

# **DEVON & CORNWALL COCKER SPANIEL CLUB**

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 5th May 2018 at 2.45pm  
at Calverleigh Village Hall near Tiverton, Devon**

**Present:** Chairman: Mr A. Reed, Secretary: Miss S. Ellison; Treasurer: Mrs L Cheetham, Mrs W Cullen, Mr F Bard, Miss K Wannell, Miss J King, Mrs V Sheppard, Mrs J Sweet, Mr R Owens, Mr S Kew, Mrs J Kew, Mr A Norris, Mrs J Norris and Miss J Norris, Mr P Meaker

1. **Apologies for absence** – there were no apologies.

2. **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 15th April 20167**

On a proposition by Mrs W Cullen, seconded Mr S Kew by the minutes of the 2017 AGM were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. **Matters arising** there were no matters arising.

4. **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman reported another good year for the club, despite being a non-Championship year, there had been only a small financial deficit.

The Club continued to encourage new members and it was great to see so many new faces at the shows last November and the Show prior to this meeting - and also to encourage the growth of our new judges by holding a seminar to support their development in 2017.

Sadly and now far too common – we had said goodbye to many of our most supportive members - our Patron Kathleen Heath, Sally Mounter and recently Sheila Webb and we missed them being with us at our events.

As always, the club was wholly dependant on the support of a small dedicated committee and its members who participate at the shows and events. The Chairman took this opportunity to thank the members and especially the committee for their continued dedication and work. He wished everybody a good a successful showing year.

5. **Secretary's Report**

The Secretary reported the Club had maintained the status quo over the last year, with the two Open Shows and KC Seminar (Rules and Regs) each contributing a reasonable income over expenditure towards the cost of Club expenses for the year.

The exhibitors who attend our Shows on a regular basis, were to be commended for their support and loyalty to the Club; as were the Committee, who worked hard to make all the Club events both enjoyable and successful.

At the meeting last year, we were awaiting the impact of the outcome following the deliberations of the Kennel Club Show Promotions Working Party, with the possibility of reduction in the number of Breed Clubs of most concern. In the event a number of changes had been made to the regulations at both Open and General Ch Shows, with the introduction of various schemes to encourage exhibitors, and the KC Working Party had now been abandoned – without further mention of amalgamation of our Breed Clubs (for now).

Members would be aware of the changes to come over the next years, with the introduction of the Kennel Club Judges Competency Framework and The KC Academy, which was due to come on-line in January 2020 and be phased in until January 2022 when the JCF would take over completely. The changes would impact upon the Club, so far as its obligations towards the future education of Judges for the Breed; the requirement for the Club to provide Mentors, bi-annual Breed Education Days and the sponsorship of Breed classes at local General Societies – at which mentoring might take place. Although the work involved would appear, at this stage, to be somewhat daunting for a Club Secretary it is to be hoped that, as the introduction is phased in, all would become clear.

Finally, the Secretary mentioned the recent loss of Shelagh Webb who was a great supporter of the Club and indeed took the award of Best Veteran in Show in November last year, which was a good note to end on; it is also very sad that we lost Kathleen Heath in January – founder member, President and Patron of the Club – a forthright character, who did not suffer fools; who spoke her mind and at the end was well loved; she would not be replaced. The Secretary wished all good health and luck in the coming year.

6. **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer presented the audited accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017, copies having been circulated at the meeting. The Chairman highlighted the small deficit for the year of £227.97 in spite of the two Open Shows and Seminar resulting in reasonable income over expenditure and it could be expected that the coming Championship year would balance the two year account. There a reasonable amount in the bank of £4,378.29 as at the date of the account.

The accounts were accepted and approved unanimously.

**7. Appointment of Auditor for 2018**

The Treasurer confirmed that the Auditor, Mr J.H. Angus, had agreed to carry out the audit of the accounts for the coming year. The appointment proposed by Mrs K Wannell and seconded by Ms J King, was unanimously approved.

**8. Review of Honoraria**

The Secretary and Treasurer were asked to leave the room. It was confirmed that the Honoraria paid for the year remain at £400.00 for the Secretary and £250.00 for the Treasurer.

**9. Constitutions – amendments:**

**(A) - updates to conform with the KC Regulations:**

Rule 4: Membership List The Club will ~~make a~~ **maintain an up to date** list of members and their addresses which will be available for inspection if so requested by the members of The Club or by the Kennel Club.

Rule 14. Expulsion (First sentence) Any member ~~or their dog who shall be suspended under KC Rule A42j(4) and/or disqualified~~ **who shall be disqualified** under ~~KC Rule A42j(8)~~ **Kennel Club Rule A11.j.(5) and/or Kennel Club Rule A11.j.(9)** shall ipso facto cease to be a member of The Club ~~for the duration of the suspension and/or disqualification.~~

Rule 15. Alteration to rules No alteration or addition to these rules shall be made except at an AGM or SGM convened for that purpose, **the notice of which must contain the detail of proposed changes.** Such proposed alterations or additions shall not be brought into force until the Kennel Club has been advised and given its approval.

**(B) deletion of Rule 16: The Club shall not join any Federation or society.** *The Chairman said the Club was a member of the Breed Council and had been for many years – apparently contrary to this Rule.*

The deletion of this Rule was therefore proposed to rectify the position.

On proposition by Laura Ratcliff and seconded by Fran Bard, the amendments were agreed.

**10. Election of Officers and Committee**

The following Honorary Officers and Committee were standing for re-election:

**Patron:**

**President:** -

**Chairman:** Mr A Reed –

**Vice- Chairman:** Mrs W Cullen –

**Treasurer:** Mrs L Cheetham -

**Secretary:** Miss S Ellison –

**Committee,**

Miss J King; Mrs V Sheppard; Mr Fran Bard; Miss Kimberley Wannell; Mrs Laura Ratcliff;

The Honorary Officers and Committee were unanimously confirmed in post.

**11. Any Other business:** There was no other business.

**12. Close of meeting**

The Chairman thanked members for attending and the meeting closed at 3.00 pm.

Signed .....

Dated .....2019