SPORTING WHIPPET CLUB

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Sunday 21 Feb 21 – 13:00

Zoom Online Meeting

1.Opening and Apologies

Attendees - Sharon Dalgliesh (SD); Tracy Chamberlain (TC); Carole Edgington (CE) Mark Roughsedge (MR); Mike Florek (MF); Mark Bicknell (MB); Greg McLatchie (GG) Martin Abbott; Phil Edgington; Angela Bayley; Kate Bent; Gretchen Elkerton; Helena Gaffney; Peter Gaffney; Liz Hales; Elaine Jenkinson; Iain Logan; Susie Logan; Vanna Leatheart; Sandra Marcovecchio; Sarah Meadham; Sue Meecham; Nicole Rossa; Catriona Ryan; Kim Saxby; Fay Sechiari; Dawn Stockley; Diana Webber; Laurie Winter; Deb Yeates;

Apologies – Penny Abbott; Elizabeth Johnstone; David Johnstone; Sue Hoddinott; Denise Pitcher; Di Done; Lilah Wainman

Meeting opened 13:04

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

Proposed Kate Bent, Seconded Catriona Ryan

3. Matters Arising

SWWC offered trophy last year, not progressed due to Covid. SD to contact Mary Rigby to try and arrange for this season

4. Chairman's Report

We were lucky to hold three meetings last season including the Puppy Day
Thank you to Sarah Meadham for the beautiful invites
Thank you to Chris O'Flaherty and Dawn Stockley for donations for raffle, also the club and Slipper Dalgliesh
We have two new grounds for next season – Hazleton Manor and on Exmoor near Raleghs X
Thank you to Greg for storing equipment and travel
Thank you to Martin Abbott for his photographs
Thank you to Sarah and Elizabeth for their photographs
We are hoping for a half decent season next year

5. Treasurer's Report

We have done well to stay financially where we were last year
Discussed in the committee meeting today that this has highlighted how expensive it is to keep the club active when inactive i.e. insurance and website costs etc that are ongoing outgoings
Start the new season on same footing as twelve months ago, and we have come out better than lots of other people
Hope to get meetings under our belt.
Proposed Helena Gaffney, Seconded Catriona Ryan. All in agreement

6. Election of Committee

Three committee members due for re-election – SD/TC/MR. Dawn Stockley proposed, Si Webber seconded
All in agreement

7. Lure Coursing Meetings

First meeting scheduled for end of March and we can't see this going ahead. We will keep everyone updated and will have to cancel as we go if needs be. We hope we can run as many meetings as possible and have discussed this in the committee meeting this morning about how we can keep this as fair as possible if numbers are limited as they were for the first meeting we ran in 2020
We will give notice of when entries will open so everyone has the same chance to enter.
We hope like last year we are able to run bigger meetings as soon as possible
All meetings will be Covid Secure
We feel we need to run five meetings to have a Finals Day fairly, but if we can only run three meetings then we may change the qualifying criteria to heat winners, getting into a final etc. We will discuss this if the need arises. Hopefully we will be able to run from May and we might also be able to fit in extra meetings once we can run
We will do our best to get as many meetings as possible and a Finals Day
Raffle will continue as it was for 2020, payment with entries and two large prizes

Catriona Ryan asked will being vaccinated be a condition of entry? No, we will not be discriminating; some people cannot have vaccines

Liz Hales expressed thanks for safe running last year

8. Any Other Business (at the discretion of the Chair)

Di Done was sad pups didn't get to compete for the Silverhare Trophy last season and so has offered a one off prize for all qualifying pups from the 2020 season to win Top Three Year Old this season, from their accumulated points during 2021. The committee have accepted her kind offer and wish all those pups luck in competing for it this year

Confirmation of new grounds – Exmoor near Raleghs X and Hazleton Manor (many members will have run there at UKSS event)

Kate Bent expressed thanks to all who enabled us to run last year. She used the word 'phenomenal' and thanked all on her behalf and that of her whippets

Dates re locations – cannot be confirmed at this point but as a guide:
March – Brandhouse Farm
April – Eiling Farm
May – New ground near Raleghs X
June – Hazleton Manor
July – Hook Farm
August – Raleghs X
September – Cirencester

Could move Brandhouse to July if don't run in March
If we can't get Eiling in April may move to July
Might only have one in Somerset.
It is impossible to commit to anything at this point but we will keep posting and keep you updated

TC requested for a few people to confirm if they were in the meeting or not as there was a user 'iPad' that we could not identify.

Meeting closed at 13:30

If you were in the meeting but not written in the list of attendees, please email sportingwhippetclub@hotmail.com and we will add you. Thank you.