, Mrs B White.
Members:	Mr P Sewell, Mrs C Howard, Miss A Lusty, Mrs P Meacham, Mrs D. Murrell, Mr K Bishop, Miss C Norman, Mr J White, Mrs S Campbell, Miss J Sewell, Ms A French, Mr J Blackburn, Miss F Forbes, Mrs D Forbes, Miss D Bell, Mrs K Russell Mr T Griffiths, Mr & Mrs B Trundley, Mr R Russell, Miss A Peacock, Mr & Mrs R Gay.
Apologies:	Mr & Mrs K Kennedy, Mr & Mrs Gibson, Mr & Mrs Glover, Mrs D Howe, Mrs V Neff, Miss C Robinson, Mrs E Vickery, Miss M Wood, Mr P Richardson, Mr C Page, Mrs M Foulston, Mrs J Howells, Jenny & Bill?, Mrs D Jones, Mrs E Moores, Mrs C Baker, Miss T Lusty, Mrs K Giddings.

2a:

Approval of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 15th March 2014.

Approval of the minutes proposed by Mrs J. Gay and seconded by Miss A Lusty. The minutes were approved by 25 votes in favour and 13 abstentions.

2b:

Matters arising.

Item 4 should have read "Tracey Jackson" and not Peter Sewell.

3: Chairman's Report (P. Lister)

The chairman thanked everyone for their help and support over the last year and announced that she would be stepping down as chairman as from today as she felt that it was time for someone else to take on the role. She was hoping to remain as a committee member as she still wanted to be involved and support the club.

4: Acting Secretary's report (S. Beeney)

Having taken over as secretary in October from Bev White I am still finding my feet but you will be glad to know that everything is beginning to make a bit more sense now. Our grateful thanks go to Bev for all her hard work whilst secretary, it is not an easy role as I am discovering.

It became obvious that trying to do the Kennel Club paperwork, general admin and run the shows was too much to ask of one person and the decision was made to appoint a Secretary who was responsible for the Kennel Club admin, the general administration and show entries and another to take on the role of Show Manager. I agreed (somewhat reluctantly) to do the Kennel Club and Admin and Marianne Benton agreed (after only minimal arm twisting) to take on the Show Manager role.

Kate Giddings, Sheila Campbell, Peter Sewell and Clare Norman all retired from the committee at varying times throughout the year. We are very indebted to them for all the hard work and time that they have given to the committee over the years. Pat Lister has decided that the time is right to stand down from the Chairmanship, a position she has held for several years.

Kate did an excellent job of editing The Smooth Look and running the Club Website. Bev White has taken over as editor of the Smooth Look and Julie Growcott has agreed to run a club website for us.

Smooths are proving themselves in many disciplines and our congratulations go to the Smooth Collie team who represented us at Crufts in the Obreedience Competition coming 6th which was exceptional considering that none of them do obedience as their main events. It just goes to show how versatile our smooths are. They travelled from far and wide for training sessions together and did us proud.

Thanks must go to Penny Sewell and her team of helpers for their work with the Discover dogs stand. A lot of hard work goes into setting up and dismantling the stand and there is never really a quiet moment, it's always busy.

Back to back open shows with the Collie Association once again proved to be very successful, very good entries and a lovely atmosphere. We are joining forces again for this year's show. The Special Awards classes are proving popular with exhibitors and give valuable experience to the judges of the future.

Only 33 puppies were registered last year, which is particularly low even for us but there have already been several litters this year and more planned so this should be just a blip.

,My thanks to fellow officers and committee for all their hard work, and for the support that they have given me personally. Last but not least my thanks to all of you for your continuing support of our Club and our lovely Smooths.

Thank you.

5. Treasurers Report (J Denton)

Good afternoon everybody, I hope you have all enjoyed the day. I will try to keep this brief as I am sure there are things of more interest to you all to follow. Hopefully you will have a copy of the accounts for last year in front of you.

The closing balance in the NatWest Bonus Saver Account was £10339.95, up by £65.73 in respect of interest received as no funds have been transferred from the current account to the savings account during the year. This account has now been closed, as agreed by the Committee in October. Unfortunately, the cut in interest rate for this account made it pointless to keep open. The interest received for the current year to the date of closing, which was 03.03.15, totalled 71p. The Current account closed at £2274.19.

