

Bedlington Terrier Association

Committee Meeting ~ Minutes

Sat. Sept 6th 2008 @ Richmond Championship Show

1. Welcome by the Chairman Mrs Nicolls & Apologies: Mary McErlean [Tom ill], Judy Thompson [Wedding] Trevor Graham [Work], Sylvia Morrice [ill]
2. Minutes of previous meeting ~ June 29th 08 were circulated before the Meeting. Proposed: Garry Hurley, seconded: Chris Harris. All agreed an accurate report.
3. Matters arising from Meetings ~ None
4. Presidents Report ~ Absent
5. Matters arising ~ None
6. Treasurers Report: Mrs Nicolls presented the Balance Sheet to date
7. Matters arising: Bulletin Postage now zero as posted out with Schedules at no extra cost. £21 raised at Open Show to be combined with forthcoming Champ Show donations for S. Haywood research and forward direct to her after the Ch. Show. Proposed: Stuart Yearley, Seconded: Lynn Winstanley & all agreed
8. Correspondence discussed and will be responded to.
9. Championship Show 2008 : All pre-show checks made
10. 2008 Top Bedlington Terrier Gala: Permission from K.C. received. Discussed in detail & Chairman to select 3 Judges.
11. Judges Sub-Committee Report: The Committee decided that Judges for BTA Shows must come from the BTA Judges' List. Mr Yearley to submit Mr H. Bell and Mrs S. Baldwin to be added to the A1 BTA Judges List at AGM 2009 as they now award CCs in Bedlingtons. Lesley Caines to contact Terrier World to encourage new names for the BTA Judges List.
12. Committee Responsibility Reports:
 - * Sales / Crufts Stand ~ Mrs Thompson reports all stock OK
 - * Discover Dogs ~ Mrs Harris has the preparations in hand
 - * Archive Preparation ~ Mr Yearley reported some progress for the Website.
 - * Bulletin ~ Mrs Nicolls covering the Autumn issue but an Editor from Committee is required for the Spring Issue. This was discussed at length as an editor is urgently needed from Committee. Faye Harris' father to be asked about future printing needs. Thanks from Mrs Midworth for reinstatement of front cover picture.
 - * Catering ~ thanks to Mrs Winstanley & helpers. Food at meetings discussed and it was agreed ~ only at Middleton Cheney will it be provided.
 - * Website ~ Mrs Caines reported that as she does not attend ALL Shows so she cannot be held responsible for reporting on those that she does not attend but is willing to cover them if she receives the results etc... from someone in attendance. The Committee agreed with this and expressed gratitude for the considerable work that she has been able to do.
 - * Fun Events Organiser ~ Mrs Caines reported that the MBTC had enquired about use of Brailles facility. If Mrs Caines takes on future fun events she will need Committee assistance.
 - * Membership ~ Mr Ames reported that membership had dropped by 20 to 142 from last year which may be due to recompiling/checking the list but numbers are still healthy. He also produced a graph showing the spread of membership which mainly centres in and around the London area. Getting membership fees in on time was discussed at length and it was decided that fees due on Jan. 1st each year should be paid by 28th Feb at the latest. To abide by BTA Rules, fees offered after that date cannot be accepted and membership ceases. A proposer and seconder have to be sought for reinstatement. To help the Membership remember the renewal date the Committee agreed a Membership Card. The new members list [attached] and increased fees for Badges and Stickers to reflect postage was agreed.
 - * Puppy Register ~ Mr Graham reported a pick up in enquiries but sales still poor. Mrs Caines to highlight the BTA Puppy Register on the Website and the Terrier World.
14. Health Group:

Mr Hurley reported on the forthcoming C.T. Seminar on November 2nd organised by the MBTC at the Skyblue Connection, Coventry. Details for the website. David Cavill will chair the Meeting with 3 speakers.

15. Calendar:

These will be forwarded from the Printers to Mrs Thompson. Committee Vote of thanks to Mrs Caines for the excellent income from photographic contributions for the Calendar.

16. Improving Show Entries: Different methods and ideas were discussed

17. AOB:

Applications to be added to the BTA Judges List to be encouraged throughout the year & to be ratified at the AGM

18. Date and time of next meeting:

Jan 11th @ Mrs Caines' home, 10am Meeting Closed at 4.45pm