**BRITISH MANCHESTER TERRIER CLUB**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**DRAFT MINUTES (APPROVAL REQUIRED AT 2019 AGM)**

**Shenstone Village Hall, Shenstone**

**Sunday 8th April 2018 at 10.30am**

Those present Ms C. Wicker, Mr R Dunford, , Mrs C Dunford, Mrs V R Walton Mr & Mrs Mrs C Knight, , Ms L Olbinson, Mr & Mrs C Harrison,Mr M Kirkbride,, Mrs S Owczarek, Mrs V Saville, Mrs J Thurlow, Mrs E House, Miss B Cawley, Mrs B O`Neill, Mrs J Walker,, Mr N Keates, Mr & Mrs D Palmer, Mr M Walshaw,, Mrs S Pinkham, Mr L Symington, Miss E Saxton, Mrs J Aspden, Mrs L Brander, Mrs C Straughan, Mr D Cripps, Mr G Minnikin

1. Ballot papers and balance sheets to be handed out.

Scrutineers: Mrs E House and Mr M Walshaw

2. Apologies received : ,Mrs M & Tracy Evans, Mrs Walshaw, Miss L Thurlow, Mr & Mrs G Brown, Jamie Pye, Mr P Dale, Mrs F Fitch, Mrs V Sharpe, Laura Sharpe, Mrs D Hemsell, Dr S Smith, Mrs A Mason, Miss A Bovill, Mr Mrs & Mr Norris, Mr & Mrs Forshaw, Mrs D Barlow, Mrs J Benton

3. Minutes of last A.G.M. previously circulated

Agreed as a true record Proposed, R Walton seconded Mr D Palmer

4. Matters arising.

Two persons who were elected Officers were also still shown as Committee members, This was an error

5 Election of new members.

No applications outstanding

6. Chairman's report for 2017

 2017 was our 80th anniversary and it was generally a very good year for the club particularly on the show circuit, culminating in Kevin Carter’s Ch Digelsa Declaration being awarded Group 4 in the Terrier Group at Crufts after a very successful show year including Terrier Group 1 at Leeds and being placed many times in the group at other championship shows. Liz and Harry Charlton’s Ch Digelsa Dun N` Dusted at Lizelms was awarded Group 1 in the Terrier Group at City of Birmingham, both dogs handled by their breeder Mick Oxley.

There has been growing participation by the breed in all Kennel Club activities this year with obedience, obreedience, dancing with dogs, agility, rally, flyball and passes at Gold, Silver and Bronze for the Kennel Club Good Citizen Award Scheme. These activities are widening the appeal of our breed and proving that you can train a terrier.

Leslie Olbinson was the driving force behind the formation of the Northern Mooch aimed at pet owners which is continuing to grow in popularity and has been the catalyst for similar groups across the country – thanks are due to Linda Shaw, Sonia Owzarek and Jeanette Garaghty who organise Mooches in their respective areas.

There is to be no Fun Weekend this year, instead there is the European Happening held 16/17June at Waldgraves Holiday Park Mersea Essex, hosted by Judy Thurlow and Carole Wicker. Make a note in your diary and contact either Judy or Carol if you wish to attend.

The Kennel Club are making major changes in the way in which judges progress their career`s and are looking to address this in a number of ways. They have agreed to fund and produce a film explaining the Manchester Standard for the Judges Competency Framework that will be available to view on the Kennel Club Academy. We are supplying the dogs, presenter, commentator and handlers in July at no cost to the Club.

A generous and timely bequest to the club from former President Nerolie de lavis Trafford is available to the club through the Kennel Club to meet costs incurred in educating show judges. Nerolie wished to improve the standard, knowledge and quality of judging at all levels, and we intend to make good use of this gift. Hopefully an improvement in the quality of judging will increase the number of entries at all levels of showing which have fallen significantly in recent years

Gill Knight will present our understanding of the Kennel Club judging changes as they stand after this meeting closes.

Also Janet Palmer will present the importance of the von Willie Brands Type 1 tests for the long-term future of the breed.

We are again holding a breed specific seminar at Shenstone on the 4th November. Fliers are available here. I encourage those of you wishing to learn more about the breed and improve your knowledge to come to the morning session, even if you are not yet ready to take the Assessment, which is held in the afternoon.

I would like to thank the officers and committee and all those members who give their time to help in what ever capacity, be it at Meet the Breed days to keeping the web-site up to date and a hundred other ways which all help to make the BMTC the success it is today.

