

Minutes of the meeting held at Harrogate on 28th January 2007

Present: B Mayoh (Chair), N C Hadley (Minutes) P Wardman (NHCC), D Payne (CCC), C Smith (RVCC), O Joyce (DRCC), A Trigg (DCC), P Bell (NACC), B. Wiles (ESCC), J. Phillips (PCC), N Matthews (CSTCC), H Pashley / I Reynolds (RCC), S Neesam (ACC), K Yates (NTWCC)

1. Apologies: None

2. Agreement to Minutes of Meeting of 10th June 2006 Norton Lindsay:
All present agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting, as previously circulated, were a true and correct record.

3. Matters Arising from the Meeting on 21st January 2006 (not on the Agenda):
None

4. Chairman's Opening Remarks - verbal:

The Chairman informed Councillors that Cheryl Proctor wished to stand down as BCC Prefix Registrar following recent personal difficulties; and that the Secretary was unable to take on the additional work at the present time. Caroline Smith offered to take the position and all agreed to accept her offer with thanks. The Chairman expressed his thanks to Cheryl for her excellent work on behalf of the Council and wished her well. Nicola Hadley was to arrange to handover all details to Caroline Smith.

5. Financial Report and Accounts:

Nicola Hadley tabled an interim Income and Expenditure Report for the period ending 31st December 2006. It was noted that the report was interim because it contained no details of expenditure for the Prefix Registration scheme. Once records for this could be collated, the report would be updated and circulated. The report detailed income of £386.36 and expenditure of £174.57 in the year. The closing balance was £702.76 at the bank and £13.95 in cash.

The Chairman highlighted the poor interest being received on the monies and asked the Secretary to investigate an internet savings account for the Council that would give a better rate of return.

6. BCC Megashow:

Date, Location, Organisation

The proposal under discussion was to run a BCC Megashow on 27th October 2007 at Malton College Northampton, to be managed by Fred Holmes (FH). All specialist breed clubs would be invited to hold a specialist club show in conjunction with the event, and FH would take and process all the entries. Club stands could be exhibited at no cost.

Budget

The current total estimated cost is circa £1,000 made up of venue hire at £500 plus VAT, penning £60, judges £240 (12 x £20) and other costs including advertising at circa £200.

The Chairman stated that his major concern was the likely shortfall in income to offset these expenses, due largely to the fact that Malton College would wish to run their own canteen. However, FH had suggested a number of fundraising ideas, including a raffle, sponsorship, and the generation of income from catalogue sales and advertising. However, the likelihood was that the show could cost up to £500, which would be difficult for the Council to sustain given the costs of publishing the Standards Booklet (see below).

Therefore, in order to go ahead, all specialist breed clubs are requested to underwrite the show to the extent of £50.00 that will only be called upon in the event of a loss. It was made clear however that the Council would exhaust all its own funds before drawing on club monies. The Chairman emphasised that he would aim to minimise any potential liability on clubs and to ensure that the show did make as small a loss as possible.

Schedule (Draft Attached - For Discussion)

The proposed schedule was circulated, although FH had proposed a 20p per class entry rather than a block entry fee. Feedback from those present was in favour of block entry, as the amount of extra paperwork created without block entry would be immense. An additional penning fee would be charged if specialist stock show entries were not duplicated into the main section. The original proposal was to have 4 age groups but, as this had proved unpopular during preliminary discussions, the proposed schedule had reverted to 3 age groups.

Judges

A careful selection of judges was considered essential to maximise entries. Suggestions were required from Specialist Clubs.

Any Other Matters

The Chairman made it clear that the Megashow was essentially for the benefit of the clubs and breeds comprising the BCC, **not** the BCC itself; and it should only go ahead if clubs were committed to making it a success. He proposed that a sub-committee of the BCC should be identified to help make decisions on:

- Improvements to the schedule
- Who will judge and what will be the arrangements for judging the BIS?

All present gave unanimous agreement to go ahead on this basis. Don, Caroline, Penny and Allan volunteered to form the sub-committee. In addition, feedback on the questions of possible judges and of which clubs would wish to hold stock shows and have stands was urgently required.

7. Standards Anomalies

A paper was circulated by the Chairman regarding a range of anomalies in standards for particular breeds and proposing changes to eliminate these. After discussion, it was agreed that:

Ticked American Crested:

The present position, that these should not be regarded as having either a Full or a Guide Standard, was confirmed. Don Payne stated that the majority of existing breeders of these varieties are not members of the CCC, and if they wish to lobby for change they should join the club.

American Crested versions of Guide Standard varieties:

Likewise, it was confirmed that American Crested versions of Guide Standard varieties would not have a Guide Standard, this only applying to English Crested versions of such varieties.

Satin Crested:

Currently the Standard for Satin Cresteds is covered by the general Standard for Satin Non-Selfs, which states that: "The Standard will consist of 30 points for Satinisation, defined as for the Solid Satin, and 70% of the points for the corresponding Non-Self variety." However, Crested Standards are themselves made up of 20 points for the crest and 80% of the points for the corresponding Self or Non-Self variety, thereby implying that 70% times 80% (56%) must be applied to the non-satin, non-crested elements of the Standard. It is not reasonable for judges to have to consider such mathematical complexities when assessing Satin Crested exhibits.

It was agreed that both satinisation and crest would be treated as prime attributes of Satin Cresteds, with 30 points allocated to satinisation and 20 points to crest. All other features of the corresponding variety would be allocated 50% of the normal points, which is a much easier calculation for the judge to make when weighing the importance of different features.

