



LABRADOR RETRIEVER KENNEL CLUB

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DRAFT MINUTES OF THE FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE LABRADOR RETRIEVER KENNEL CLUB HELD ON SATURDAY 4 MARCH 2017 AT EDGECOMBE HOUSE, MIDRAND, JOHANNESBURG.

PRESENT: 21 members

APOLOGIES: Prof Colin Harrison, Mrs Patricia Harrison, Mrs Diane Holman, Mrs Betty Howard, Mr & Mrs Wynne, Mrs Marietjie Nicholson

1. NOTICE TO CONVENE THE MEETING

The Chairman called on the Secretary to read the notice convening the meeting.

2. WELCOME & APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded as above. The Chairman welcomed everyone present and thanked them for their attendance.

3. MINUTES OF THE 58TH AGM HELD ON SATURDAY, 5TH MARCH, 2016 FOR APPROVAL AND ADOPTION

The Minutes of the 58th AGM held on 5th March 2016 having been circulated, were subsequently discussed.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE FOREGOING MINUTES

The meeting conducted a page turn of the minutes and the following item was raised and debated:

Item 4.2 of 2016 AGM Minutes. Mike Holman asked that the outstanding queries regarding the 2012 Annual Financial Statements be addressed. Mr Jansen van Vuuren apologised for not responding sooner, but advised that the 2012 financial statements had been approved at the AGM and to further entertain Mr Holman's queries on the matter was an indulgence.

- Increase in show expenses of ±R12,000 from 2011: Just the cost for the Championship Show judge's travel was R10,000. Mrs Wiles was a replacement for Mrs Brown who fell ill and the club lost the advantage of an early flight booking. Mrs Wiles was also put up at a guest house for 3 nights which may not have been the case in the prior year.
- Increase in Field Trial expenses of ±R19,500 from 2011: Again increase in costs of staging a larger FT than the previous year, just based on numbers entered. Also, the Committee had decided to reintroduce a beverage service to competitors and had laid out the funds to do this. Mr Jansen van Vuuren noted the corresponding increase in revenue to support the

increase in costs.

- In response to Mr Holman's point that costs had nearly doubled by some R19,500 and the Auditors report had stated that he could only audit receipts and payments presented, Mr Jansen van Vuuren responded that the reference by the auditor to receipts not made available was for kennelling of rescue dogs in the amount of more than R11,000. It was impossible to obtain an invoice retrospectively. Also, the R8,975 was a refund to the Championship Show judge and she did not invoice us for it.
- Mr Holman commented that running a bar requires significant outlay for stock and very rarely yields any significant income for the Club, and it is illegal without a licence. Mr Jansen van Vuuren responded that it is the objective of this committee, in stark contrast to the committee as run by Mr and Mrs Holman during previous years, to offer competitors the best trial we can. Having a beverage service is convenient and popular and is worthwhile even if the activity only breaks even. Mr Pott noted that the way the bar is managed is in keeping with liquor laws. Mr Nicholson suggested that we poll members to determine whether they want a bar at field trials. Mrs van Tonder commented that the overwhelming support of the bar at field trials is evidence enough that it is popular.
- Mr Holman also pointed out that neither the 2012 nor 2013 AFS were approved by members at the 2014 AGM because of concern raised by certain attendees that the AFS had not been audited by a fully qualified CA and Auditor (although Section 18d) of the Constitution only uses the term "shall hold adequate experience to discharge his duties"). The meeting then agreed that the financials should be reviewed by a properly qualified CA and Auditor and re-issued to members. This apparently has not happened and while the matter was raised at the 2015 AGM and the minutes reported that "there were cost and income allocation errors", no illustrations or examples were mentioned. Mr Jansen van Vuuren countered the argument by referring to KUSA and DOGSPC, specifically Mr Gérard Robinson the current chairman, who has stated that no club can afford to hire the services of an auditor. Mr Thompson at the time was used by most clubs to review their books. Constitutional changes requested by other clubs wishing to write in their constitution that an auditor should review the books were refused on the grounds that it is not feasible for clubs to afford the services of a Chartered Accountant. The Treasurer noted that we now have the privilege of using Mr Gattonby as our Auditor who donates his services free of charge to the Club but should this change, we would have to pay for an Auditor. Mr Malcolm then suggested that we consider amending our Constitution to require a review instead of audit. This suggestion was formally proposed by Mr Jansen van Vuuren and seconded by Mr Holman.