Finally and most importantly this is Carol’s last meeting as BMTC Secretary, a job she has been doing with distinction for 10 years. Carol you have garnered a wealth of knowledge and experience, which has been put to the clubs benefit, I am sure that you must have had some tough times, but I trust some very enjoyable times as well. I have enjoyed working with you and I am sorry you are leaving, you will be missed and on behalf of the members I thank you for all the work effort and dedication to the club, please accept this gift as a memento of your time with us. I am sure that we all wish you well for the future.

7. Secretarys report for 2017

 Good morning everyone,

Thank you for giving up your Sunday to be here. This is My 10th and final report to you so I will try to keep it short.

In 2017 the membership numbers were buoyant and we had around 40 associates. The associate scheme is a good way to promote membership so please publicise it to anyone who is having a litter.

On to registration of puppies – in 2017 there were 40 litters producing 160 puppies, that`s down by about 30 puppies on the last 3 or 4 years

Entries at shows generally seem to have declined over the last couple of years but MT`s have continued to do well . There were 5 new champions made up in 2017

Harrison`s Magpiebank Ash

Oxleys Digelsa d`Amour

Walshaws Talanors Diamonds n Dreams avec Janmark

Charltons Digelsa Done n Dusted at Lizelms

Walkers Talanors Treat me Good at Sizlin

Show Certificates of Merit were gained by

Digelsa Declaration

Limoncello Cecilia Beau

Digelsa D`Amour

Ttombower Princess Phoebe

Calastoas Amber Gambler at Ttombower

Junior Warrants

 Savilles Simjest Back to Black at Dobermation

Apologies if I have missed anyone

The list of Good Citizen passes maintained by Ann Harrison continues to grow. We had 5 Puppy Foundation passes, 5 Bronze passes and 3 Silver and 3 Gold.

We also had Lots of successes in Agility, Rally and Obreedience and more dogs are now taking up Flyball too, showing what a versatile breed they are.

Sadly, many people lost their faithful companions during the year and we extend our sympathy to all of them.

 With regards to publicity for the breed, we had the St Georges Day parade in Manchester city centre which was once again a great success , we are definitely a permanent fixture here now –if anyone would like to take part this year then please get in touch with Ann Harrison.

The CLA Game Fair was well attended by the usual stalwarts along with some new helpers. It was a very social event and the Manchesters worked very hard during the day showing themselves off to the general public Thanks are due to Judy Thurlow and Gill Knight for all their hard work on the Discover Dogs events and all their helpers, who gave up their time to promote the breed.

. Sue Pinkham and Sonia have also been attending pet shows and country fairs promoting the breed so thanks must go to them and their helpers too

There are now Mooches taking place in all areas of the country and the Facebook groups have helped publicise these. This is also a great way for people new to the breed to meet owners and dogs prior to obtaining their own.

The Fun Weekend was very well supported again and everyone had a good time.

Rehoming – Martin Kirkbride reports that he has been involved in rehoming eleven dogs since the last AGM. All rehoming has been done through the Facebook page which now has 639 members. The procedure has very much become one of short listing enquiries and then the owner deciding where their dog goes, rather than having hands on contact. Martin tends to favour previous or current owners, and as a matter of policy will not put two males together. Through the Facebook page owners can now organise their own rehoming directly and dogs which end up with animal charities can also be posted giving them a much more focused audience. Rehomed dogs, particularly Martin`s own and Barry Hall’s have attracted media interest and will probably continue to do so.

Before I finish I would just like to say Thank you for your support during my 10 years of being Secretary. I hope you will be patient with my successor while she is learning the ropes. Thank you.

8. Treasurer’s report and the balance sheet for 2017

 Good Morning Members.

The accounts are in the normal format, I will take you through them. The income and expenditure account is shown on

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and this shows the result of the years activity. The last entry on the right-hand side shows a deficit of £1,139.30 compared to a surplus of £465 the year before. This has been another busy year for the club.

Going through the accounts in detail,

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the Open Show returned a deficit of £84.78 compared to a surplus of £41 in the previous year. Income decreased £72 year on year, entries accounting for all of this. Expenditure increased £54 above the previous year, including £37 for room hire and £12 for rosettes.

The Championship Show has produced a surplus of £106.41 compared against the surplus of £320 last year. Year on year income reduced by £164, comprising entries reduced by £85, sale of catalogues £34 and raffle £45, expenditure increased by £49, room hire charges increased £98 but there were small reductions on a variety of other expenses.

