



THE KENNEL CLUB

MINUTES OF THE KCLC SHOWS LIAISON COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3 MAY 2022 AT 11.00AM IN THE BOARDROOM, THE KENNEL CLUB, CLARGES STREET

PRESENT:

Mr S Bennett	Area 6 – Midlands
Ms A Benoist*	Area 5 – North East
Mr N Bryant	Area 7 – South East and East Anglia
Ms A Cawthera-Purdy	General and Group Championship Shows
Mrs GC Chapman	Area 7 – South East and East Anglia
Miss J Cutler	Area 7 – South East and East Anglia
Mr P Davies	Area 4 – North West
Mr K Greenland	Area 8 – South / South West
Mr T Johnston	Area 1 – Scotland
Mr J McCreath*	Area 1 – Scotland
Mrs I McManus*	General and Group Championship Shows
Mr A Moss	Area 4 – North West
Mr M Ord*	Area 5 – North East
Mrs D Rose	Area 6 – Midlands
Mr P Routledge	Area 4 – North West
Mr N Salsbury*	Area 6 – Midlands
Miss F Snook	Area 8 – South / South West
Mr J Stubbs*	General and Group Championship Shows
Miss S Thomson*	Area 1 – Scotland
Mrs J Walmsley	Area 8 – South / South West

* Attended via Microsoft Teams

IN ATTENDANCE:

Miss D Deuchar	Head of Canine Activities
Mrs A Mitchell	Senior Committee Secretary
Mr J Winnington	Breed Shows Team Manager
Miss T Newson	Breed Shows Team Officer

ITEM 1. TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN FOR THE TERM OF THE COUNCIL

1. It was proposed and seconded that Mrs Cawthera-Purdy be elected as Chairman for the term of the Council. No further nominations were received and Mrs Cawthera-Purdy was duly elected as Chairman.

IN THE CHAIR: MRS CAWThERA-PURDY

ITEM 2. TO ELECT A VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE TERM OF THE COUNCIL

2. It was proposed and seconded that Mr Bennett be elected as Vice-Chairman for the term of the Council. No further nominations were received and Mr Bennett was duly elected as Vice-Chairman.



3. Mrs Cawthera-Purdy, on behalf of Mr Bennett and herself, thanked the Council for its support.

ITEM 3. TO ELECT A REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE SHOW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE TERM OF THE COUNCIL

4. Noting that Mrs Cawthera-Purdy, in her role as Chair of the Council, would automatically serve on the Show Executive Committee, the Council was requested to elect a second member. It was proposed and seconded that Mr Bennett be elected to the role. No further nominations were received and Mr Bennett was duly elected.

ITEM 4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

5. Apologies were received from Miss J McLauchlan, Mr A Paisey, Mr J Purnell, Mr M Sanders, Mrs A Scutcher, Mrs C Smedley and Mrs D Stewart-Ritchie. Mrs S Duffin had resigned from her role as a Council member. Mr N Price was not present.

ITEM 5. PRESENTATION TO THE COUNCIL ON KENNEL CLUB STRUCTURES AND PROCEDURES

6. The office gave a presentation to Council representatives giving details of The Kennel Club and Liaison Council structure and procedures, and the role of Council representatives. A copy of the presentation would be circulated to all Council members following the meeting.
7. It was acknowledged that as the Council only met once a year, it was sometimes difficult to progress matters under discussion quickly. However, despite periods of delay before some initiatives could be approved and implemented, there had been significant progress on a number of matters.
8. The distinction between proposals and discussion items was highlighted. A proposal which was supported by the Council, following a vote, would be submitted for consideration to the Show Executive Committee (SEC). A discussion item, even if supported, required further consideration by the Council in the form of a subsequent proposal in order for it to be progressed via the SEC. For this reason, where a matter was being submitted to the Council, consideration should be given as to whether it should be presented as a proposal or a discussion item. A proposal was suitable where the individual or organisation submitting it was confident that it would be supported, or for simple matters. Where a matter was more complex or there may be a wide range of views, a discussion item may be more appropriate.
9. Following the presentation, all present introduced themselves.

ITEM 6. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7 APRIL 2021

10. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as an accurate record.



ITEM 7. RESULTS OF RECOMMENDATIONS/MATTERS ARISING

11. The Council noted the following updates on outcomes arising from matters discussed at its previous meeting:

a. Best Puppy in Show

Proposal: That the regulations for Best Puppy in show be amended as follows:

F(1)26.a

'Where the Best of Breed, Best of Group, or Best in Show is a puppy, it should automatically **may at the discretion of the judge** be awarded Best Puppy in Breed, Best Puppy in Group or Best Puppy in Show respectively.'

