



LABRADOR RETRIEVER KENNEL CLUB

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DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 60th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE LABRADOR RETRIEVER KENNEL CLUB HELD ON SATURDAY 17 MARCH 2018 AT EDGECOMBE HOUSE, MIDRAND, JOHANNESBURG.

PRESENT: 18 members

APOLOGIES: Ms Dale Fabian, Prof Colin Harrison, Mrs Patricia Harrison, Mrs Diane Holman, Mrs Betty Howard, Mr Gerhard van Tonder, Dr Alan Kloeck, Mrs Mary Anne Greathead, Mrs Julie Blackburn, Mr Tyron Borralho, Mr Jason Borralho

1. NOTICE TO CONVENE THE MEETING

The Chairman read the notice to convene 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 59TH AGM HELD ON SATURDAY, 4th MARCH, 2017 FOR APPROVAL AND ADOPTION

The chairman suggested a page turn review of the Minutes of the 59th AGM held on 4th March 2017, having been circulated and uploaded to the LRKC website in draft format and that members should point out items for discussion and correction.

- Mr Holman was not happy with the wording of the text of the 2nd bullet point on page 2 of the minutes, Item 4.2. The Chairman asked Mr Holman how he would like it changed and Mr Holman then proposed that the sentence be changed to read (underlining the text added): "Mr Jansen van Vuuren responded that it is the objective of this committee, in stark contrast to previous committees who did not want to run a bar service, to offer competitors the best trial we can."
- No other amendments were requested.

Acceptance of the minutes:

Proposed: Mr Dwayne Malcolm

Seconded: Mrs Sandy Borralho

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE FOREGOING MINUTES

None

5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Chairman presented his annual report, starting with proposing a toast on the 60th birthday of the Labrador Retriever Kennel Club and then providing a review of the Club's activities and events in 2017. (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:

- Ms Genevieve Alberts enquired about the proposed updates to the website the chairman mentioned at the time of the AGM 2017. The chairman replied that he, in his role as webmaster, had no time to transfer the website into the new format as this proved to be more complicated and time consuming than what he had anticipated, but that he had kept the domain and hosting paid up personally in case it will be of use in the future. He reminded the meeting that this template will enable multiple users to be able to update the site and that will make it easier to keep the site up to date. Ms Alberts stated that the site is not only for the benefit of Club Members but should also be seen as a comprehensive source of information and education on Labradors in general for the benefit of the general public. With this in mind, there is room for improvement. Mr Holman added that relevant articles be published on the site. The chairman responded that he agreed there is always room for improvement but that he does not have more time to spend than what he currently does and that nobody was forth-coming to support in this aspect of the club as he had invited many times before. Mrs Marie Wynne stated that the present website is often referred to by other clubs and members of the dog fraternity for information and as an example of how a club should run a website. The chairman thanked Mrs Wynne and added that he had received many compliments for the site and that more than one club had approached him to also do their sites. He reminded the meeting that at the AGM 2017 the meeting had laughed when he informed them about this and that it is his experience that despite the compliments, for some members of the LRKC the website is never good enough. Ms Alberts then made some suggestions of how the website could be improved and Mr Malcolm also commented that the updated site should actively target younger Labrador owners with a view to growing the membership base with younger people. Ms Alberts volunteered to take responsibility for developing a new site which could then be handed over and administered by a few Committee members thereby sharing the workload more evenly. It was generally accepted that Ms Alberts will do and the chairman indicated that he will hand over all details to Ms Alberts as soon as possible. Mr Tony Wynne advised that great care should be taken when changing responsibility and that ownership of the site should always remain with the club and not be handed to the hosting service.
- Discussion regarding a Facebook page ensued when Mr Richard Hacking suggested a closed group and that this most likely will draw more members for the club. The chairman replied that if the purpose of a FB page would be to draw members then it can't be a closed group. Mr Dwayne Malcolm agreed that a FB page was necessary but that this would require good oversight and constant monitoring and that this is the problem as nobody on the committee will have the time to do so. The chairman agreed with Mr Malcolm and reminded the meeting of the experience when the club first tried to run a FB page some years ago. It was agreed that the possible formats of a FB page will be considered by the new committee.

Acceptance of Chairman's Report:

Proposed: Mr Kevin Pott
Seconded: Ms Genevieve Alberts

Matters Arising from the Honorary Treasurer's Report:

Dwayne, please can you add comments – I had listed the following people as having made comments although did not make

adequate notes to minute.

