**GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG LEAGUE OF GREAT BRITAIN WORKING DOG GROUP**

**VENUE – THE KENNEL CLUB BUILDING, STONELEIGH PARK**

**DATE – SATURDAY 17 FEBRUARY, 2018**

**TIME – 12.00 pm**

**AGM AGENDA**

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of 2017 AGM – vote for acceptance
3. Chairman’s report
4. Presentation of accounts and Treasurer’s report
5. National Events Coordinator’s report (H. Bohnstedt & R. Lyons)
6. Election of National Officers –

Standing down not for re-election Philip Sargent & Dougie Bannerman.

Resigned from committee in 2017 Helen Geen & Katy Howard not for re-election.

Standing for election:

Eric Wight (current co-opted EC member), nominated by Janet Ashford, seconded by Tony Hutton.

Alan Woods nominated by Michael Baverstock, seconded by Maureen Baverstock.

Dawn Bettany, nominated by Tony Hutton, seconded by Ron Coombes.

Evie Meechan, nominated by Julie West, seconded by Phil Sargent.

Chris Bows, nominated by Caroline Mackintosh, seconded by Mark Rowe.

Gavin Smith, nominated by Travis Foster, seconded by Ron White.

Stephen Byfield, nominated by Percy Green, seconded by Oonagh Williamson.

Proposals submitted:

1. Change the FCI Qualification trial criteria (Rule L17) from its present format to the following;

The FCI Qualification Trial shall be restricted to dogs competing at IPO3 level. Preference will be given to:

 a) Any dog that has qualified at at an Internationally recognised World IPO championship with more than 250 points since the 1st of January of the previous year;

b)  Any dog that has qualified at a GSDL National IPO championship or the Joint GSDL/BAGSD WUSV Qualification event with more than 260 points since the first of January the previous year;

c) Remaining places to be allocated to dogs with the highest single IPO3 score obtained at GSDL-WDG events judged by SV recognized Judges since 1st January of the previous year.

Followed (if not fully subscribed) by:

• Dogs with scores obtained at other internationally recognized events since 1st January of the previous year. The competitor must send proof in the form of a photocopy of the scorebook to the National Co-ordinator if they wish to be included on the list with a non GSDL-WDG score.

Followed by:

• Dogs with the single highest IPO2 score obtained at GSDL-WDG events judged by SV recognized Judges.

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In the event of a trial being oversubscribed a 2nd judge can be used if this is deemed appropriate.
There shall be three (3) reserves included in the catalogues, in the event of any withdrawals the reserve(s) will be given the opportunity to compete in order of merit. Proposed by Chris Bows, seconded by Tony Marsland.

1. I would like to propose that in the future the All breeds nationals be kept as just that and FCI Qualifier and the qualifying status for WUSV dropped, from this event, thus giving other breeds a national in line with the GSDL nationals. We must remember that people with other breeds pay the same membership fees and so should be catered for on an equal level. Proposed by Rachel Squire, seconded by Gavin Buck
2. To avoid any uncertainty, it is proposed that the following rule be adopted for all events run by the GSDL WDG:
At all GSDL WDG events, only equipment which is permitted to be used at an IPO trial may be used. Proposed by Gavin Smith, Seconded by Mo Ahmed.
3. We believe that the Working Dog Group EC has lost touch with its membership and that the organisation would serve its members better if we returned to a Council system whose decisions are implemented by the Executive Committee.
It is proposed that a Council is formed consisting of 2 delegates from each club. The Council will meet twice a year to discuss matters appertaining to the running of the organisation and will make decisions on rule changes. The meetings would be organised and minuted by the WDG Secretary and chaired by the WDG Chairman. Quorum for the meetings would be attendance by at least 10 clubs. The decisions of the Council would be implemented by the Executive Committee and could not be overridden other than at an Annual General Meeting of the members.
This proposal would be effective from 2018 and the Executive Committee to draft an appropriate amendment to formalise it in the constitution to be presented to members at the 2019 AGM by which time the effectiveness and practicality of such a Council would be understood. Proposed by Travis Foster, seconded by Ron White.
4. Universal Sieger, we suggest that the GSDL-WDG match the £1,000.00 contribution towards the funding of the event made by the GSDL.

Proposed by Henriette Bohnstedt, seconded by Lorraine Foster

Discussion items submitted:

1. Universal Sieger update, request for help from members & clubs and ideas for fund raising.

Proposed by Eric Wight, seconded by Henriette Bohnstedt.

1. It was discussed at last years AGM to highlight any rule changes made, this has not happened. There have been changes to the rules and constitution, and none are highlighted as new or existing rules that have been changed.   Can the EC explain why has this not been done. Proposed by Stephen Byfield, seconded by Maureen Lakin.
2. There were several complaints made to the WDG with reference to the use of a remote trainer following the helper licensing.  Can the EC inform the membership what has been the outcome of the complaints, and what was the reason and objective for the meeting called at the Nationals.   Are there minutes available for the members that were not able to attend the meeting which was called at such short notice, and what was the cost of the meeting. Proposed by Stephen Byfield, seconded by Maureen Lakin.
3. Given that most bank transactions are now electronic, and the fact that a cheque book is fast becoming a thing of the past. Can the EC look into a method of renewing membership that is electronic, like BACS or Electronic Transfer. It must be very time consuming and expensive to bank a number of cheques received throughout the year. Proposed by Stephen Byfield, seconded by Maureen Lakin.
4. The members of the GSDL Working Dog Group want to have access to the events and facilities of the WUSV such as the WUSV World IPO championships, SV judge approval and Koerungs. We want to access these through our affiliation to the GSD League of Great Britain. We therefore want the WDG Executive Committee to work to represent the WDG members and to protect our relationship with the GSD League. Proposed by Travis Foster, seconded by Mo Ahmed.
5. AOB, by discretion of the Chairman.