



LABRADOR RETRIEVER KENNEL CLUB

(Affiliated to the KUSA)

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**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE LABRADOR RETRIEVER
KENNEL CLUB HELD ON SATURDAY 5 MARCH 2016 AT EDGECOMBE HOUSE, MIDRAND,
JOHANNESBURG.**

PRESENT: 21 members

APOLOGIES: Prof Colin Harrison, Mrs Patricia Harrison, Mrs Diane Holman, Mrs Betty Howard, Mrs Marietjie Nicholson, Mrs Rose-Marie Cabion and Dr Alan Kloeck

1. NOTICE TO CONVENE THE MEETING

The Chairman called on the Honorary 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 57TH AGM HELD ON SATURDAY, 5TH MARCH, 2015 FOR APPROVAL AND ADOPTION

The Minutes of the 57th AGM held on 7th March 2015 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 items were raised and debated:

4.1 **Item 4.3.** Mr Holman stated that the wording in Item 4.3 was erroneous. Mrs Holman had not claimed that missing Club records were still in Mr Jansen van Vuuren's possession. The correct wording should be that when she stepped down as Chairman in 2012, Mrs Holman had handed said Club records to Mrs Stadler, then Hon Secretary, who confirmed in an email that she had then transferred all the boxes from her car into Mr Jansen van Vuuren's car at the first committee meeting in 2012. This amendment to the minutes was accepted by a majority.

4.2 **Item 7.** Mr Holman was not satisfied that the discrepancies in the 2012 Financial Statements, raised and discussed at the 2014 AGM, were suitably addressed by the Committee at the 2015 AGM. The Chairman pointed out that the 2012 Statements,

together with the 2013 Statements were accepted at the time of the AGM in 2015, during which Mr Holman was not present and asked why Mr Holman had not raised any of his concerns following the AGM in 2015. It was proposed and agreed that Mr Holman would list his concerns in an e-mail to the Chairman for consideration and response by the Committee.

Acceptance of the minutes:

Proposed: Kevin Pott
Seconded: Richard Hacking

5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Chairman presented his annual report, providing a review of the Club's activities and events in 2015. (attached)

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

The Honorary 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:

- In response to the Chairman's concern that overall membership of the Club is not growing, Mrs Hacking suggested that breeders should give all puppy buyers a membership for a nominal consideration or even free for a period. Hopefully we will retain a small portion of these new members going forward. In addition, breeders should actively encourage puppy owners to attend Club events.

Acceptance of Chairman's Report:

Chairman's Report Proposed: Marie Wynne
Chairman's Report Seconded: Jane Pott

Matters Arising from the Honorary Treasurer's Report:

- Mr Holman expressed concern at the rising cost of procuring game. Mr and Mrs van Rooyen and Marie Wynne all confirmed that the costs associated with holding field trials, especially in relation to live game, were rapidly escalating and that this is a problem that many clubs are experiencing.
- Following a discussion on securing greater Club sponsorship, Mrs Hacking suggested that the Club approach Montego dog food as they have become very active in sponsoring dog events. Mrs Hacking undertook to broker an introduction between the Chairman and her contact at Montego. Mrs van Rooyen suggested the Club approaches Jock who regularly sponsor the Club's field trial event to also sponsor the shows. Mr Jansen van Vuuren indicated that he would like to protect Jock's support and not abuse their generosity and rather secure a separate sponsor for shows given the financial impact that the shows have on the sponsor. Mr van Niekerk echoed this sentiment stating that many sponsors withdraw sponsorship upon learning that they are jointly sponsoring events or competing in any way with other sponsors.

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's Report Proposed: Mike Holman
Treasurer's Report Seconded: Kevin Pott

8. ITEMS SUBMITTED BY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

No items were submitted by the Management Committee.

9. ITEMS SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS OF THE LRKC

No items were submitted by the members of the LRKC.

10. MOTIONS FOR AMENDMENT OF THE LRKC CONSTITUTION

The meeting conducted a page-turn of the marked-up Constitution and considered various amendments proposed by the Committee and Mr Holman.

