Tuesday 28th March 2023

Secretary Report

Thank you for all attending this meeting this evening. Before I start my report think we need to spend a few moments remembering Brian Grattidge who sadly passed away recently a true Stafford man who was part of Notts & Derby for over 45 years. Also our good wishes to Betty Smith who is sadly unwell and in hospital.

I am just chasing up the subscriptions for the Breed Council of £35.00, I will send out a reminder to those who have yet to pay.

I will also be needing the 2023/2024 A and B judging lists by the end of June please so I can update the main list. Where possible especially the B list the need for email addresses.

The Zoom account has been set up and payment has been made, it was cheaper to pay the annual fee which worked out at £9.99 per month plus vat.

Just want to clarify what the Council is doing regarding the subscription will this be taken from the £35 annual membership fee or will each club be contributing separately. The total cost came to £143.88 which includes VAT (£119.90 vat £23.98 = £143.88) (£11.99 a month) *(At the meeting it was confirmed that at a previous meeting the annual subs would be used towards the costs)*

A Discussion on the Breed Standard has commenced with Lesley leading the meetings and Clare Robinson Cox taking the minutes. Thank you, Clare, for doing these and for them being so comprehensive. Lesley has given a couple of dates for the next phase of Thursday 30th March and Friday 14th April with both sessions discussing the same items, so every club can be involved.

The Dog Show world is still recovering from the Pandemic, and we have seen across the board increased costs and exhibitors and spectators alike will be looking at which shows to support and travel too. I foresee entries being lower again next year especially as some shows will be increasing their costs.

Still sourcing a suitable venue for our face to face meetings and still have a few to contact as most are asking for so much per hour. I will advise the Membership of the new venue and possible date.

Finally, as we are now hosting zoom meetings on a regular basis it means that the timeline for getting proposals in and agenda out are in today's world to restrictive

7 weeks before the meeting for proposals and 4 weeks before the meeting the agenda. The Breed Council Rules and Regulations does in my opinion need to be reviewed and I would like to suggest that we set up a small sub committee to review and come back to the table with some suggestions/or proposals to put forward to the Clubs. It doesn't need a big team I suggest 4 people and we meet via zoom to discuss each section, it may take a couple of meetings to put ideas together.

So if the meeting is agreeable I will get this going with 4 other helpers. (*At the meeting it was agreed that this was not necessary)*

Helen E Reaney

Secretary

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