***DUSTON GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG TRAINING CLUB***

**MINUTES OF 34TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**HELD AT DUSTON VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY FEBRUARY 27, 2018**

Present:

Committee: Jane McGovern - Chairwoman

Marlene McInulty - Secretary

Stephanie Petrusevicius - Treasurer

Eddie Chapman - Hon. President

Jo Gable

Sue Smith

Pauline White

Julia Yorke-Long

Apologies: Les Gable

Chris Williams

Faye Pearson

Keith Pearson

35 Members attended the meeting, including Committee Members – as per list attached.

**Presentation of Trophies** Due to the meeting being unavoidably late starting, Stephanie presented a Trophy to all members of the 2017 Display Team, which were very much appreciated.

**P.O.Y. Trophy**: Jane presented the Person of the year Trophy to Craig Neighbour in appreciation of his continued support to the Club.

Jane opened the meeting at 8.00pm and apologised to Members’ for the delay, which was due to unforeseen circumstances.

Jane asked Members’ to ensure they have all signed in and mobile phones are on silent, Jane advised where all the Fire Exits are and requested any Member who wished to ask a question, should put their hand up, wait to be acknowledged, stand and identify themselves before asking the question.

The Minutes of the 2017 A.G.M. is on the Members’ section of the Website also a copy on the Club’s Notice Board. Jane asked for Members who have read the Minutes to propose and second acceptance that they are true and correct. Emma Lewis proposed acceptance and Kayleigh Petrusevicius seconded. Jane signed a copy of the 2017 A.G.M. Minutes.

**Chairwoman’s Report - Planning Update**; Jane informed Members’ that we have been granted planning permission for the building, with conditions. The conditions have now been met and approved and building work at the field will start this year (hopefully soon).

The building has been ordered from Adrian Morris, a copy of the Plans are available for everyone to study, during the tea break this evening.

Phil Newstead, Millway Developments, will mark out, dig out and level the ground and also obtain the Certificates of Building Regulations and Structural Engineering.

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The Committee have had several meetings on site with Building Manufacturers, various tests will be carried out with the soil by Steven Robinson

We are limited to what work we can do, due to our financial situation. We will run out of money to do the block work and we have been advised not to do the cladding until the block work is complete. It is planned to organise a Fund Raising Project, to raise funds towards the purchase of the Blocks We are looking for suggestions from Members’ for Fundraising to enable us get the building up sooner rather than later, so please discuss your ideas with a member of the Committee. We do not have sufficient funds to complete the building project, it is essential we Fund raise.

Finally, we plan to have the Field valued this year, it is necessary to have the field valued after the building work.

Steve Wicks asked if there are any figures available for the block work, Stephanie replied that details will be available at the Club shortly, if Members wish to see them.

**Training Day:** The Training day held on September 9, was well supported and total raised was £160.00.

**Sponsored Walk:** The 2017 Sponsored Walk, held on August 1 in aid of Dogs for Veterans, raised a total of £446.00, Cheque yet to be presented. We are planning a Sponsored Walk later this year.

**Sponsors:** Beverly Smith and Emma Lewis raised a total of £160.00 with the Fun Sponsors - Sponsored Silence and Handcuffs.

**Acknowledgements:** Jane said, as always, there are too many people to thank individually for

the help and support given during the last 12 months, but would like to mention just a few:

. thank you to the Committee for their continued support and dedication,

. the Instructors for their commitment and hard work

. and to all members’ who have helped in many ways i.e. setting up and packing away on Tuesday evenings, helping at Club events – Race Night, Annual Dance, providing food and refreshments at events and training.

. thank you to Stephanie for organising and printing the Calendars

. and a special thanks to Kayleigh and Craig, Les Gable, Barry Thornton and Luke Hiller.

**Membership:** The Committee propose to increase Membership fees to £20.00 across the board,

to take effect from March 6, 2018. No other suggestions were put forward.

After further discussion, it was unanimously agreed, by a show of hands, that Membership Fees be increased to £20.00 across the board.

Vic asked if this included A.O.P. Jane confirmed Full Membership was £20.00. for all members.

**Outside Training:**  We plan to train outside at the field during the Summer, but this will depend upon any disruption due to building work. An update will be given nearer the time.

**Village Hall Donation:** The Committee agreed to donate £100.00 to the Duston Village Hall. And a cheque for £100 was presented by Jo Gable at the V.H. A.G.M. on February 14, 2018 .

We should continue to support the Village Hall as we will need to use it for some time to come.

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**Calendars – 2018:** Thanks to all Members’ who submitted photographs of their dogs’ for the Calendar and also to all who purchased the Calendars, the Club made a profit of £160.00. Please submit suitable photographs of dogs for the 2019 Calendar to Stephanie.

**Gardening Day:**  To enable us to carry out some work, including cutting trees back, before building work starts, it is planned to organize a Gardening Day, on Sunday April 8 at 11.30am, immediately after the Display Team Training. Stephanie asked if anyone could bring along a chainsaw.

**Field Gate Number:** The new gate number will be in operation after tomorrow and will be available to all fully paid Members.

