



LABRADOR RETRIEVER KENNEL CLUB

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MINUTES OF THE 61st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE LABRADOR RETRIEVER KENNEL CLUB HELD ON SATURDAY 16 MARCH 2019 AT EDGECOMBE HOUSE, MIDRAND, JOHANNESBURG.

PRESENT: 15 members

APOLOGIES: Prof Colin Harrison, Mrs Patricia Harrison, Mr & Mrs Holman, Mrs Betty Howard, Mr & Mrs van Tonder, Dr Alan Kloeck, Renier Jansen van Vuuren, Mr & Mrs Hacking

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 and wished Mrs Betty Howard a speedy recovery following hip surgery.

3. MINUTES OF THE 60TH AGM HELD ON SATURDAY, 17th MARCH, 2018 FOR APPROVAL AND ADOPTION

The chairman suggested a page turn review of the Minutes of the 60th AGM held on 17th March 2018, having been circulated and uploaded to the LRKC website in draft format and that members should point out items for discussion and correction.

- No corrections noted.
- No other amendments were requested.

Acceptance of the minutes:

Proposed: Ms Genevieve Alberts

Seconded: Mrs Jane Pott

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE FOREGOING MINUTES

Genevieve Alberts requested that the discussion around development of a new website be raised under General.

5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Chairman presented his annual report, providing a review of the Club's activities and events in 2018. (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:

- None

Acceptance of Chairman's Report:

Proposed: Mrs Thania Rowan
Seconded: Mrs Barbara Dumbrill

Matters Arising from the Treasurer's Report:

- None

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's Report Proposed: Mrs Thania Rowan
Treasurer's Report Seconded: Mr Carl Bosman

8. ITEMS SUBMITTED BY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Items submitted by the Management Committee.

- 8.1 The Chairman raised a proposal that the Club discontinue the second open breed show, usually held in June. He cited poor attendance and therefore low revenue generated as his main reasons. The profits generated by the February open show were generally lost by the second open show. Genevieve Alberts asked whether other clubs are still hosting two open shows and Sandy Borralho commented that most shows had already dropped a second open show. A vote was held and 14 voted in favour of no longer hosting a second open show and one person abstained. The motion to only hold one open show from 2020 was passed.
- 8.2 A discussion ensued around cost savings at field trials. Jane Pott advised that due to the low number of Puppy/Junior entries received, the Club had decided to host the Puppy/Junior stakes on the same day as the Maiden stake, effectively cutting the number of days from four to three days. This should result in significant savings and efficiencies. Lesley Bosman commented that the Committee could improve on the timeous generation of trial invoices and volunteered to take charge of reconciling guest/attendee expenses at the trial so that invoices could be generated as soon as the trial is over.

9. ITEMS SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS OF THE LRKC

- 9.1 Mr Mike Holman submitted a proposal that the FT Challenge (Bill Tait Trophy) conducted at the Championship Show should be a conformation class not a field trial demonstration. Should the committee wish to hold a field trial demonstration, this should be separate item and be held during the judge's tea break. Jane Pott commented that even though the challenge involved a demonstration at the 2018 show, the judge was informed that the dogs should be judged for conformation only. Genevieve Alberts commented that it's a challenge and not a conformation class as is currently the convention in the UK and therefore could involve both if the Club so chose. She noted that the Club is a dual-purpose one and the FT Challenge is a good opportunity to remind exhibitors of the need to preserve both conformation and working ability. Genevieve Alberts commented that the last time the challenge had entries was in 2014 when Mrs Siv Sando (Norway) judged and the challenge involved a retrieving demonstration with dummies, similar to what took place at the 2018 championship show and seemed well received. Marie Wynne commented that the challenge should involve a demonstration because it exposed breed exhibitors to field trials and might stimulate some interest in field trialing.

Genevieve Alberts asked if the criteria for entry in the challenge could be lowered to include maiden level dogs because the current criteria are too strict and results in very few entries. Jane Pott advised that the donor of the trophy, Mr Bill Tait, is unlikely to agree to an amendment to the qualification criteria.

9.2 Mr Holman noted that spayed bitches entered at breed shows should be reported as such to the ring steward and a veterinary letter provided. The Chairman advised that the LRKC show officials must ensure adherence to all KUSA rules at events hosted under the auspices of KUSA.

10. MOTIONS FOR AMENDMENT OF THE LRKC CONSTITUTION

10.1 The Chairman proposed reducing the number of paid up members present at the AGM to constitute a quorum be reduced from fifteen members to ten members. He noted that he had not submitted this proposal with sufficient notice and it would have to be tabled correctly and voted on at the 2020 AGM, however, he wanted to gauge views around the table. Genevieve Alberts commented that this is too low because the Committee comprises ten members already which could result in the importance of the AGM being reduced to that of a regular committee meeting with no independent contributions forthcoming. Marie Wynne suggested that the number of committee members could be reduced from 10 to 8 to maintain the balance between committee and other members present at the AGM. Tony Wynne then suggested that the AGM could be amended to allow for the meeting to go ahead as normal in the absence of a full quorum but that 15 members present should remain a requirement in order to vote on changes to the Constitution. Mr Wynne commented that he knew of other clubs that had introduced this amendment due to waning interest in AGM's. The Chairman proposed that the incoming committee consider this alternative in more detail with a view to tabling a proposal at the 2020 AGM.

