

Irish Setter Breeders Club

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2025

Held on the 11th of May 2025 at the Premier Inn Meeting Rooms, Fosse Park, Leicester, LE3 2FW

Present – Mr B Ross (President), Mr G Stevenson (Chairman), Miss J Parsons (Hon. Secretary and Acting Treasurer), Mrs D McDonald, Mr D Hemmings, Mrs W Holehan-Green, Mrs R Lewis, Mrs C Stevenson, Mrs P Lucas, Mrs A Callister, Mrs L Dewar, Mrs J Russell, Mr G Rowbottom, Mr D Hopewell, Mrs S Hopewell, Mr K Cooper, Mrs S Randle, Mrs L Macaulay.

1. Mr D Hemmings opened the meeting at 10.38am and explained that Chairman Mr G Stevenson had asked him to take the Chair for the AGM. After welcoming everyone he requested that those present stand and observe a minute's silence for those members who had sadly passed away over the last 12 months.
2. **Apologies** – Mrs C Sheldon, Mrs P Catling, Mr D and Mrs P Pike, Mrs M Webb, Ms S Mohen, Mr K and Mrs C Butler, Mrs M Blackwell-Sherratt and Mr T Sherratt, Mrs R Bryden.
3. **Confirmation of the 2024 Minutes of the AGM held on the 12th of May 2024** – The minutes were proposed as an accurate record of the AGM by Mrs D McDonald, seconded by Mrs C Stevenson and this was unanimously agreed.
4. **Matters Arising from 2024 AGM Minutes** – There were no matters arising.
5. **To receive the Chairmans Report** – this had previously been published in the AGM Pack and Yearbook. Mr D Hemmings read the report on behalf of the Chairman. The report was proposed by Mrs R Lewis and seconded by Mr D Hopewell and accepted by those present with no questions.
6. **To receive the Treasurer's Report** – Miss J Parsons explained she was currently Acting Treasurer due to Mr D Pike standing down from his role in January 2025. Before leaving the Treasurer's role Mr D Pike had completed the 2024 accounts and these had been circulated in the AGM pack, but had not appeared in the Yearbook for 2024. Miss J Parsons read out David's report which had appeared in the 2024 Yearbook.

The Accounts for the Year Ending 2024 were discussed. Mrs D McDonald noted the first date was incorrect and should be changed from 2023 to 2024.

Mrs D McDonald also suggested that the 'Donations Received' entry in the Expenditure column should be split next year into Rescue/Health figures.

Mr B Ross asked that the 'Greta Ross Bequest' entry in the Income Column be changed to 'Shared Funeral Fund'

Mr D Hopewell proposed the report be accepted, this was seconded by Mrs S Hopewell and on a show of hands all were in favour.

7. To announce the Officers and Committee for 2025/2026

Officers standing down due to the two-year rotation were:

Mr G Stevenson (Chair) and he had indicated he was not standing again.

Mr D Pike (Treasurer) – it had been stated in the 2025 AGM Notice that Mr D Pike would offer himself for re-election, but had subsequently left his role in January 2025.

Committee members standing down due to the three-year rotation were:

Mrs D McDonald – who had not offered herself for re-election.

Mrs P Lucas, Mrs R Lewis, Mrs Joy Russell – who all offered themselves for re-election.

Nominations for the vacant Chair position – Mr D Hemmings had been nominated and he accepted the role.

Nominations for the Committee – Mr K Cooper, Mrs S Randle and Mrs L Macaulay.

It was proposed that Miss J Parsons take over the role as Treasurer, and Mrs A Callister take over the role of Secretary. This would then leave three vacant Committee places which the proposed new members would fill.

These roles were proposed by Mrs S Hopewell, seconded by Mr D Hopewell and all unanimously agreed.

Mr G Stevenson gave his best wishes to Mr D Hemmings in his new role as Chair and to all the new Committee Members.

Mr D Hemmings gave thanks to Mr G Stevenson and Mrs D McDonald for her many years of hard work for the club.

Mrs A Callister gave thanks to the previous club secretaries.

- 8. To Confirm Accountant for 2025/2026** – It was proposed by Miss J Parsons that Mr Mark Hemmings be the accountant, seconded by Mrs D McDonald and this was unanimously agreed.
- 9. To Discuss Approved Honoraria (Treasurer and Secretary)** – It was proposed by Mrs D McDonald, seconded by Mrs P Lucas and unanimously agreed this would stay at £750.00, however as Mr D Pike had not completed the 2024/2025 term then 25% of his Honorarium should go to the Acting Treasurer, Miss J Parsons.
- 10. To Approve Life Memberships as Nominated by the Committee** – The Committee Awarded a Life Membership to the Mr G Stevenson, Mrs D McDonald and Mr C Waddell in recognition for their hard work and dedication to the Club. A presentation was made to Mr G Stevenson and Mrs D McDonald.
- 11. Other Competent Business** – no previously registered questions had been received.

12. **Discussion time** – Miss J Parsons read an email from Mrs M Webb which thanked the Club for its continuing support for the Irish Setter Rescue and Rehome.

13. **Arrangements for the 2026 AGM** – this will be arranged and the date decided by the committee.

The meeting closed at 11.17am.