

Clumber Spaniel Club Committee Meeting

Held on 1st June 2023@ 7p.m via Zoom

Present: Ian Layfield (IL) President, Dave Boden (DB) Chair, Heather Mayes (HM) FT Sec, Eunice King (EK) Hon Sec, John Newsham (JN) Hon Treasurer, Sue Boden (SB) Breed Rescue Coordinator, Paul Whitehouse (PW), Sara Kirkman (SK), James Taylor (JT), Nigel Bryant (NB), Michelle Dawson (MD), Sandra Garratt (SG) (minute taker)

Meeting commenced at: 19:00hrs

Agenda Items:

(1) Apologies for Absence: Peter Sheppard

(2) Minutes of previous meeting held on 15th April 2023

The following changes were agreed:

Item 9 (g) – should read ‘Jackie Crawford has asked to be selected to become a member of the H&W Sub Committee’.

Item 9 (i) – should read ‘ Ian Layfield apologised to Diane Walton (DW) for the error in asking that her name be removed from the distribution list without first informing her of this decision and the reason why’.

Item 10 – spelling error noted and should read ‘...Hilary Male’

Item 11 (3) – spelling error noted should read ‘...Kath Kirkman’.

The minutes were accepted by 11 members with 1 abstention

Accepting the Minutes: Proposed by Eunice King, Seconded by Nigel Bryant

(3) Matters arising from previous committee meeting minutes:

JT raised the question about Clumber Clips and that the publication had previously been in April and October. The minutes state that it will be normally sent out in June, at the LKA and the Yearbook at Crufts. Previously it had been discussed and suggested that as long as the publication did not clash with the Yearbook and that they were six months apart alternatives could be considered. JN explained that by adopting a new approach would help to rationalise the amount of post the club manages.

SK raised a question with regard to the Birmingham National celebrating the Kings Coronation and the club supporting a Clumber Table at the event. While there was some knowledge of the event taking place no emails were received by the CSC indicating how it would move forward and how the table should be paid for. However, a table was paid for without the CSC knowing. Following a

discussion PW informed the meeting that he understood it was a member, Lorna Brown who paid for the table. EK will follow this up and report back at the next meeting.

ACTION EK

SK informed the meeting that she had drawn up a document with regard to GDPR and would circulate to the committee members for consideration.

ACTION SK

SK asked if anyone had volunteered to be the representative for United Spaniel Association. PW said that he was happy to take on this role as he was geographically positioned to attend the venue in person.

There was a brief discussion as to whether the meetings were held via zoom or in person and if the latter, where they are held now as the previous venue was due to be demolished due to HS2. IL agreed to follow this up and feedback at the next meeting.

SB proposed PW and JT seconded. The meeting was all in favour of PW taking on this role.

ACTION IL

SK highlighted that the adoption of an anti-bullying policy was not on the current agenda as previously stated. SK agreed to go through the old minutes to check if there are any outstanding matters that need to be followed up and feedback to the next meeting.

ACTION SK

Correspondence:

EK updated the meeting on the issue relating to the entry requirements for the Special Award Classes. EK had been in contact with the KC who confirmed '*...that the dog does not need to be entered in the Breed Classes to be able to compete in the Special Award Classes*'.

Higham Press have been notified and have agreed to correct the error. DB informed the meeting that it had been changed on Facebook and on the website.

JT asked if the details had been sent to Breed note writers and EK confirmed that they had.

EK informed the meeting that she had contacted the KC and informed them that HM is now the Field Trial Secretary. HM fed back that she had received correspondence from the KC and therefore, on their mailing list.

EK informed the meeting that she had sent thank you cards to Diane Walton; Philip Smith and Barbara Weston thanking them for their contributions to the CSC committee.

(4) 2024 International Seminar Working Party:

Work is currently underway to establish a suitable venue for the seminar. JT had provided details of 2 hotels and EK had contacted a large number of hotels but to date had not had a positive response.

SK asked if there were any hotels close to Clumber Park as it will be the clubs 125th Anniversary. EK and HM informed the meeting that there was a hotel close by.

IL reflected back on previous seminars and the fact that they had not been held in person for some time and whether or not consideration should be given to holding a Zoom seminar. HM said that prior to covid lock down they were held in person.

IL suggested that the CSC contact the Swedish and American Clubs to try and ascertain the level of interest in attending either in person or via Zoom. Consideration was given to the increased cost of living and how this may have a bearing on people being able to attend in person. SK emphasised the fact that it is held in conjunction with the Championship show and this may be an incentive for people to want to attend in person.

A small working party of no more than six members will be established to oversee the organisation of the seminar. DB asked IL if he would be prepared to Chair the working party which he agreed to. Others working party members will be; SK; HM; JT; and EK. JN will contribute to the group when requested. Carol Page will be invited to join as the Breed Health Coordinator.

ACTION IL

(5) H&W Sub Committee Nominations for 2023 – 2024:

The following names were put forward to form the H&W Sub Committee; Sue Boden, Heather Mayes, Diane Walton, Jacky Crawford, Carol Page and Sandra Garratt. EK will formally email the above, welcoming them to the sub-committee.

(6) Breed Promotions Coordinator:

Currently three names that have been put forward as current members of the team. They are Kelly Hookway; Michael Stocker and Jill Halladay. JN informed

the meeting that he had a list of names that had been previously involved in breed promotion and could forward a copy to the Breed Promotions Coordinator.

HM asked if there was a committee for this group. EK said that it was steered by the Breed Promotions Coordinator, who then organises the team to go to various events. It entails for example, contacting the Kennel Club (KC) for information and then circulating.

At the time of the meeting the breed promotion material was with the retiring breed promotions coordinator. DB reminded the meeting that it was agreed that the material was going to be reviewed before the next promotion. EK said this would be Crufts 2024.

DB asked if there was anyone on the committee who would be happy to take on the role as Breed Promotions Coordinator? SK put her name forward for this role. JT proposed her and NB seconded.

SK will contact the retiring Breed Promotions Coordinator and arrange a full handover. SK will feedback any potential problems with returning the equipment and material should they arise.

ACTION SK

Breed Education Coordinator Report:

IL informed the meeting that he had received three new applications from judges wishing to join the judges list;

1. Frank Whyte – he has many years of experience and outstanding knowledge and has applied to join the A3 None Specialist List.
2. Eleanor Bryant - has extensive knowledge and is well known within the breed and has applied to join the A3 Specialist List
3. Jen Millard – has experience in judging a large selection of breeds and has applied to go on the B list None Specialist List.

DB asked if the committee agreed that the above three candidates go on to the list. 11 agreed and there was 1 abstention.

IL will revise the list and inform PS who will then be able to update the website.

Any Other Business:

None

Date and Time of Next meeting:

29th June @ 19:00 hours via Zoom.
Meeting closed @ 20:05 hours