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The memorabilia account records a surplus of £923.85, compared to £424 in the previous year. This account includes sales of memorabilia, the sale of calendars together with the sale during the year of vWB test kits. This is a magnificent result and our thanks go to Estella, Phil and all helpers for so ably running the sale of stock over the last year.

The fun weekend recorded a surplus of £575.82 compared to a surplus of £171 in 2016. Income continues to increase substantially year on year from £2,150 to £2,401 while expenditure decreased £150, with no costs for the hire of agility equipment.

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The Income and Expenditure Account includes the various surpluses from the events already reviewed and as I have already stated overall shows a deficit of £1,139.30.

Looking first at income - subscriptions continue to increase, £590 year on year. Donations and Bank Interest continue to reduce and there was no surplus from a Judging seminar. The final item headed Prior Year Adjustment is an improvement to the accounts where expenditure expected and provided for in previous years has not actually materialised.

This has been a heavy year for expenditure - as we indicated it would be at this meeting last year. Starting at the top of the page, the improved presentation of the Year Book continues to be expensive, although we are looking to source a cheaper supplier; postage, stationary and photocopying has risen £627 in the year - we need to look at this again.

As I hope you all know and have used, a new Web Site has been purchased at a cost of £1,800, a very big improvement in the public personna of the Club. Donations have been given to the Organisers of this years European Happening of £150, £200 has been given to the Cinnamon Trust, £100 of which was raised by Auction at the Fun Weekend, and £100 was given to the Manchester Terrier Obreedience Team to help towards the purchase of team clothing for their appearance at Crufts. Lastly, a replacement Tyburn trophy was purchased for Best in Show at Richmond the original having been lost for many years.

Overall an expensive Year but one which should not be repeated this year, and we expect to return to the black in 2018.

The Balance Sheet shows the assets and liabilities of the club, with the cash balance of the club still exceeding £10,000, so in summary a satisfactory financial position for the Club.

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Within the Friends Accounts a year, the first ever, when nothing has happened financially - no income no expenditure. The accumulated balance remains at £3,945 all represented by bank deposits.

Agreed as a true record Proposed by David Palmer Seconded Les Symington

9. Health Committee report

Despite the Health Committee having been formed in 2015, a limited number of issues appear to be to the committee, however it is felt that this may be in part due to many members being unaware of the committee and its role. We hope to rectify this with greater promotion of our work, both via social media and in person, and would encourage members to share information with the health committee who treat all information with strict conﬁdentiality.

The health committee members are:-

Jackie Brown (Chair and Breed Health Co-ordinator) Estella Saxton (Secretary) Carol Dunford (vWD data co-ordinator)

In addition, we have an excellent range of canine health professionals who can be called on so members can be assured that decisions and advice are from reputable sources.

Update on renal failure: We continue to be informed of cases of renal failure in the Breed, not only from UK dogs. These are logged on the health database, along with any pathology reports or postmortem results but to date there remains no DNA test which identiﬁes the gene(s) responsible. This is the case in a number of breeds and informal discussions with Dr. Kathryn Mellersh suggests that if it is genetic, the mechanism would probably be complex. Renal Failure research is beginning in the USA and the Health Committee will be informed of any progress.

BREED HEALTH REPORT "1

DNA databank: Following a swabbing event at the fun weekend in 2015, all dogs who were sampled have their DNA on ﬁle at the Animal Health Trust, Newmarket where it will be stored for any future research into breed health. This is only for storage purposes currently and samples were never taken to solely develop a DNA Test for renal failure as some members have been wrongly led to believe. Any owners who still wish to participate can request the swab kit from the HC secretary.

vWD status: There will be an update by Janet Palmer later on this topic. The HC recommendation is for all imported dogs to be tested by one of the KC approved laboratories - a list is available on the KC website or contact Jackie - and any dog to be bred from should have a current test result before any mating, including those who are “hereditary clear” to rule out human error as much as possible. This is usual practice in a number of other KCs where the term “hereditary clear” is not recognised. A ‘once in a lifetime’ test is a small price to pay for reassurance. A current list of dogs and vWD status is available, forwarded to Jackie from the KC on 3.4.18. If anyone has a dog with vWD results which is not on the KC list, please contact either the HC or the KC to request inclusion. Swab kits are currently available from Ray Dunford for vWD testing by VetGen at a discounted price; results are forwarded to the owner, the BMTC and the KC.

Breed health survey: We hope that a good number of members completed the recent health survey online. This was organised by the USA/Canada Breed Clubs and we are grateful to them for including Manchester Terriers worldwide. Results will be made available to UK members via social media.

