



# SPANISH WATER DOG CLUB

## Annual General Meeting

WYMESWOLD MEMORIAL HALL, CLAY STREET, WYMESWOLD,  
LEICS. LE12 6TY



**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2019**

Commencing at 11:30am

### AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2018
4. Matters Arising
5. Chairman's Report
6. Hon Secretary's Report
7. Hon. Treasurer's Report

- (i) Approval of Accounts
- (ii) Annual Subscriptions
- (iii) Appointment of Auditor for 2020

8. **Changes to Structure of Committee**

*Proposal: To remove the necessity for the role of a Membership Secretary due to the newly created online joining structure. Payment details will be monitored and recorded by the Hon. Treasurer, who's role it will be, to ensure the Hon. Secretary is kept updated monthly with new or renewing members name's and details.*

**Reasons for Change:**

The new online joining and payment structure, will streamline the administration and ensure GDPR are upheld, cutting down on paper trails and associated costs.

Proposed: Joy Middleton

Seconded: Pat Booth

9. **SWD Rules and Regulations: Proposed Amendments**

**Rule 3.** sections B) D) E) F) G) H\*

**From:** ... "elected by postal ballot of fully paid up members....."

**To:** ... "elected by postal ballot and/or electronic voting system of fully paid up members....."

**Rule 3 H\***

**From:** All postal ballot papers to be numbered and returned to an independent scrutineer for counting.

**To:** All postal and/or *electronic voting system ballot(s)* to be numbered and returned to an independent scrutineer for counting.

**Reasons for Change:**

Recognising the need to make improvements to all associated costs incurred by posting and to allow a more accountable reach of members. Utilising more labour-saving systems to ensure maximum engagement with members. Understanding that exceptions to the rule will be dealt with sympathetically.

Proposed; Pat Booth

Seconded; Joy Middleton

**10. Rule 3A Members**

**From:** The Club shall have an unlimited number of members.

A complete list of members and their addresses will be maintained by a Membership Secretary and shall be available for inspection by a member of the Kennel Club upon request. This list of member's names will be published annually in the Spring Newsplash with updates listing new members being included in subsequent editions. Any member not wishing their details to be published should inform the Membership Secretary that they require their details to be kept confidential.

**To:** The Club shall have an unlimited number of members.

A complete list of members and their addresses will be maintained by *the Hon.*

*Secretary* and shall be available for inspection by *an authorised member* of the Kennel Club upon request.

**Reason for Change:**

Due to the changes in GDPR we are seeking to provide extra protection for our members by not publishing a list of club members names online or in the Newsplash/Yearbook/ or any publication not specified.

Proposed; Pat Booth

Seconded; Joy Middleton

**Rule 5 Two proposed changes:**

**(Subject to the outcome on the vote from Point 8 of the AGENDA)**

1) **From:** Candidates for membership of the club shall be elected by a two thirds majority of the committee present and voting. The membership Secretary shall maintain a register of all current paid up members and their addresses, which shall be available by inspection by an authorised member of the Kennel Club.

**To:** Candidates for membership of the club shall be elected by a two thirds majority of the committee present and voting. The *Hon Secretary* shall maintain a register of all current paid up members and their addresses, which shall be available by inspection by *an authorised member* of the Kennel Club.

**Reason for change:**

Agenda 8 if carried the Hon.Sec will be responsible for GDP.

Proposed; Pat Booth

Seconded; Joy Middleton

5 Election of members

From 'Candidates for membership of the club shall be elected by a two third majority of the committee present and voting'

To Candidates for membership of the club shall *be accepted by the membership secretary on receipt of a signed membership form & payment.*

**Reason for change:**

I believe that the SWD club should have an Open membership whose members have agreed to follow all the Rules, Regulations & Code of Ethics of the club.

Proposed by Sue Nicholls-Ward  
Donaldson

Seconded by Fiona

**10. Code of Ethics Proposed Changes**

**Club Members**

**8 From:** Will ensure that their dogs wear properly tagged collars and will be kept leashed or under effective control when away from home.

**To:** Will ensure that their dogs are *microchipped*, wear properly tagged collars and will be kept leashed or under effective control when away from home.

**Reason for change:**

Ensuring compliance with the law enforcing all dogs must be microchipped and require properly labelled collars.

Proposed: Joy Middleton

Seconded: Pat Booth

**11. Health Proposed Rule Changes: 25. (See Appendix A)**

**12. Code of Ethics New Rule 37**

*Officers and committee members whilst in office should be conscious that their actions and reactions are under scrutiny by our members and other clubs.*

**Reason for Change:** In light of hearsay incidents over the past year I would like to propose the above as addition to the Code of Ethics.