- Mr Mike Holman: On the topic of club assets he enquired if the bird cage made by Mr James Barry is still on Mr Hannes Strydom's farm where birds were kept prior to the Field Trials. Mrs Mercia van Tonder confirmed that only the collapsible bird cage used at the trial venue is with her on the farm. Mr and Mrs Pott indicated that they thought the cage is still on Mr Strydom's farm and Mrs Pott commented that a decision was made at the time to leave the cage there as it was not collapsible and therefore logistically very challenging to try and move it.
- Mr Mike Holman: asked whether the deficit on the food bill was because of non-payment. Mr Malcolm responded that the club carries the food and drink bill of officials and that this was exceeding any profit the club made on selling food at the trials.
- Mrs Marie Wynne: Commented that in her experience of other Field Trial Clubs that affording meals for officials is a major expense and that especially managing of throwers' meals is a problem for most clubs.
- Ms Genevieve Alberts: Commented that the Committee had to commit to catering costs before knowing how many entries the Club would receive and despite the catering deficit, field trials were nonetheless run profitably. Unfortunately, the Club has traditionally relied on much higher field trial profits, driven by higher entries, which then more than offset the losses incurred in running breed shows. Perhaps the Club needs to determine a break even cost of running a field trial per dog entered and use this as a budgeting and pricing tool. Mr Malcolm indicated that this budgeting method has now been introduced for the 2019 financial year.
- Discussion ensued regarding club and breed exposure to improve membership to boost the club income:
 - Mrs Diane Hacking enquired if any members are paying the subscriptions for the first year of their puppy buyers and that this was a way some breeders in Cape Town have encouraged interest in dog sport. Mrs Pott responded that although this was done in the past, it was the experience that none of these members ever renew or continue their memberships.
 - Mrs Diane Hacking also used the example of Cape Gundog Club to make the breed more visible to the public through field trial demonstrations and Canine Good Citizen competitions.
 - Mr Kevin Pott queried whether the Club can continue to afford an overseas breed judge and the Chairman responded that this would need to be carefully considered by the next Committee.
 - Mrs Lesley Bosman suggested a brochure be developed on the Club and its activities inviting people to join the Club and that this be included in Breeders puppy packs as another way of growing the membership base.
 - Mr Carl Bosman advised that he had found a lot of information on private websites during a search he ran for a friend and that breed specific information is more available on these sites. The chairman confirmed that this is his experience as well and with reference to the UK Labrador Retriever Club that this club, although being one of the largest in the world, has only very basic information on their website. The chairman suggested that a reason for this is that private persons are willing to spend the money for more extensive and informative sites of their own which clubs cannot necessarily afford.
 - Mr Bosman furthermore suggested that the club should offer information on training on the website and enquired what was listed on the website in this regard. The chairman advised that on the contacts page Committee Members are listed for Field Trial and Show training and that some private persons are advertising on the home page, but that he often receives enquiry for basic obedience in a specific area and because the club do not offer area-specific trainers that he then refers the public to the websites of qualified animal behaviourists where trainers are listed by area.
 - Mrs Jane Pott reminded all that Mrs Ruth Bots is listed on the club website for obedience training.
- The chairman remarked that he is glad that members have taken note of the need for more members from both the chairman's and treasurer's reports and that the club should put all suggestions possible in practice to achieve our goal of growing the club.

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's Report Proposed: Mrs Jane Pott
Treasurer's Report Seconded: Mrs Thania Rowan

8. ITEMS SUBMITTED BY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

No items were submitted by the Management Committee.

9. ITEMS SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS OF THE LRKC

- Mr Holman proposed that the FT Challenge that was previously held at the Championship Show and moved to the Second Open Show in 2016 by the Management Committee, be reinstated as a challenge at the Championship Show as this is what the original Bill Tait Trophy was intended for and would offer an opportunity for Field Trial dogs to be exhibited at an important club event. Mrs Pott responded that the main reason for moving the challenge was because the Championship Show was too long and that many people were leaving before these challenges started. We have also for many years received hardly any entries and only with special personal encouragement did FT people enter their dogs. The chairman also pointed out that judges are often confused as to what is expected of them when judging this challenge at the Championship Show and that it is his experience that the Field Trial community do not like their dogs to be judged for conformation. This lack of interest was the main reason for this challenge to no longer be run and our most important show event. It was generally accepted that the status quo be kept, i.e. the FT Challenge to be offered as a class at the Second Open Show.

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 2018.

Proposed: Dwayne Malcolm
Seconded: Renier J van Vuuren

12. ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR 2017

The chairman reminded the meeting as per Addendum 1 of the AGM Notice circulated to members that:

- In terms of the Constitution the following members were elected at the AGM in 2017 for a two-year period and will therefore continue to serve until AGM 2019: Mrs Jane Pott, Mr Dwayne Malcolm and Mr Gerhard van Tonder.
- In terms of the Constitution the following members will reach the end of their two-year term of office at the time of the AGM 2018 and have accepted their nominations for re-election onto the Management Committee:
Mr Renier Jansen van Vuuren, Dr Alan Kloeck, Mrs Thania Rowan and Mrs Mercia van Tonder.
- There are therefore 7 positions to be filled at the time of the AGM 2018, of which the 4 retiring committee members made themselves available again for another term and that a further nomination has been received for Mrs Mary Anne Greathead.
- The chairman then stated that he had decided to withdraw his own availability for re-election on the management committee due to other commitments, most importantly at the time of the two major club events, the Annual Field Trials and Championship Show and it is his conviction that the chairman should be able to attend these events and that the talent is there for a new chairman to take over. Mrs Pott suggested that Mr J van Vuuren stays on as ordinary committee member but he did not agree to that. He indicated that should the club want him, he may be available again in a couple of years' time to serve on the committee.
- The meeting then generally accepted the 4 nominations on the table, leaving 3 vacancies on the committee of 10.