The outstanding queries raised as Item 4.2 of the minutes of the 2016 AGM were thus addressed and settled.

Acceptance of the minutes:

Proposed: Kevin Pott
Seconded: Pierre Nicholson

5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Chairman presented his annual report, providing a review of the Club's activities and events in 2016. (attached)

6. TREASURER'S REPORT AND AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR

The Treasurer presented his report and briefly summarized the Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Comprehensive Income (attached).

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE TWO REPORTS

Matters Arising from the Chairman's Report:

- Mr Nicholson asked that the new website currently being developed by Mr Jansen van Vuuren be compatible with all electronic devices. Mr Jansen van Vuuren noted that the selected template is already compatible with all devices.
- Mrs Hacking suggested growing the membership base by developing a working leg in the Club, ie scent detection,

companion dogs etc. She also suggested we host field trial and working dog demonstrations at shows. Mr Jansen van Vuuren noted that this is a good idea and asked for a contact in the working industry that we can make contact with. Mr Holman suggested greater links in obedience which is the foundation of all disciplines. Mrs Rowan suggested we approach Paul from Wuma! Who is head of dog unit for North West Province. Mrs Pott suggested we participate in demonstrations at local market days as was successfully done in the past. Francois van Rooyen suggested discounted membership to puppy buyers, however, Mr Jansen van Vuuren noted that past experience indicated that this initiative did not work as these members only lasted one year and did not renew.

Acceptance of Chairman's Report:

Chairman's Report Proposed: Gerhard van Tonder
Chairman's Report Seconded: Kevin Pott

Matters Arising from the Honorary Treasurer's Report:

None.

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's Report Proposed: Jane Pott
Treasurer's Report Seconded: Di Hacking

8. ITEMS SUBMITTED BY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

No items were submitted by the Management Committee.

9. ITEMS SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS OF THE LRKC

- Mr Holman noted the usefulness of continuing with and supporting Retrieverite Days as a way of promoting the working side of dogdom and greater membership for the LRKC.
- Mr Holman lamented the decline in KUSA registrations of Labrador Retrievers. The meeting debated the possible reasons, citing the weak economy and high costs associated with registering litters and the moral expectation that registered puppies should be from health-tested parents which adds to costs. A further consideration could be the current popularity of perceived "protection" breeds such as certain terriers, at the expense of Labradors, triggered by high crime levels in South Africa.
- Mr Holman advised the meeting that there would be a motivation to KUSA in due course to introduce a working dog class at Championship Shows (similar to that offered in the United Kingdom) and requested that the Club consider supporting the proposal.

10. MOTIONS FOR AMENDMENT OF THE LRKC CONSTITUTION

None.

11. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR FOR 2017

It was proposed that the current Auditor, Mr AF Gatonby, be appointed as auditor for 2017.

Proposed: Jane Pott
Seconded: Pierre Nicholson

12. ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR 2017

Four members of the Management Committee reached the conclusion of their term of office but indicated their willingness for re-election for a new term: Mrs Jane Pott, Ms Genevieve Alberts, Mr Francois van Rooyen, Mr Dwayne Malcolm.

A resignation was also received from Mr Kevin Pott who indicated that he would not be available for re-election in 2017.

Six nomination forms were submitted to the Secretary: Mrs Jane Pott, Ms Genevieve Alberts, Mr Francois van Rooyen, Mr Dwayne Malcolm, Mr Chester Smart and Mr Gerhard van Tonder.

Mr Jansen van Vuuren suggested that a single block ballot be conducted for Mrs Jane Pott, Ms Genevieve Alberts, Mr Francois van Rooyen and Mr Dwayne Malcolm for re-election on to the Committee and separate ballots be held for the proposed new members to the Committee.

Proposed: Di Hacking
Seconded: Sandy Borrvalho

The ballot was conducted as a block and the above-mentioned four members were elected to the Management Committee by a majority of votes.

Mr Jansen van Vuuren noted that our Constitution stipulates that a Committee may not have more than 10 voting members, however, there is no reason why the Committee cannot comprise 11 members of which one would not have a vote. Separate ballots were thus cast with Mr Smart garnering 12 votes and Mr van Tonder achieving 8 votes. It was thus suggested that Mr Smart will be a voting member and Mr van Tonder not.

13. ELECTION OF PATRONS, PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT

No nomination was submitted for the position of **Patron**.