(Additions in bold, Deletions struck through)

F(1)26.b

'Where the Reserve Best of Breed, Reserve Best of Group, or Reserve Best in Show is a puppy, it should automatically **may at the discretion of the judge** be awarded Best Puppy in Breed, Best Puppy in Group or Best Puppy in Show respectively'

(Additions in bold, Deletions struck through)

Outcome: The proposal was referred to and recommended by the SEC and subsequently approved by the Board effective from 1 January 2022.

b. Reserve Challenge Certificates (RCCs)

Proposal: That 5 RCCs should be the equivalent of a Challenge Certificate (CC)

Outcome: The proposal was considered by the SEC and the Board and was currently on hold due to the development of the Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system. However, it was noted that the SEC had been in support of the principle of the proposal as submitted by the Council.

c. Class Averages

Proposal: That class averages for general open shows running more one than show per year be withdrawn.

Outcome: The proposal was referred to and recommended by the SEC and subsequently approved by the Board effective from 1 January 2022.

12. The above updates were welcomed by the Council. A query was raised as to whether the amendment to regulations regarding class averages would be publicised for the benefit of show secretaries. It was noted that a press release detailing all imminent amendments to F Regulations had been issued on 16 December 2021, and that details were also available on The Kennel Club's website.

ITEM 8. PROPOSALS

Dogs eligible to compete at matches

Proposed by: Miss FA Snook

13. Miss Snook presented the following proposal:

'That dogs which have been awarded a Challenge Certificate (CC) or obtained any award that counts towards the title of a Champion under the rules of any governing body recognised by The Kennel Club be eligible to enter a special class at matches. It should be noted that dogs entered in this class would not be eligible to compete for Best in Match. The Council was



reminded that at its previous meeting it was in support of the item and accordingly, Miss Snook had re-submitted it as a firm proposal.'

14. The proposal was seconded by Mrs Chapman.
15. The Council was in agreement with the rationale supporting the proposal, noting that at present, a puppy receiving a Challenge Certificate early in its show career would be unable to take advantage of the opportunities for socialisation and training available at matches. Further, matches were a valuable learning resource for less experienced judges who may benefit from opportunities to gain hands-on experience of CC winning dogs. It also accepted that having a special class for dogs which had won a CC or equivalent would not alter the spirit or the experience of competing in a match, noting that under the terms of the proposal, such dogs would not be eligible to compete for Best in Match/Best Puppy in Match.
16. A query was raised in view of the proposal submitted at its previous meeting whereby 5 RCCs would count towards the title of a champion, as noted earlier in the meeting (item 7.b refers). It was noted under the terms of the proposal, a RCC would be an award that would count towards the title of champion. It was clarified that the SEC, in considering the matter, had been of the view that a RCC would not count as such an award until such time as the dog in question had been awarded a CC, or until it had won 5 RCCs.
17. The Council concluded that the proposal was a sensible one, and following a vote, was unanimous in **recommending** for approval the following amendment to F Regulations, subject to any necessary re-wording which would be carried out by the office in collaboration with the SEC:

Regulation F(2).5.f

Dogs, which have won a Challenge Certificate or obtained any award that counts towards the title of Champion under the rules of any governing body recognised by The Kennel Club, are not eligible for entry in matches. **However, they are allowed to attend the match and enter a special class restricted to only dogs that have won a Challenge Certificate or obtained any award that counts towards the title of Champion. The winner cannot compete for Best in Match or Best Puppy in Match.**

(Additions in bold)

18. The office would also identify and formulate any consequential amendments which were required to support the proposal. This would include amendments to Regulations F4.d and F(A)8.

Eligibility of Imported Breed Register dogs and non-CC (rare) breeds to compete at matches and limited shows

Proposed by: Mr S Bennett

19. Mr Bennett presented the following proposal:

'That Imported Register Breeds and non-CC breeds (rare breeds) should be eligible to compete at limited shows and in matches, whether or not a dog had won any award that counted towards the title of a Champion under the rules of any governing body recognised by The Kennel Club.'

20. It was highlighted that at present such dogs were not permitted to compete at limited shows or in matches. However Mr Bennett was of the view that this was unnecessarily restrictive, noting that many dogs were imported into the UK having already won such awards. Further, it was noted that when a society was first registered it may only hold matches and limited shows.
21. Mr Bennett expressed the view that, with the existing restriction in place, the number of dogs that could compete in matches and at limited shows was currently reduced, creating a negative



impact on societies' finances, and also on judges' numbers. In addition, the quality and variation of dogs that may be judged could be said to be significantly reduced and may not give an overall true reflection of the breed quality for judges.