We have announced at the Club that Members’ are not cleaning up after their dogs at the field, please ensure you clean up after your dog had done a ‘whoopsi’.

The CCTV cameras are now back in use.

**Display Team Training** Stephanie has started Display Team training. If any Member is interested in joining the Display Team, please speak to Stephanie. We are in need of a Commentator and also Kit people.

**Grass Cutting:** Jane asked for volunteers to help cut the grass at the field during 2018. If anyone can give a hand, please give your name and dates available to Jane.

**Race night – 2017**. The Race Night held on October 14 was very well supported, a profit of £604.82 was made.

We are planning to hold another Race Night on Saturday October 13, 2018.

**Annual Dance – 2018:** The Dance held on Saturday January 27, 2018 was a very enjoyable evening, although we were down on numbers on the previous dance, we did make a profit of £216. 50.

**Lottery:** Pauline has advised she is no longer able to continue with the Lottery, Jane asked if Members wished for the Lottery to carry on and if someone would be happy to run it. If interested in helping please speak to Jane. Pauline briefly explained the procedure to run the Club Lottery, 50 numbers need to be sold, she has difficulty collecting the money weekly as some Members who have numbers, do not attend the Club on a regular basis. Profit made last year was £255.50.

**Suggestions for Fund Raising** – Dog Games (40 Names) a monthly raffle –

1st prize £10.00, 2nd Prize £5.00

After discussion Jay Lewis proposed there is only one prize of £20.00

To be discussed in detail at the next Committee meeting.

Jay Lewis suggested we open up a Pay Pal Account. After discussion it was agreed not to do so.

Quiz Night – Kayleigh has agreed to give more thought to the proposal of a Quiz night .

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**Treasurer’s Report:** The Annual Accounts were distributed to all Members at the beginning of the meeting, Stephanie briefly read through the Accounts.

Diana Assheton-Bowtle proposed acceptance of the Accounts and Vic Coster seconded.

**Election of Committee;**. Jane advised Members that Pat Keers has resigned from the Committee, the 7 remaining Committee Members have all agreed to continue for another 12 months. If any member is interested in joining the Committee, please speak to Jane or Stephanie. No member has put their names forward .

Vic Coster proposed acceptance of the Committee and Diana Assheton Bowtle seconded.

**Election of Auditors:** Thanks to Paulline White and Jo Gable, who have offered to audit the Accounts for 2018.

**Break for Refreshments**

**Guide Dog Donation:** Stephanie advised that the Display Team raised a total of £1,572.50 in 2017. The Committee voted 4 to 3 to donate £1,200 to Guide Dogs for the Blind, alternative would be to donate £1,500. Jane put the 2 proposals to the vote and the unanimous decision was to donate £1,500 to Guide Dogs.

A date will be arranged for the Presentation of a cheque for £1,500.00 to Guide Dogs.

**A.O.B.**

**Sponsored Walk -2018:** Jane explained this year the Committee propose to donate Sponsor money to help the Local Street Dogs via the Homeless Charity – Hope Centre, Northampton, they are in need of Dog Beds and Dog Coats. Stephanie will contact Clair Chapman, who is involved with the Charity for more details. Jay Lewis suggested that this year the Sponsored Walk be for the Club. Stephanie pointed out that people will give more generously to a Charity.

**Newsletter:** Kayleigh apologised, due to pressure of work, she has been unable to print a Newsletter recently, but will print a shortened version with relevant dates, news etc. If anyone would like to take on the job of organising the Newsletter, they are more than welcome.

**Raffle:** Jane advised the Raffle tonight raised a total of £50.00.

There being no other business, Jane thanked Members for attending and closed the meeting at 9.50pm.

***ATTENDANCE AT 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING***

***COMMITTEE:***

*JANE McGOVERN - CHAIRWOMAN*

*MARLENE McINULTY - SECRETARY*

*STEPHANIE PETRUSEVICIUS - TREASURER*

*EDDIE CHAPMAN - HON. PRESIDENT*

*JO GABLE*

*SUE SMITH*

*PAULINE WHITE*

*JULIA YORKE-LONG*

***MEMBERS:***

*LIAN ALLEN*

*DIANA ASSHETON-BOWTLE*

*GLENYS CHAMBERS*

*TREVOR CHAMBERS*

*SUZANNE CLEWS*

*STEVE CLEWS*

*VIC COSTER*

*JAMES CUTLER*

*JUDITH FOWLER*

*ANDREW GABLE*

*LUKE HILLERY*

*PAT KEERS*

*IAN KEERS*

*EMMA LEWIS*

*JAY LEWIS*

*PADDY McCAFFREY*

*CRAIG NEIGHBOUR*

*CARROL NICHOLS*

*LIAM O’TOOLE*

*CAROL PASFIELD*

*KAYLEIGH PETRUSEVICIUS*

*BEVERLY SMITH*

*CLIVE SMITH*

*M. STAPONAVICIUS*

*BARRY THORNTON*

*SARA USHER*

*KEVIN WALDEN*

*STEVE WICKS*