One nomination was submitted for the position of **President: Mrs Jane Pott**

The proposal was voted on and received unanimous support.

14. GENERAL

- Mrs Hacking asked whether the LRKC would consider supporting a motion from the Cape Gundog Club to lobby KUSA to drop veterans from being eligible to win challenge certificates. After robust debate, the motion was denied.
- Ms Genevieve Alberts gave feedback on the health project and advised that Professor Kirberger had completed his report and that it was now under peer review and would hopefully be published in the next few months.
- Mrs Pott formally thanked Edgecombe House for hosting the AGM at reduced rates and for their continued support of our activities.
- Mr Smart made a plea to Club members, particularly breed exhibitors, to cease negativity, support each other and improve their attitudes at shows because this would drive membership positively. He also requested that members cease using social media for public spats with one another as this cast the Club in a bad light. Mr Jansen van Vuuren thanked Mr Smart for his comments but pointed out that there is nothing the club can do to prevent individuals expressing their opinions on social media. Mr Jansen van Vuuren further pointed out that there is always politics within a club and the best approach is to not get involved and refrain from responding to negative attitude and comment.

15. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS FOR 2016

The annual awards were presented to the winners as follows:

Victor Ludorum

(Top winning male Labrador Retriever)

Winner: Ch Caignair Desert Flyer of Stagmanskop
Owner: Mrs D Hacking
Points: 109

Runner Up: Potiphar Solo Rio of Stagmanskop
Owner: Mrs D Hacking
Points: 82

Victrix Ludorum

(Top winning female Labrador Retriever)

Winner: Ch Ablesing Kiara for Keeps of Mirain
Owner: Mrs S Borralho
Points: 163

Runner-Up: Ch Caignair Picture Perfect
Owner: Mrs J Pott
Points: 114

Supreme Champion

(Points scored by Labrador Retrievers with the title of Champion)

Winner: Ch Ablesing Kiara for Keeps of Mirain
Owner: Mrs S Borralho
Points: 118

Runner-Up: Ch Caignair Desert Flyer of Stagmanskop
Owner: Mrs D Hacking
Points: 73

Ch Marsta Secret Duke Award

(Highest placed Labrador Retriever in Animalktalk top 100 ratings – counting Group and BIS placings)

Winner: Ch Caignair Picture Perfect
Owner: Mrs J Pott
Points: 221 (placed 95 on Animalktalk Top 100)

Runner-Up: Ch Ablesing Kiara For Keeps of Mirain
Owner: Mrs S Borralho
Points: 158 (placed 127 on Animalktalk Top 100)

Ch Balrion Lord of the Manor of Breckondale Trophy

(Labrador Retriever Kennel with the highest number of points scored at the LRKC Open and Championship Shows)

Winner: Caignair
Owner: Mrs J Pott
Points: 70

Runner-Up: Dimeche
Owner: Mr C Smant
Points: 16

Best Junior Dog

(Awarded to the male Labrador that scored the most points from Minor Puppy, Puppy and Junior Classes)

Winner: Sea-Birds Nothing Compares at Mirain (Imp Sweden)
Owner: Mrs S Borralho
Points: 36

Runner-Up: Tapeatom Last Chance at Dwarsberg
Owner: A Stofberg
Points:

Best Junior Bitch

(Awarded to the female Labrador that scored the most points from Minor Puppy, Puppy and Junior Classes)

Winner: Sea-Birds One In A Million at Mirain (Imp Sweden)
Owner: Mrs S Borrvalho
Points: 64

Runner-Up: Craignair Beyond Th Limit
Owner: Mrs J Pott
Points:

Best Veteran Dog

(Awarded to the male Labrador that scored the most points from the Veteran Class)

Joint Winner: Ch Hotsouthwind Flying High to Tapeatom
Owner: Mrs E Howard
Points: 9

Joint Winner: Ch Tapeatom Flight of Fancy at Craignair
Owner: Mrs J Pott
Points: 9

Best Veteran Bitch

(Awarded to the female Labrador that scored the most points from the Veteran Class)

Winner: Ch Ailsacraig Crystal Topaz
Owner: Mrs B Dumbrill
Points: 61

Runner-Up: Ch Craignair Heart Breaker
Owner: Mrs J Pott
Points: 16

Congratulations to all the owners and the breeders of these amazing dogs.

In closing, the Chairman thanked the members for their attendance. The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 14h20.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Signed: _____
Secretary

Date: _____