22. On discussion, the Council agreed that the situation in respect of matches may be easily addressed by stating that such dogs may compete in a special class at matches, in line with the conclusion reached earlier in the meeting in respect of dogs having obtained any award that counts towards the title of Champion (paragraphs 13-18 refer). Such dogs would not be permitted to compete for Best in Match or Best Puppy in Match.
23. The Council then went on to consider the position in respect of limited shows. A suggestion was made that such dogs should be eligible to compete in the open class at breed club limited shows. This would provide a way for clubs in their early years, when they may only run limited shows, to accept entries from highly qualified dogs. It was agreed that breed club limited shows, for Imported Register breeds or non-cc breeds, should be exempted from the regulation which precluded such dogs from being entered at limited shows.
24. Mrs Snook seconded the revised proposal.
25. A suggestion was made that general limited shows should be permitted to schedule up to four classes specifically for dogs of Imported Register and non-CC breeds which had won overseas awards. Winners of these classes would not be eligible to compete for Best in Show. However, this suggestion was not supported.
26. A vote took place, and the revised proposal was unanimously **recommended** for approval. The precise wording would be formulated by the office in conjunction with the Show Executive Committee.

Counting of Imported Breed Register classes at limited shows

Proposed by: Ms A Orchard

27. Miss Snook presented the proposal on behalf of Ms Orchard:

'That Imported Breed Register Breeds are not included within the number of classes societies can schedule at limited shows.'
28. The Council was reminded that under existing regulations, all championship and open shows, and limited shows held on the group system, were obliged to schedule at least one Any Variety Imported Breed Register class per group. Limited shows not held on the group system must schedule at least one Any Variety Imported Breed Register class. However at limited shows a maximum of 100 classes were permitted. In some cases, show organisers running limited shows close to this maximum figure were finding that they were having to schedule at least seven classes for Imported Breed Register breeds which may not be well supported, at the cost of not being able to schedule other classes which may be better supported and more financially productive. It was particularly highlighted that shows run on the group system must include a class for Any Variety Imported Breed Register terriers, despite there being no terrier breeds currently on the Imported Breed Register.
29. It was also highlighted that where one Imported Breed Register class per group was scheduled, exhibitors with more than one dog were unlikely to enter two or more dogs. As a result, the entry for such classes was not being maximised. However, scheduling more than one Imported Breed Register class per group may result in a reduction in the number of classes which could be offered to other breeds due to the limitation to 100 classes in total.
30. It was suggested that it may be helpful to show organisers if they were permitted to schedule Imported Breed Register classes across all groups, rather than being obliged to schedule them



separately for each group. This would enable them to offer a better classification, which would be more attractive to exhibitors rather than a single class for each group.

31. The Council was reminded that relevant exhibitors had previously stated their wish to be treated alongside other exhibitors, with no special provisions, and a query was raised as to whether the proposed measure would be inconsistent with this. It was suggested that it may be preferable for concerned exhibitors to encourage show organisers to schedule classes for them, in the same way as those with other breeds, and to make sure the classes were well supported. However it was acknowledged that the situation was different for other breeds in that they were eligible for entry into Any Variety Not Separately Classified classes, which often had a better classification, and this was not the case for Imported Register breeds.
32. The Council briefly considered whether further detailed discussion was necessary at a subsequent meeting, where it would be possible to consider wider issues such as Imported Breed Register classes at open shows, which were not within the scope of the proposal under consideration. However it noted that open shows were not subject to similar restrictions as to the number of classes, and concluded that it should continue its consideration of the proposal at hand, whereby Any Variety Imported Breed Register classes should not be counted in the number of classes for limited shows.
33. The proposal, as set out on the agenda, was seconded by Miss Cutler.
34. The Council was of the view that the proposed amendment would be helpful in encouraging organisers of limited shows to schedule more Imported Breed Register classes. A vote took place, and the Council was unanimous in **recommending** for approval the following amendment to regulations:

Regulation F(1)5.a.(5)

General Canine Society Limited Shows shall not schedule more than 100 classes. **Any Variety Imported Breeds Register Classes are not to be counted in this restriction and would be exempt.**

(Additions in bold)