10.2 The Chairman noted that the incoming committee should seriously consider submitting a proposal for consideration at the 2020 AGM to revise the requirement for sign-off of the annual financial statements by an independent auditor to an independent accountant instead. He commented that it was becoming increasingly difficult to secure timeous and cost-effective oversight from an auditor.

11. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR FOR 2019

It was proposed that the current Auditor, Mr AF Gatony, be appointed as auditor for 2019.

Proposed: Sandy Borralho
Seconded: Tony Wynne

12. ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR 2019

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 2018 for a two-year period and will therefore continue to serve until AGM 2020: Carl Bosman, Lesley Bosman and Thania Rowan
- 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 2019 and have accepted their nominations for re-election onto the Management Committee: Dwayne Malcolm and Jane Pott
- Gerhard van Tonder and Mercia van Tonder had tendered their resignations.
- There are therefore 7 positions to be filled at the time of the AGM 2019, of which the 2 retiring committee members made themselves available again for another term
- Further nominations have been received for Tony Wynne, Marie Wynne, Sandy Borralho, Renier Jansen van Vuuren and Genevieve Alberts
- The meeting voted unanimously in favour of the 7 positions available being filled by Dwayne Malcolm, Jane Pott, Tony Wynne, Marie Wynne, Sandy Borralho, Renier Jansen van Vuuren and Genevieve Alberts.

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

14.1 Website: Genevieve Alberts gave a demonstration of the new website currently under construction. The new website was well received, and the members present agreed that there should be a members-only section for paid up members where the membership list would be housed as well as all past publication archives. It was also agreed that the Club would host a fun day with a photographer present for the purposes of generating high quality photos for inclusion in the website. Genevieve Alberts confirmed that the website could have multiple administrators if needed and could also have a shop section where payment could be made if it was felt that this would be useful. She advised that once the photos were included in the website it would be ready to be published and further amendments could be made as needed.


15. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS FOR 2018

The annual awards were presented to the winners as follows:

<u>Victor Ludorum</u> <i>(Top winning male Labrador Retriever)</i>	
Winner: Gr. Ch Craignair Desert Flyer of Stagmanskop Owner: Mrs D Hacking Points: 123	Runner-Up: Gr. Ch Casimiro Sykstus of Rowania (Imp Poland) Owner: Mrs T Rowan Points: 110
<u>Victrix Ludorum</u> <i>(Top winning female Labrador Retriever)</i>	
Winner: Gr. Ch & Int. Ch Ablesing Kiara For Keeps at Mirain Owner: Mrs S Borralho Points: 179	Runner-Up: Ch Craignair Sweet Caroline of Lethanwood Owner: Ms G Alberts Points: 39
<u>Supreme Champion</u> <i>(Points scored by Labrador Retrievers with the title of Champion)</i>	
Winner: Gr. Ch & Int. Ch Ablesing Kiara For Keeps at Mirain Owner: Mrs S Borralho Points: 131	Runner-Up: Gr. Ch Craignair Desert Flyer of Stagmanskop Owner: Mrs D Hacking Points: 83
<u>Ch Marsta Secret Duke Award</u> <i>(Highest placed Labrador Retriever in Animalktalk top 100 ratings – counting Group and BIS placings)</i>	
Winner: Gr. Ch & Int. Ch Ablesing Kiara For Keeps at Mirain Owner: Mrs S Borralho Points: 515 (placed 39 th on Animalktalk Top 100)	Runner-Up: Gr. Ch Casimiro Sykstus of Rowania (Imp Poland) Owner: Mrs T Rowan Points: 490 (placed 42 nd on Animalktalk 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: 76	Runner-Up: Mirain Owner: Mrs S Borralho Points: 33
<u>Best Junior Dog</u> <i>(Awarded to the male Labrador that scored the most points from Minor Puppy, Puppy and Junior Classes)</i>	
Winner: Craignair Black Hawk JM Owner: Mrs J Pott Points: 252	Runner-Up: Bunnichem Chimborazo of Rowania JM Owner: Mrs T Rowan Points: 163

Best Junior Bitch <i>(Awarded to the female Labrador that scored the most points from Minor Puppy, Puppy and Junior Classes)</i>	
Winner: Mirain Faylinn In Love Owner: Mrs S Borralho Points: 159	Runner-Up: Trevena One And Only Owner: Mrs D Holman Points: 83
Best Veteran Dog <i>(Awarded to the male Labrador that scored the most points from the Veteran Class)</i>	
Winner: Ch Oakglen African Lad of Mirain Owner: Mrs S Borralho Points: 54	Runner-up: Gr. Ch & Ch Cragnair Desert Flyer of Stagmanskop Owner: Mrs D Hacking Points: 29
Best Veteran Bitch <i>(Awarded to the female Labrador that scored the most points from the Veteran Class)</i>	
Winner: Ch Cragnair Huntress Gold Owner: Mrs J Pott Points: 10	Runner-Up: None Owner: Points:
Cragnair Breeders Trophy <i>(Awarded to the top breeding kennel based on breed show results for dogs bred by that kennel, including at least one home bred champion)</i>	
Winner: Cragnair Owner: Mrs J Pott Points: 576	Runner-Up: Ablesing Owner: Mrs J Botha Points: 300

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

Signed: 
Chairman

Signed: 
Secretary

Date: 10 MARCH 2020