13. ELECTION OF PATRONS, PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT

No nomination was submitted for the position of Patron or Vice-President.

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

The proposal was voted on and received unanimous support.

14. GENERAL

- Mr Holman enquired about the judge for the Championship Show as he had heard that the judge who had been invited to judge the Gundog Club and LRKC Championship Shows in September, had cancelled. The chairman confirmed that Mr Moray Armstrong can no longer officiate and in view of the costs involved that the new committee should decide who to invite. Mr Holman reminded the club that Mrs Patricia Harrison, our Patron, often travels to South Africa in a personal capacity and that the committee can perhaps consider approaching her to judge at the Championship Show in case she will be in South Africa. Mrs Pott agreed that this suggestion will be considered by the new committee.
- Mr Kevin Pott noted that there had been an incident at an Open Show of a dog under the age of four months being exhibited in the Baby Puppy class and cautioned that this is against the KUSA regulations. The Chairman agreed that this should not be condoned, however, the Club relied on the honesty of exhibitors when entering their dogs because registration certificates are not usually checked at Open Shows.

15. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS FOR 2017

The annual awards were presented to the winners as follows:

<u>Victor Ludorum</u> <i>(Top winning male Labrador Retriever)</i>	
Winner: Gr.Ch & Ch Craignair Desert Flyer of Stagmanskop Owner: Mrs D Hacking Points: 158	Runner Up: Potiphar Solo Rio of Stagmanskop Owner: Mrs D Hacking Points: 98
<u>Victrix Ludorum</u> <i>(Top winning female Labrador Retriever)</i>	
Winner: Int.Ch, Gr. Ch & Ch Craignair Picture Perfect Owner: Mrs J Pott Points: 229	Runner-Up: Ch Shork's Woodlark of Inkwa (Imp UK) Owner: Mrs J Bonthuys Points: 39
<u>Supreme Champion</u> <i>(Points scored by Labrador Retrievers with the title of Champion)</i>	
Winner: Int.Ch, Gr. Ch & Ch Craignair Picture Perfect Owner: Mrs J Pott Points: 156	Runner-Up: Gr.Ch & Ch Craignair Desert Flyer of Stagmanskop Owner: Mrs D Hacking Points: 105
<u>Ch Marsta Secret Duke Award</u> <i>(Highest placed Labrador Retriever in Animaltalk top 100 ratings – counting Group and BIS placings)</i>	
Winner: Potiphar Solo Rio of Stagmanskop Owner: Mrs D Hacking Points: 275 (placed 81 on Animaltalk Top 100)	Runner-Up: Int.Ch, Gr. Ch & Ch Craignair Picture Perfect Owner: Mrs J Pott Points: 248 (placed 89 on Animaltalk Top 100)
<u>Ch Balrion Lord of the Manor of Breckondale Trophy</u> <i>(Labrador Retriever Kennel with the highest number of points scored at the LRKC Open and Championship Shows)</i>	
Winner: Craignair Owner: Mrs J Pott Points: 61	Runner-Up: Rowania Owner: Mrs T Rowan Points: 30

Best Junior Dog*(Awarded to the male Labrador that scored the most points from Minor Puppy, Puppy and Junior Classes)***Winner:** Craignair Black Hawk
Owner: Mrs J Pott
Points: 47**Runner-Up:** Craignair Bold Gryphon at Arondight
Owner: Mr D Malcolm
Points: 37**Best Junior Bitch***(Awarded to the female Labrador that scored the most points from Minor Puppy, Puppy and Junior Classes)***Winner:** Craignair Bijjou
Owner: Mrs J Pott
Points: 148**Runner-Up:** Craignair Sweet Caroline at Lethanwood
Owner: Ms G Alberts
Points: 30**Best Veteran Dog***(Awarded to the male Labrador that scored the most points from the Veteran Class)***Winner:** Gr.Ch & Ch Craignair Desert Flyer of Stagmanskop
Owner: Mrs D Hacking
Points: 60**Runner-up:** Ch Adelberg Flying Start to Klynroc
Owner: Mr R Ainslie
Points: 8**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: 27**Runner-Up:** Ch Tapeatom Elegant Lady of Roseryal
Owner: Mrs M Rose
Points: 9

In closing, the Chairman thanked the members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Signed: _____
Secretary

Date: _____