Warrant schemes for non-CC breeds and Imported Breed Register breeds

Proposed by: Mr S Bennett

35. Mr Bennett presented the following proposal:

'At its previous meeting, the Council discussed whether Imported Breed Register breeds and non-CC (Rare Breed) dogs should be eligible for the Junior Warrant (JW) or a similar award, and had noted that currently these breeds had no way of gaining a Stud Book Number (SBN). It had acknowledged that currently the Junior Warrant (JW) entitled dogs to a SBN but the Veteran Warrant (VW) did not, and also that the current JW criteria required a number of points to be awarded at shows which had CCs on offer for the breed, which was not possible for Imported Register and Rare Breeds.
36. A suggestion had been raised that a different type of warrant for these breeds may be appropriate, and Mr Bennett, together with Mrs Walmsley and Mrs Chapman, had undertaken to consider this and bring a proposal to the next meeting.
37. The Council noted the proposals, both of which were points-based schemes, in line with other warrants. The points criteria had been carefully considered in order to make the proposed warrants achievable, but challenging.
38. As there were differences between non-CC breeds and Imported Register breeds, the two schemes were considered separately.



Non-CC (Rare) Breed warrant

39. The proposal was seconded by Mrs Chapman.
40. A query was raised regarding the terms of the proposed criteria in that it would allow a dog to gain points throughout its showing career, unlike the JW scheme for which dogs were eligible only until the age of 18 months. This appeared inconsistent in that the stated objective of the proposal was to provide an award similar to the JW, but for non-CC breeds.
41. It was highlighted that non-CC breeds were eligible to gain a Show Certificate of Excellence, for which points could only be gained for dogs of over 18 months. It would not therefore be necessary for the proposed Warrant to be available to dogs over this age as an award was already available.
42. In view of the above, it was proposed by Mrs Thomson that the proposal be amended to include an age restriction to state that only dogs of up to 18 months would be eligible for the award. This was seconded by Mr Bennett. Mrs Chapman, who had seconded the original proposal, confirmed her agreement with the amendment.
43. However, it was acknowledged that the placing of such an age restriction would require careful reconsideration in respect of the points criteria, as any dog whose owner wished to achieve the award would now have a restricted time to gain the required number of points, rather than being able to gain them throughout its showing career.
44. Noting this, the Council agreed to defer further discussion pending submission of a revised proposal at its next meeting. Mr Bennett, Mrs Chapman, and Mr Moss undertook to collaborate to formulate a proposal for a non-CC Breed Warrant, which would, as far as possible, reflect the JW scheme.

Show Imported Breed Register Warrant

45. The Council noted that similar comments applied as the non-CC Breed Warrant as noted above (paragraphs 38-43 refer), and accordingly, agreed to defer further discussion pending submission of a revised proposal at its next meeting. This would be formulated by Mr Bennett, Mrs Chapman, Mr Moss, and Mrs Walmsley.

Judges' badges

Proposed by: Mr M Ord & Mrs J McLauchlan

46. Mr Ord presented the proposal, as follows:

'At its previous meeting, the Council had discussed the matter of judges' badges following a suggestion originally submitted by Mrs Marshall. It had been acknowledged that judges at Kennel Club organised events received a Kennel Club badge similar to judges at other events, and that the provision of badges would reduce costs for show organisers. There had been some support for the idea of having a generic badge, although this matter had been discussed several times and had not received majority support. However, the Council had agreed that it may be discussed further.

Accordingly, the Council was requested to consider a proposal that The Kennel Club supply generic judges' badges once a judge is approved. The badge would include the judge's unique I.D. number and name and should be worn for all future judging appointments in place of societies supplying judges' rosettes.'

47. A query was raised as to the point at which a judge would receive an I.D. number. It was clarified by the office that, at present, only judges approved to award CCs received a number, but once the Judges Education Programme (Breed Shows) facilities became available via The Kennel Club website, judges at all levels would be allocated an I.D. number.



48. A brief discussion took place, during which it was highlighted there would be a cost for issuing such badges to all judges, and that some judges only undertook a very small number of appointments before deciding not to progress with their judging careers. In respect of potential cost-saving for show organisers, it was noted that many shows re-used judging badges or rosettes which were returned to them after judging appointments, and that doing so reduced their costs.
49. The Council concluded that for practical reasons the implementation of such a proposal would not be viable, and did not support it being progressed.

ITEM 9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

50. No items for discussion had been received.

ITEM 10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

51. No matters were raised under Any Other Business.

ITEM 11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

52. An announcement confirming the date of the next meeting would be confirmed in September 2022.

The meeting closed at 12.40 pm with a vote of thanks to the Chair and the office.

**MRS A CAWThERA-PURDY
CHAIRMAN**