



## **Minutes of The Annual General Meeting**

**Held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

The Sports Connexion, Leamington Road, Ryton on Dunsmore. CV8 3FL

**Present:** Mr I Ganney   Mr G Collis   Mrs D Bayliss   Mrs B Cherry   Mrs W Pittaway  
Mrs M Morgan   Mr L Dewis   Mrs D Walls-Duffin   Mr B Rogers   Mrs J Price  
Mrs J Righton   Mr C Halls   Mr C Stanton   Mr R Fisher   Mrs J Fisher  
Ms L Marsh   Mr J Westaway

**Meeting opened by Mr Ian Ganney at 8.00pm**

**1. Apologies for Absence**

A Bayliss, S Hodson, P Drury, G Allen, P Simpson, W Gordon

**2. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting**

Minutes were perused by Members and agreed.

**3. Matters Arising**

No matters arising.

**4. Chairman's Report**

Mr Ian Ganney reported that it had been another good year for the Club. Show entries were up, and Tests and Trials were up. We still had the ongoing problem of committee members, with the same old people doing the jobs. Please bear in mind that the Committees are getting smaller.

**5. Treasurer's Report**

Mr Graham Collis told Members that as can be seen from our assets, we are still solvent. The Club made over £700 profit last year, which was an improvement from the year before. Our March show made a good profit compared to the December show. On the

working side there was a smaller loss this year which was commendable to the working committee. Our insurance has doubled from last year. We have had to bow down and have employer liability which has put the cost up. There are lots of helpers and volunteers on the working side which we need to cover, and because we are such a big organisation it explains why the cost is so high. We were given a discount this year, and next year we will be given a bigger discount, so we will be sticking with NFU. With both Working and Show sides combined we have still come out with a profit.

**6. Show Report**

Mr Ganney reported that our December show only gave us £3.00 profit, due to a poor entry. He could only say that we had lost our Premier Show status 3-4 years ago, and this has reduced the entry numbers. In March we had a Spanish Water Dog Show alongside our show which helped put entries up, and gave us a very good profit.

**7. Membership Report**

Mrs Bayliss told Members that during the year we had 893 Members, and she had noticed more joint memberships. We still have many Members joining later in the year, which we need to curb. It was decided that a statement was to go onto the website to say the following 'As from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2018, anybody who has not paid their Membership by 30<sup>th</sup> April, then their Membership will cease.' Also a copy of the Club's Rules and Regulations are to go onto the website.

**8. Field Trial/Working Section**

Mrs Walls-Duffin addressed the Committee and Members, and started by thanking all of the Members for their support for Coventry & District Gundog Society in all of their various capacities. Thanks go to all the judges, landowners, guns-who support our trials and all the various helpers, for their ongoing support. Membership continues to grow, currently at 893 members. Membership subscriptions are due the 1<sup>st</sup> January annually, and if paid by the 30<sup>th</sup> April, you will be given to fully paid members before the cut off date. In April we held our 8 week training courses for retrievers and spaniels. Training went very well, and everyone seemed pleased with their dogs. Some of the dogs went on to compete at novice and puppy standard tests. We completed several working tests during the year for retrievers and spaniels, all the tests were well attended at some lovely venues. We held an additional working test at Canwell Show in August which was very well attended and supported. We ran a full trial program for Retrievers, consisting of two Novice trials and a two day Open. Again for Spaniels we had a Cocker Novice and Open, and an A/V Spaniel Novice, and English Spaniel Open, which were all very successful. The committee has had a few changes in the past year with different Secretaries stepping down and new ones taking their place. Our gratitude goes to outgoing Secretaries and committee members. We welcome the new replacements with big shoes to fill. We are still short of a Membership Secretary and a Spaniel Working Test Secretary. Due to work commitments they will have to step down, so we will be grateful for any help you could give the Club, whether it be throwing dummies, stewarding, or making cups of tea. Last year was the first time we were able to take

online entries by the Field Trial Management System, and payments through Paypal alongside our new website. This has helped the Club be more efficient and paperless. We do acknowledge that not all members have computers, and we will always make sure they are not left out, and receive schedules by post, providing members let the Membership Secretary know their preferred method, but otherwise we must keep up with progress.

**9. Election of Officers**

Mr G Collis (Hon. Treasurer) re-elected. Unopposed.

**10. Election of Main Committee Members**

No change. All stand unopposed.

**11. Subscriptions – Recommendations from the Committee**

Mr Ganney suggested that subscriptions stayed the same for another 12 months, and to review at the next AGM. Agreed by Members.

**12. Honoraria – Recommendation from the Committee**

It was recommended that an increase of 10% be implemented. There were no objections. Motion carried.

**13. Election of Certified Accountant**

Mr Collis told the Committee that our current accountant has done very well. He has had the books back within a reasonable time, and at a reasonable price. It was recommended that we keep Brian Hill as our accountant for another year. No objections. Motion passed.

**14. Any Other Business at the Discretion of the Chairman**

A query was raised as to how our website costs compared to others. It was agreed that ours was the cheaper option.

**Meeting was Closed by Mr Ganney at 8:40pm**