Alabama Rot awareness: The number of cases and subsequent fatalities continues to rise and AR has been reported in most areas now. To date the cause remains unknown but there is promising research ongoing which Jackie is following. Any updates will be communicated to members. Follow the link to read more www.alabamarot.co.uk

BREED HEALTH REPORT "2

Give a dog a genome: Latest communication from the AHT is that there is no funding available for phase 2 breeds, including Manchester Terrier, although we may be able to gain inclusion on phase 1 subject to paying full price for DNA genome proﬁling. Discussions are ongoing and again, members will be informed of any progress.

Breed Health and Conservation Plan: The purpose of the Breed Health and Conservation Plans is to ensure that all health concerns are identiﬁed through evidence-based criteria, and that breeders are provided with useful information and resources to support them in making balanced breeding decisions that make health a priority. The Breed Health and Conservation Plans take a holistic view of breed health and include information about the following issues: known inherited conditions, complex conditions (i.e. those involving many genes and environmental effects such as nutrition or exercise levels, for example hip dysplasia), conformational concerns and population genetics. Eventually, it is hoped that all breeds have a BHCP available. In the meantime, 17 key breeds have been identiﬁed as the ﬁrst to collaborate on a Breed Health and Conservation Plan. As one of the native vulnerable breeds, an expression of interest has been sent to the KC for inclusion in the next group.

Information available: There is a great amount of information available on the KC website although it can be difﬁcult to navigate! The KC academy is one example in particular - if anyone is struggling to locate reliable information please contact either Estella or Jackie who will try to help.

10. Election of Officers and Committee by ballot on the day.

11. Election of Phil Margiotta Trophy

Awarded Dave Chapman for his involvement in promoting the breed particularly at the Firle Country Show

Election of Betty Napthine trophy

Awarded to Delia and the late Terry Hemsell for their many years of commitment to the Club in various roles

12. The committee would like to add the following to the BMTC Rules item 10 - C - That the Chairman`s post may only be held for a maximum of 5 years and at the end of that period the holder must stand down. The past Chairman`s name may not then be re-submitted to the AGM until 5 years have passed.

 Proposed by the committee

The reasoning behind this proposal being that over the years there has been a lot of rancour and bad feeling in the club when a person has held the position for a long time. If there is a maximum term then other people have a chance to stand. The Chair would still stand for re`-election every year as happens now but would be limited to 5 years. It was put forward that not being able to restand for 5 years was too long a period. A vote was held as to who favoured an amendment to reduce this period to 1 year, 14 in favour and 10 against. The amended proposal was voted on and passed with 15 votes. The last sentence of the proposal now reads

The past Chairman`s name may not then be re-submitted to the AGM until1 year has passed.

13. Do the BMTC members still want to hold for one (1) year the cups and trophies that are available for top wins at the general championship shows - (not the BMTC shows). I propose that only the general championship shows that award Challenge Certificates cups be kept, and only for the BOB and Best Puppy winners, except for Crufts where BOB, Reserve BOB, BP and Best Veteran cups be awarded.

Proposed by Carol Dunford Seconded by Raymond Dunford

Reasoning behind this proposal is that the majority of the cups and trophies are spending the majority of the year stored in someone`s loft as the majority of people are not interested in collecting and holding them. It was suggested that perhaps they could be reallocated to other activities such as Flyball, Rally etc. This would have to be with the permission of the persons who donated them. The cups are not insured as the Club took the measured decision that the cost of insurance was prohibitive. Perhaps best to defer the decision for 1`2 months until the new CC`s come in at other champ shows. The committee to present a detailed review of what they are proposing for 2018 at the General Meeting in September 2018

14. Honararia

 In the absence of the Secretary and the Treasurer it was decided that there should be no change to the current Honararia

15. Results of ballots for shows and officers and committee

 President Mrs Ella Eva

 Secretary Ms E Saxton

 Championship Show 2020 Mrs J Palmer

There were 3 new nominations for committee so the twelve elected members are,

Mr N Keates Mrs G Knight, Mr P Dale, Ms F Fitch

Mr M Kirkbride Mrs V Sharpe Miss L Olbinson Mr C Harrison

Mrs V Saville Miss A Bovill Mr M Walshaw Mrs B O`Neill

The Nominations for remaining Officers were uncontested and are as follows – Chairman Mr R Dunford , Vice Chair Mrs Janet Palmer, Assistant Secretary Mrs C Dunford , Treasurer Mrs A Harrison

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APPLICANTS PASSED for JUDGING LISTS 2018

Meeting closed at 11.50am