- Clause 5 b). New sub clause "To encourage and advise good breeding practice for Labrador Retrievers and to preserve the type of Labrador so well suited for work." Approved by two thirds present.
- Clause 5 c). Wording added "and advise the KUSA regarding interpretation and change to the Breed Standard of the Labrador Retriever". Approved by two thirds present.
- Clause 5 d). Typographical change approved by two thirds present.
- Clause 7. Sentence added "The Club shall carry on its activities in a non-profit manner, in such a way as to conform to the requirements of its tax-exempt status". Approved by two thirds present.
- Clause 8. Typographical change approved by two thirds present.
- Clause 12 f). Typographical change approved by two thirds present.
- Clause 13 b). Wording added "...notified in writing about all charges against him, be invited to a meeting of the full Committee and President and....". Mike Holman suggested the words "and President" be removed because it places an obligation on the president to attend. It is an unnecessary insertion because the president is included as part of meetings earlier in the text. Renier Jansen van Vuuren, Pierre Nicholson and Francois van Rooyen felt the president should attend as the potential Chair in order to break deadlocks and guide the meeting in an impartial manner. The consensus was that this wording as added with reference to the President remains as part of the amendment.
- Item 13 c). Wording inserted that a Special General Meeting should be held within 30 days from receipt of an appeal by the Chairman or Secretary. Francois van Rooyen was concerned that 30 days may be impractical, however, it was felt that an alternative date could be determined by mutual agreement. Additional small typographical changes were also made to this clause. These changes were approved by two thirds of those present.
- Clause 14. Wording removed "from members participating in training". Approved by two thirds present.
- Clause 15 a). The following amendment was initially proposed: "Persons nominated for Patrons and the President of the Club shall be members of the Club for a number of years, shall be those considered worthy of special recognition for services to the Club, to dog affairs or for an outstanding achievement in connection with dogs, or have made significant contribution to Club activities and Labrador Retrievers in general. The Patrons and President shall hold office at the members pleasure". In motivation to the change the committee stated that Honorary positions in the LRKC should be deserved and reserved for distinctive service to the LRKC. Without this clearly stipulated, this was abused in some instances based on popularity and personal, non-objective motivations. To be honoured by the club by being voted in as an HONORARY CLUB OFFICIAL should not be taken lightly. The committee plans to work on a set of guidelines for identification of such members. Mike Holman suggested adding definitions to each of the roles of Patron, President and Vice President with the objective of guiding future AGMs in nominating and approving individuals in each of these roles. It was however considered that an appropriate definition that all would agree on would be extremely difficult to achieve and that nominations to these positions should be motivated by the nominator and decided upon by the AGM. It was proposed by the Committee that the position of Patron should be a fixed term nomination rather than "at the members' pleasure". This was voted on and 10 members voted in favour and 10 against. This proposal was therefore not adopted. It was unanimously agreed that the position of Vice-President be removed. It was further unanimously agreed that in the text of this clause the position of Patron and President be split and be described separately. A Patron would not need to be a member of the Club at the time of his/her appointment and the position would be permanent subject to holding office at the members' pleasure. The President would have to be a member of the Club and this would be an annual position only and subject to the members' pleasure.
- Clause 15 b). Minor typographical and wording changes approved by two thirds present.
- Clause 16 A a). Wording added to 16 A a) "not less than six nor more than" and 16 A a) III "for a minimum of one year"

was approved by two thirds present.

- Clause 16 A b). Removal of words "Honorary" from Secretary and Treasurer was approved by two thirds present. Suggested addition "16 A c) Officers of the Club may only be appointed from among Committee members elected by the Annual General Meeting" was motivated by the Chairman as added to ensure that only experienced members voted onto the committee by club members at the AGM are appointed as club officials. For example, the Chairman referred to an instance in the past when an inexperienced person who was not even a club member for 3 months was elected chairman of the club. Mrs Wynne argued that in a situation where a skilled person was needed for position such as treasurer or secretary, with nobody remaining in the committee skilled enough, would place management of the club into jeopardy. The proposal to add this clause was not accepted by a two thirds majority.
- Clause 16 B. Suggested removal of sub-clause 16 B c) and insertion of new wording "Election of the committee will be conducted according to the voting procedures described in clause 22" was adopted by a two thirds majority.
- Clause 16 C a-c). Minor wording amendments accepted.
- Clause 16 C d). New sub-clause proposed "Should the Committee feel the need to replace the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer, this may be done at a Committee Meeting presided over by the Club President" was discussed and amended to add "Should the Committee feel the need to replace the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer, and this is not achieved by mutual consent of all Committee members other than the Club official concerned, then this must be approved at a Special General Meeting convened by the Committee in terms of Section 20 b) of the Constitution". This was approved by a two thirds majority.
- Clause 16 D b). The proposed wording "but may not be elected as Officer of the Club" was not approved.
- Clause 17. Minor wording changes in line with the KUSA template constitution as well as the text "Any such questionnaire, referendum or ballot will be conducted in line with rights and privileges outlined in this Constitution and the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa", were proposed and accepted.
- Clause 18. Additional wording "The Club will not pay any remuneration to any officer of the club. Any remuneration paid to any other person rendering a service to the Club shall not be excessive having regard to what is generally considered reasonable in the sector and in relation to the service rendered" was accepted.
- Clause 18 a) IV. Additional wording "On relinquishment of his Office, to hand all books and records to his successor within 14 days and all responsibilities as defined in section 8 of this Constitution" was proposed and accepted.
- Clause 18 b) V and Clause 18 c) VII insert wording " On relinquishment of his Office, to hand all books and records to his successor within 14 days and all responsibilities as defined in section 8 of this constitution" was proposed and accepted.
- All further changes that had been proposed and circulated to all members were not discussed but accepted by two thirds present.

It was agreed that the Committee would now finalise all the accepted changes to the Constitution and circulate a marked-up copy of the revised document to all the AGM attendees. Recipients shall have 14 days to object to any of the changes whereafter all changes shall be adopted.

11. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR FOR 2016

It was proposed that the current Auditor, Mr AF Gatony, be appointed as auditor for 2016.

Proposed: Jane Pott
Seconded: Genevieve Alberts

12. ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR 2016

Five members of the Management Committee reached the conclusion of their term of office but indicated their willingness for re-election for a new term:

Renier Jansen van Vuuren

Alan Kloeck
Kevin Pott
Angelique van Rooyen
Mercia van Tonder

A resignation was also received from Gerhard van Tonder who indicated that he would not be available for re-election in 2016.

Six nomination forms were submitted to the Honorary Secretary:

Thania Rowan
Renier Jansen van Vuuren
Alan Kloeck
Kevin Pott
Angelique van Rooyen
Mercia van Tonder

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

13. ELECTION OF PATRONS, PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT

One nomination was submitted by the Mrs Hacking for the position of **Patron: Mrs Dale Fabian**

The Chairman asked Mrs Hacking to motivate the nomination to the Members present. Mrs Hacking stated that Mrs Fabian should be made a Patron of the LRKC in honour of her service to Labradors in the Western Cape. She started in Labradors in the 1980's and began to show some beautiful dogs that she both brought in and bred. She was very successful in making up several champions. After joining the Gundog Club in the Cape, she began working with Helene Kessler and developed some really good field trial dogs. Soon, Dale was on the committee of the Gundog Club and she did the newsletter for a few years as well as organizing the field trials and teaching all new members the ropes. She is the "go to" person in the Western Cape for any questions about the training of dogs. She later also joined the Field Trial Club and has always been available to help anyone who has an interest in dogs. Today, she works full time and spends every weekend with people and their dogs. In addition, she is a Championship Show judge for Gundogs and a senior field trial judge. In short, Mrs Fabian is most deserving of this honour given her many years of dedication to the breed and the owners.

The proposal was voted on and received unanimous support.

Mr Renier Jansen van Vuuren further proposed that Mrs Dale Fabian be awarded Honorary Life Membership status in recognition of her lifetime dedicated to Labrador Retrievers in South Africa. This proposal was unanimously supported.

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

The proposal was voted on and received unanimous support.

14. GENERAL

No items were discussed under general.

15. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS FOR 2015

The annual awards were presented to the winners as follows:

Victor Ludorum

(Top winning male Labrador Retriever)

Joint Winner: Ch Caignair Desert Flyer of Stagmanskop
Owner: Mrs D Hacking
Points: 112

Joint Winner: Ch Caignair Switch Blade
Owner: Mr D Malcolm
Points: 112

Victrix Ludorum

(Top winning female Labrador Retriever)

Winner: Ch Ablesing Kiara for Keeps of Mirain
Owner: Mrs S Borralho
Points: 34

Runner-Up: Ch & Int. Ch Caignair Destined To Be
Owner: Mrs J Pott
Points: 27

Supreme Champion

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

Winner: Ch Caignair Switch Blade
Owner: Mr D Malcolm
Points: 77

Runner-Up: Ch Caignair Desert Flyer of Stagmanskop
Owner: Mrs D Hacking
Points: 65

Ch Marsta Secret Duke Award

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

Winner: Ch Caignair Switch Blade
Owner: Mr D Malcolm
Points: 109 (placed 157 on Animaltalk Top 100)

Runner-Up: Ch Dolbia Louboutin of Bunnichem
Owner: Mrs A Jansen van Vuuren
Points: 105 (placed 159 on Animaltalk 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: 74

Runner-Up: Rowania
Owner: Mrs T Rowan
Points: 20

Best Junior Dog

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

Winner: Ailsacraig Final Fling
Owner: Ms S Brown
Points: 49

Runner-Up: Longformacus Calls The Tune of Tushielaw
Owner: Ms R Hansen
Points: 28

Best Junior Bitch

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

Winner: Toptail's Jin Xin Taibi of Berrakaw (Imp Taiwan)
Owner: Mr & Mrs P Nicholson
Points: 45

Runner-Up: Potiphar Fancy Occasion
Owner: Mr J Hovers
Points: 40

Best Veteran Dog

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

Winner: Ch Kinnell Black Knight NHR FQ
Owner: Mr & Mrs A Thuynsma
Points: 38

Runner-Up: Ch Chezenko Wingshooter
Owner: Drs T&V Reid
Points: 19

Best Veteran Bitch

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

Winner: Ch Tapeatom Drama Queen of Craignair
Owner: Mrs J Pott
Points: 58

Runner-Up: Ch Tapeatom Elegant Lady of Roseryal
Owner: Mrs M Rose
Points: 4

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

In closing, Mr Holman proposed a vote of thanks to the Secretary for the efficient manner in which she manages the LRKC administration. This was unanimously adopted. In addition, Miss Trautmann complimented the Chairman on successfully steering the Club in 2015 and thanked him for his efforts.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 14h20.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Signed:  _____
Honorary Secretary

Date: 23/03/2017