



The Spanish Water Dog Club

Dear Members,

Please find below the edited version of the minutes from our committee meetings held on 13/4/2018, 6/10,2018 and 12/01/2019

Committee Meeting 13/4/2018

1. It was discussed about the way the club was perceived and how we could help unite people with some clearly having a vendetta against the club and some of its committee members. The committee were feeling down due to the constant attacks by certain individuals but remain determined to work together for the breed.
2. The responses from the vision for the future were read out and it was clear proactive and giving sensible opinions on the way forward.
3. It was discussed about a meet the breed day and the need to have new committed members on the committee who wanted to work and be proactive and not destructive. We agreed it would be great to have new committee members with a varied experience of different aspects of the breed.
4. The date and preparations were discussed for the 2018 AGM
5. Nigel advised that the revised breed standard had not yet been fully approved and as soon as it was the RSCE would inform us
6. The TCAN seminar was discussed in preparation to be delivered later in the year.
7. The health survey was very well supported with people from all over the world taking part. Joy Middleton was thanked for all her efforts
8. Sue confirmed that the judges had been approached for the judge's ballot and preparations were in hand for the shows
9. The judges sub committee reported that they had received excellent feed back from the previous seminar and Nigel requested that we needed more dogs available from the members in the future. It was also discussed about who would be suitable for the new role of Breed Education Co-Ordinator when the new JCF goes live.
10. Pat was co ordinating the Discover Dogs stand
11. The critiques for the 2017 champ show had been translated and will be published

Committee Meeting 6/10/2018

1. Anthony was thanked for his excellent handling of the 2018 AGM.
2. Nigel advised that Richard Bott had been approved to judge the championship show
3. Fiona Donaldson was appointed as the BEC
4. Pat advised the club was in a healthy financial state.
5. It was agreed that the club was at a crossroads and we had to decide on the future. Pat and Nigel were worried that the club was just seen as a show club and this was not what the club should be about. The breed has evolved and the breed is very versatile and the club should not be pigeon holed as a show club. We also need to deliver specific jobs to the Kennel Club as its official breed club. It was felt that we should put more events on but we lacked committee depth and more importantly did not want to take events of SWD Rescue who do a great job with family events and it



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- was agreed that the clubs role going forward would be 1. To deliver a yearly working test aiming to host a working trial. 2. A championship show and a Open show. 3. TCAN seminar. 4. To replace Newsplash with a year book free to members. 5. Breed Health. 6. Offer training and advice for the Spanish Working Tests. 7. Merchandise. 8. Discover Dogs. 9. Judges Education. It was also agreed that the club with a disclaimer would help and promote everything to do with Spanish Water Dogs regardless of held by club members via its website and social media.
6. Nigel Walker was proposed as the new treasurer and Sue Nicholl-Ward the new membership secretary both were passed unanimously.
 7. TCAN seminar was all prepared and ready to go.
 8. The breed standard had still not been approved in Spain.
 9. It was reported that we had had some interesting results for CHG and that these were been monitored by the KC and the SWDC,
 10. The show secretary's report was read out and we are looking at new ways to ballot for the judges.
 11. The preparation for the next breed seminar was discussed and actioned.
 12. It was agreed we would have a bumper Christmas edition of Newsspalsh
 13. Joy to look at code of ethics from questions raised at the last AGM
 14. It was agreed to look at a better system to make joining the club easier preferably electronically and open a pay pal account
 15. It was agreed that we needed a new website. Joy and Ainsley to discuss.
 16. We need to locate a venue for the working test for next year as we are now in the shooting season. The last venue is too expensive this year and we could not run at a loss.

Committee meeting 12/01/2019

1. Due to Anthony Allen's resignation which was accepted Faye Allen chaired the meeting.
 2. A concern was raised about Newsplash being replaced by the year book, regarding the inclusion of members details as per the rules. It was advised that members would be able to opt in to be named in the year book.
 3. Nigel advised that we had received two complaints and a few messages of concern regarding the breed seminar.
 4. Pat Boothe was proposed as acting chair until the AGM and this motion was passed
 5. A detailed explanation of the 2018 breed seminar was studied and discussed, and a new procedure was agreed. It was voted that all candidates that had failed the A3 assessment would be invited back to retake free of charge at the earliest date to be agreed.
- Fiona Donaldson resigned as BEC and it was agreed to ask James Newton if he would take over the role. The JSC will consist of Mr J Horswell, Mrs Sue Nicholls-Ward, Nigel Egginton and Fiona Donaldson.
- 6 We would invite members to be involved in sub committees for showing and working.



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7. Pat booth was to be the editor for the year book and that the club had received lots of praise for the bumper Christmas Newssplash.
8. Joy advised se had been doing lots of homework and was coordinating with Ainsley as to what content was needed on it.
10. Joy advised that CHG and NAD testing would probably be added to the KC ABS scheme within the next few years.