Dark Eyed Golden Tricolour:

It was agreed that, to avoid the confusion between Tortoise and White and DEG/ black/ white Tricolours, the Tricolour Standard should be modified to state that: "Tricolours may be shown in white plus any two fully standardised colours as recognised by the ESCC, NACC, or RVCC, with the exception of red, black and white, this being the Tort & White, *and the DE golden, black and white, which is insufficiently differentiated in colour from the Tort & White.*"

8. Publication of Standards

It had previously been intended to publish the revised breed standards in CAVIES. However, due to space restrictions this was not feasible. It was therefore proposed by the Chairman to publish the standards as an A5 booklet to be circulated within CAVIES. The cost of publication would be circa £800, which would provide 700 copies, sufficient for all CAVIES subscribers plus a further 200 copies that could be sold. CAVIES would not intend to charge for distribution. The necessary expenditure could be offset by including full- page adverts in the booklet.

Whilst the potential total cost could drain the BCC's financial resources, the Chairman stated his determination that the selling of adverts would minimise the impact. Breed club secretaries would be approached re advertising. Standards would appear as a block, with adverts at the back of the booklet. Normal adverts would cost £30 per page; Trade adverts would be £60 per page. The Chairman would write ASAP to CAVIES and to breed clubs soliciting such adverts. After publication of the booklet, regular updates to standards could be issued via CAVIES. All present agreed that this plan was excellent and sanctioned the Chairman to proceed without delay.

9. Correspondence

None

10. Motions of Urgency (accepted at the Chairman's discretion)

None

11. Any other business

- a. Solid Agouti Dalmations: Oliver Joyce brought to the Council's attention that some exhibitors had been attempting to show Solid Agouti versions of Dalmation cavies as Agouti Dalmations. It was emphasised that these were Guide Standard cavies. The DRCC have published notes in CAVIES to this effect.
- b. NTWCC proposal on TW standard: A draft standard for the Tortoise & White was circulated by Ken Yates. This had apparently been agreed by the NTWCC AGM. The Chairman stated that this would not be discussed today, as no notice had been given of the NTWCC's intention to circulate the Standard. Indeed, when he had discussed the matter of the TW standard with the NTWCC Secretary only the previous day, she had informed him that further work was required before the NTWCC could make a proposal, so he was somewhat surprised that a version was being presented at this time. At first glance he noted that several requirements previously agreed by the Council had been ignored, including most fundamentally the need for the points for Markings and Colour to be in line with those for similar breeds.

However, in the spirit of trying to minimise conflict with the NTWCC, he proposed that he would review the NTWCC's proposals and incorporate any changes that did fall within the spirit of the Council's previous discussions. He would correspond with those Councillors who had previously been active in considering the TW standard (AT, CS, PB, SN) and if all agreed with such changes he would circulate a modified version of the TW standard for approval of the full Council by post. If, however, such changes could not be identified and agreed, then the version of the Standard currently agreed will be the one published in the Standards booklet; and any proposals to modify this would have to await a future full meeting of the Council. This was agreed by the Council.

N.B. Subsequent to this agreement, the Chairman proposed various changes to the TW Standard that incorporated some of the proposals of the NTWCC and these were discussed with CS, AT, PB, SN and further improvements agreed. A modified Standard containing these changes was then circulated to the full Council and agreed by it as being the official BCC Standard for the TW, with similar changes to be made for the Tricolour, Bicolour and Tortoiseshell Standards, as well as the Harlequin and Magpie Guide Standards. These versions will be incorporated into the Standards booklet.

- c. Progress of new breeds as they move from the RVCC: Nikki Matthews stated her understanding that it was the previously established practice of the BCC that, after breeds were transferred to a different specialist club, a formal report would be made to the Council by the club taking on the breed. The Chairman asked if she was alluding to any issues that the CSCC might have with the Council's previous decision that the Alpaca would be catered for by the PVCC and wished to raise any problems. This was stated not to be the issue, this being only the general matter of receiving reports on progress to ensure that such breeds are properly catered for. It was then agreed that such reports were expected and that the PVCC would in due course report back on the Alpaca's progress. Joan Phillips on behalf of the PVCC then gave a brief update on the

progress of the Alpaca within the club, to the effect that the club had welcomed the breed and were catering for it fully in its shows and publicity materials.

- d. Use of BCC Registrations on websites: Oliver Joyce reported that some people are citing their BCC registration certificates on their websites so as to appear that the BCC is certifying or sanctioning their breeding operations. Clearly this is not the case and the BCC needs to disassociate itself from any appearance of endorsement for any other than the fact that the user has the right to use the stud name. It was agreed that the Council will ensure that in future Prefix Registration Certificates show clearly that they cannot be used as any form of endorsement. It was agreed that, where people are found to be misrepresenting the significance of the BCC Registration, then disciplinary action should be taken against them by their specialist breed clubs (if they are members of such). A note to this effect is to be published in CAVIES.
- e. Moves of breeds from one Club to another: It was agreed that that 'moves' of cavies from one club to another should be agreed in sufficient time before the start of a year that such changes can be communicated to the fancy as a whole before schedules and stock shows are agreed for the next year. This would require the main Council meeting of the year to be held before the end of October, preferably earlier. The same time schedule would also be beneficial when agreeing changes to Standards, especially new Full or Guide Standards.
- f. Hairless cavies: It was unanimously agreed that **such cavies should not be allowed to be exhibited**. Clear statements will be included in the Standards booklet about hairless cavies.
- g. Common Club rules: The Chairman has produced a proposed version of Club Rules that incorporates best practice and all BCC requirements. This will be circulated to Representatives, who should ensure that these are considered by their Clubs. It was emphasised that these are guidelines rather than being mandatory; but the Council would be entitled to assume that all member Clubs follow the rules and procedures that are specified in its own rules.

12. Date and location of next meeting

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