Proposed: Robin Walker

Seconded: Kylee Noad

**13. Election of Chairman, Hon. Treasurer and Committee Members**

**14. A.O.B**

Mr and Mrs R Walker request explanation:

"Due to the apparent void in the interaction between the committee and the membership could the secretary respond in relation to;"

A) The committee failed in its obligation as in the 2017 Summer Newsplash editors report: "The committee have decided that in future an edited version of the minutes from all future SWDC committee meetings will be posted on the club website to give transparency to all businesses."

B) The committee not arranging with the membership to have nationwide roadshows

to promote our breed as agreed at the 2018 AGM.

C) The amendment of the publication of the Newsplash to once a year without consultation with the membership.

D) The website not being updated regularly, this leading to membership not being aware of changes within the committee. Also, the comments section being turned off.

**AFTER THE AGM THE AMBASSADOR AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED FOR THE  
SPANISH WATER DOG CLUB  
2018  
BREED AMBASSADORS.  
BY OUR PRESIDENT  
MISS FAYE ALLEN**

Please note that only fully paid up members on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019 are entitled to vote at the AGM

## Appendix 1

### Code of Ethics: Health Proposed Rule Changes

#### 25) 1)

**From;** (a) (i) All dogs and bitches used for breeding must have been eye tested preferably under the BVA//KC/ISDC\* *Eye Examination Scheme, although other countries certified schemes would be acceptable.*

#### (ii) Goniodysgenesis Testing

Having had a gonioscopy test to determine 'Unaffected' (pass) or 'Goniodysgenesis' (fail), only those dogs deemed to be 'Unaffected' should be considered for breeding.

#### (iii) PRA Testing

(iv) The annual eye test for PRA and other changes in the eye must still be carried out and any certificate must be dated within the last 12 months.

**To; 25) (a) (i)** All dogs and bitches used for breeding must have been eye tested preferably under the BVA//KC/ISDC or **ECVO\*** Eye Examination Scheme, although other countries certified schemes would be acceptable.

#### (ii) Gonio dysgenesis Testing /Primary Glaucoma as per Schedule A on the BVA criteria

Having had a gonioscopy test to determine '*Clinically Unaffected*' or '*Clinically affected*'

#### (iii) PRA Testing.

*(iv) The annual eye test hereditary conditions and other changes in the eye must still be carried out annually.*

*v) All dogs of 8 years and older that have been bred from should also be re-examined under the Eye Scheme in order to identify later onset inherited eye disease and to gather longitudinal information. (as recommended by BVA)*

#### (vi) CHG Testing\*

*Identification DNA Testing for CHG is encouraged by the SWD Club as a positive way forward to ultimately eliminating this disease in the breed and is a strong recommendation. Identification may also be achieved by hereditary status.*

#### (vii) NAD Testing\*

*Identification DNA Testing for NAD is encouraged by the SWD Club as a positive way forward to ultimately eliminating this disease in the breed and is a strong recommendation. Identification may also be achieved by hereditary status.*

*Dogs who are tested for CHG and NAD will be recorded as - Clear, Carriers, or Affected. Please note that being a Carrier or Affected does not preclude a dog from being bred from but does mean the breeder should use a clear dog as a mate.*

*The reason that we recommend owners/breeders take part in testing is to check their dog's status for known simple inherited disorders. This way, as a breed, we can steer away from known inherited diseases before the dogs are bred from. Testing all potential breeding dogs, where relevant, allows breeders to determine the chance a dog may pass a disease-causing gene on to its offspring.*

Proposed; Joy Middleton

Seconded; Pat Booth

**Reasons for changes to:**

**25 (a) (i) (ii) (iv) and adding (v) (vi) (vii)**

We are looking to update the Code of Ethics to bring the Health section in line with recent changes. \* BVA/KC/IDS or *EVOG* have recently changed to show as "*clinically affected*" & "*clinically unaffected*" from the previous pass and fail. Amending (iv) to encompass hereditary conditions and other changes and adding

(v) affecting bitches over 8 to monitor late onset eye disease.

As was discussed at the 2018 AGM, I propose we now accept the advisory listing for breeding tests, from the Kennel Club, and include in our CoE the introduction of DNA testing for both

(vi) CHG and (vii) NAD.

Ensuring we continue to promote the highest possible standards for our breed, in line with our Breed Clubs key objectives.