Looking at the top of the first page you will see that reserves at 31st December 2014 stood at £13436.84 resulting in a profit for the year of £636.09, which was an increase of over £200 on last year.

Income and profit from SCOTY was down in 2014 by roughly £150 compared to 2013, mainly due to a drop in ticket and catalogue sales, but the event remained in profit.

Profit from the Open Show on 1st June 2014 was however significantly higher than in 2013, £286.37 higher in fact. A significant increase in entries resulting from the shared venue with the Collie Association Open Show coupled with a very small rise of only £20 in expenses made for a very successful day, and as I recall a very enjoyable one by all that took part.

The Seminar which was held on 29th June at Stoneleigh, which I was pleased to attend myself, was another very enjoyable and successful day. The profit of over £500 which resulted from it was a great boost to the club funds and was a credit to all who worked so hard to make the day so enjoyable.

Although the Championship show of 14th September again saw an increase in entries over the previous year, expenses in respect of the foreign judges and an increase in the venue hire cost reduced the profit for the event by £100 compared to the previous year. A significant amount was raised by the raffle at this event which obviously is achievable with the increase in entry levels and all donations are very gratefully received at these annual events.

The production costs for the Smooth Look reduced this year by £196.70 compared to 2013.

The Ada Bishop Foundation made profits for the year of £305.76 from the sale of goods, a reduction of £87.55 over the previous year, and ended the year with stock in hand with an asset value of £846.52, an increase of £165.19.

I think you will agree that the events organised in 2014 were a great success financially and I think were enjoyed by those who attended. I have been amazed by the amount of work undertaken by members of the committee and especially the club secretary in order to stage the shows and other events that contribute so much to the funds of the club and I hope that you will join me in thanking them for their continued hard work and dedication to the task!

Mrs B. White proposed that the accounts be accepted as a true record of our financial position. This was seconded by Mrs I Griffiths. The proposal was carried by 38/38 votes in favour.

6. Membership fees for 2016

A proposal was put to the meeting that the annual subscriptions be increased for 2016. They have not been increased for 3 years and at present they do not cover the costs incurred fulfilling our membership obligations eg. Smooth Look, stationery and postage.

The proposal was that all subscriptions should be the same except for juniors as follows:
Single UK membership (1 person) @ £7.00
Joint UK membership (no more than 2 people) @ £7.00
Overseas membership @ £7.00 single. (All correspondence will be electronic)
Junior membership (under 16 years old) @ 50p.
This was proposed by Mrs B White and seconded by Ms Benton. The proposal was carried by 38/38 votes in favour.

7. Out of Pocket Expenses

- a. Proposal to agree that out of pocket expenses to be paid to the Show Manager. Due to the split in duties it was felt that the Show Manager should be included in the Honoraria paid to officers of the club. At present the Treasurer receives £200 and The Secretary receives £250. The committee had agreed that this should be as follows: Treasurer £200.00, Secretary £200.00 Show Manager £200.00
Mr Foulston asked if the club could afford this increase given that without the seminar in the previous year we would have struggled to make much profit and as we do not have a seminar every year would it be sustainable. This was discussed at some length by the members. It was proposed by Mrs P Meacham that members accept the proposal and it was seconded by Mr J Blackburn. The proposal was carried by 37 votes in favour with 1 abstention.

8. Election of Officers and Committee

The result of the election was as follows:

Vice President	Mrs P Lister	31 votes out of 38
Chairman	Mrs B White	32 votes
Secretary	Mrs S Beeney	36 votes
Committee	Mrs J Page	35 votes
Committee	Mrs C Howard	28 votes

All candidates therefore formally elected.

9. Presentation of the Annual Points Trophies.

The presentation of the annual points trophies took place with winners also receiving a potted primula, a tradition started by former Club President Mrs Ada Bishop, donated by Mrs Leach, the Club's patron. The results are published in the next Smooth Look.

At this point it was asked whether the committee would consider having an annual award for Smooth Collies working within the community. eg. PAT dogs. It was agreed to discuss this in committee.

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 3.45pm.

