

Irish Setter Breeders Club

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2023

Held on the 14th of May 2023 at the Hilton Hotel, Braunston, CE19 1WQ

Present – Mr B Ross (President), Mr G Stevenson (Chairman), Miss J Parsons (Secretary), Mrs C Sheldon (Treasurer), Mrs C Stevenson, Mr D Pike, Mr D Hemmings, Mrs P Lucas, Mrs D McDonald, Mrs P Pollard, Mrs A Callister, Mrs J Axon, Mr M Brady, Mrs M Webb, Mr G Rowbottom, Mrs W Holehan-Green, Mrs R Lewis, Mrs L Dewar, Mr D Hopewell, Mrs S Hopewell, Mrs G Millington, Mrs J Russell, Mrs P Catling.

1. The Chairman George Stevenson formally opened the meeting at 2.05pm. After welcoming everyone he requested that those present stand and observe a minute's silence for those who had sadly passed away over the last 12 months.
2. **Apologies** – Mrs R Cox, Mr N Cox, Mrs H Stephenson, Mrs B Kay, Mrs S Farr, Mrs R Bryden, Mrs S Begg, Mr M Russell.
3. **Confirmation of the 2022 Minutes of the AGM held on the 1st of May 2022** - Mrs D McDonald proposed and Mr D Hopewell seconded that the minutes be approved. The minutes were approved by the meeting on a show of hands, all in favour.
4. **Matters Arising from 2020 AGM Minutes** – Mrs C Sheldon reported that Mr E O'Connor was unable to complete the 2022 accounts so the 2022 Accountant had been Mr M Hemmings instead.
5. **To receive the Chairmans Report** – this had previously been published in the AGM Pack and Yearbook. The report was proposed by Mr D Hemmings, Mrs P Pollard seconded and the report was accepted by those present with no questions.
6. **To receive the Treasurer's Report** – the report regarding the accounts for y/e 31st December 2022 was sent out in the AGM pack and was again included in the Yearbook this year. The Treasurer Mrs C A Sheldon gave a summary to the meeting:

This is my final report, presenting the Accounts to the 31st of December 2022.

The overall accounts are positive in that there is excess income over expenditure of £2460. The income was down on the previous year, memberships and donations were less which is a sign of the times.

In 2022 we held only one Championship Show which was our 50th Show and we pulled out all the stops to make it a memorable show by providing lots of added extras. These came at a cost so the show was run at a loss.

Sales were lower than in 2021, the year when online purchases were at a high due to Covid. Expenditure was higher in 2022, mainly due to a higher contribution by ISBC to the Yearbook costs and the production of two Newsletters.

The balance sheet at 31st December 2022 shows assets of £64,050. When I took on the role as Treasurer back in 2013 the Clubs assets were around £35k so now the Club is better placed financially for anything that might come along.

We also hold ring fenced money for Irish Setter Health Matters such as CLAD/Bloat/Research and Education and in 2022 these funds have increased significantly due to a bequest going to the June Coates Memorial Fund. This fund was £89,674 at 31st December 2022.

The accounts for 31st December 2022 were examined by accountant Mark Hemmings and I would like to thank him on behalf of the ISBC for his services.

Questions: Mr B Ross asked what the 'Tips and Miscellaneous' were on the Accounts as they had risen this year. Mrs C Sheldon confirmed these were the exhibitor gifts for the 50th Anniversary Championship Show.

Mr B Ross also noted that he felt some of the values of the 'Library' items had now decreased and it was suggested that the new Treasurer investigate the values assigned to this.

Mrs P Pollard proposed the report be accepted, seconded by Mrs C Stevenson, and on a show of hands, all were in favour.

- 7. To announce the Officers and Committee for 2023/2024** – Prior to the AGM Hon. Treasurer Mrs C Sheldon had informed the Club that she was standing down from her role and it had been agreed that Mr David Pike would take on the role of Treasurer. Mrs P Pollard offered a vote of thanks to Chris for all her hard work.

Officers standing down due to the two-year rotation were Mr G Stevenson (Chairman) and he indicated he was willing to stand again.

Committee members standing down due to the three year rotation were Mrs A Callister, Mrs P Catling and Mrs P Pollard. All were willing to stand again so were re-elected.

There were four vacant Committee member places due to members leaving the Committee and these spaces were filled with Mrs W Holehan-Green, Mrs J Russell, Mrs R Lewis and Mrs L Dewar.

These roles were all unanimously agreed.

- 8. To Confirm Accountant for 2023/2024** – It was proposed by Mrs C Sheldon that Mr Mark Hemmings be the Accountant and this was unanimously agreed.

- 9. To Discuss Approved Honoraria (Treasurer and Secretary)** – It was unanimously agreed this would stay at £750.00.

- 10. To Discuss and approved amendments to Rule 13 – Elections.**

It was discussed and unanimously agreed to change the rule to:

ELECTIONS:

The Election of Officers and Committee will be conducted by postal and/or online ballot. The Scrutineer to receive the postal and/or online ballot and will only after the closing date notify the result to the President. The Scrutineer will retain the ballot papers/online results for one year and deal with any queries that may arise out of any such vote.

11. **To Approve Life Memberships as Nominated by the Committee** – The Committee Awarded a Life Membership to the outgoing Treasurer Mrs C Sheldon in recognition for her hard work and dedication to the Club.
12. **Other Competent Business** – no previously registered questions had been received.
13. **Discussion time** – Mrs M Webb thanked the Club for its continuing support for the Irish Setter Rescue and Rehome. In return Mr G Stevenson thanked the Rescue for their hard work and reiterated that the Club was there to help the rescue were needed.
14. **Arrangements for the 2023 AGM** – this will be arranged and the date decided by the committee.

The meeting closed at 2.30pm.