

# Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of The South Island German Shepherd Dog League

02/07/14

Present – Deb Bannan, Liz Wilkinson, Lisa Amlehn, Tony Gibson, Bev Rahurahu, Jon Field, Amy Field, Deb and A.J Renga, Katrina Prendergast, Guiliana Petronelli, Sandra and Peter Van Kempen, Keith and Candyce Orchard, John Shirtcliffe, Bruce and Judy Mayhew, Joan and Darren Evans, Helen Hill, Karen Wilson, Marty Wilson, Kevin and Jan Dawber, Allan and Barbara McKernan, Viv McCambridge, Jane Dalzell, Danielle Graham, Blue Gardiner, Maureen Mullany, Gavin Black

**Apologies** – Tarsh Connor, Robert and Anne Grant, Mat Fisher, Wayne Perham, Lea Connor, Andy Hill, Paula Gardiner

Moved Blue Gardiner

Seconded Marty Wilson

Minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read and accepted

Moved Blue Gardiner

Seconded Allan McKernan

**Correspondence** – Letter from Advisory council – Viv McCambridge to address this in General Business

Moved Marty Wilson

Seconded Danielle Graham

Accounts for payment –

Zane Colville (Accountant) \$115.00 (Letter of thanks to be sent to Zane)

Quality Presentations – Sashes for AGM \$257.26

Moved Liz Wilkinson

Seconded Lisa Amlehn

## **Presidents Report – SIGSL PRESIDENTS REPORT 2013/2104 PRESENTED BY LIZ WILKINSON**

I welcome you all to the 2014 AGM. We have faced many challenges during the year accompanied by major change.

In the past year we have hosted two SIGSL show weekends and the triple shows. While we have welcomed back some old friends to judge our shows, our show secretary Deb Bannan has worked hard to introduce some judges who are less familiar to exhibitors in Tan Oo Hock from Malaysia and Natalie Humphries from Western Australia. The trend to support New Zealand judges continued at the Triple Shows where we had the privilege of inviting Tony Gibson to judge his first Specialist Open Show. Judges expenses are the major cost at our shows but on-line ticketing has enabled us to keep these in check and I extend my thanks to Jenny Richmond who has looked after our judges before the shows.

The major change at the end of 2013 was the recognition of the German Shepherd long stock coat by NZKC in line with world trends. This has led to change in the way we are required to run our shows and while there are many ideas about how we can better incorporate this variety into the shows, ultimately we are governed by NZKC show regulations. Through the year we have kept members informed about the issues relating to the incorporation of the long stock coat German Shepherds and the effect this has had on our status as a Specialist Breed Club and consequently our

ability to hold National Shows for our breed. There is still no resolution on this matter and I hope that the future committee will continue to keep members informed as and when more information is received from NZKC. Acceptance of change can be difficult but as a club we feel we have moved forward. All members are entitled to individual opinions but for better or worse this change has happened and I urge members to acknowledge the change and work towards the future.

Club training has continued this year in terms of domestic, obedience and agility training. I would like to acknowledge the tireless energy shown by Blue Gardiner in his commitment to training at SIGSL. There has been much discussion about encouraging new members but membership starts with dog ownership. In line with worldwide trends, New Zealand has seen a drop in the number of litter and puppy registrations and on reviewing GSD show catalogues throughout New Zealand it is notable that the majority of exhibits are owned by breeders. SIGSL is also in competition with other breed and obedience clubs and numerous private dog trainers. Some years ago NZKC changed their regulations to allow its members to charge for dog training which started the shift in focus away from clubs as places to go for dog training. The increasing 24/7 nature of many work places with people working shifts and weekends makes it more difficult for owners to commit to regular evening and weekend activities. Socially we appear more interested in posting our status and interacting with friends on Facebook rather than talking face to face over a cuppa or joining a dog club to engage in social activities and we need to accept that this is the way of the world for our young people.

At the 2013 AGM, we were asked about the focus of fundraising other than shows. There has been considerable interest in agility training so we have taken the opportunity during the year to replace most of the old equipment bringing it into line with modern regulations.

I would like to thank all members of the committee for all their hard work this year in the challenging environment we are faced with today. Jane Dalzell has taken on the major role of Secretary and latterly Secretary/Treasurer with enthusiasm for which I offer my sincere thanks.

Liz Wilkinson  
SIGSL President 2013/2014

Moved Liz Wilkinson

Seconded Allan McKernan

#### **Auditors Report – 2014 AS ATTACHED**

#### **Finance report – PRESENTED BY TREASURER – JANE DALZELL**

After the resignation of the treasurer in March I took on the role – Fortunately the previous treasurer left things pretty neat and tidy and all I had to do was add a few things to the folder and send it off to the accountant.

You will see by the Finance report in front of you that this year we have a deficit of \$3,607- this is in part due to a lack of fundraising ventures this past year –

However you will also see that our total cash assets still look pretty good with the total of \$33,938 which is only down by \$226 from the previous year.

A couple of things financial to note that won't show up in your financial report and are not relevant to the 2013 year – but are still worthy of mention now –

We have come into modern times and we are now registered with 'Read only' internet banking which gives us up to the minute information on deposits into the account e.t.c

Our Rapid save account with the amount of just over \$7000 was not set up with an automatic deposit each month and so therefore was earning very little in interest – we arranged for \$20.00 to

be transferred over each month and we are now earning around \$25.00 per month in interest in that account.

Also our \$16,000 Fixed term deposit matured and rather than reinvesting at the same rate we decided to take advantage of a 'special' that the bank was offering and we have reinvested it at a higher rate of interest for 180 days at 4%.

We also took \$5000 which was mainly gained in the 2012 year from some rigorous security fundraising efforts- from our main account and earmarked it for our 50th Jubilee – It was invested in a Fixed Term deposit for 18 months and will be paid out into the Jubilee account along with the interest in July 2015.

Moved Liz Wilkinson

Seconded Marty Wilson

## **Election of Officers**

### **Nominations for**

**President** – Liz Wilkinson

Nominated by Allan McKernan

Seconded Viv McCambridge

*Nominations closed*

*Moved by A.J Renga*

*Seconded Darren Evans*

**Vice president** –

Blue Gardiner  
Marty Wilson

Nominated by Jon Field  
Nominated by Blue Gardiner

Seconded Danielle Graham  
Seconded Deb Bannan

*Nominations be closed*

*Moved by Jon Field*

*Seconded Blue Gardiner*

**Secretary** –

Jane Dalzell

Nominated by Blue Gardiner

Seconded Danielle Graham

*Nominations be closed*

*Moved by Marty Wilson*

*Seconded Helen Hill*

**Treasurer** –

Jane Dalzell

Nominated by Allan McKernan

Seconded Deb Bannan

*Nominations be closed*

*Moved by Deb Bannan*

*Seconded Blue Gardiner*

**Show Secretary** –

Deb Bannan

Nominated by Danielle Graham

Seconded Helen Hill

*Nominations be closed*

*Moved Blue Gardiner*

*Seconded Marty Wilson*

**Club Captain** –

Danielle Graham

Nominated by Blue Gardiner

Seconded Deb Bannan

*Nominations be closed*

*Moved by Blue Gardiner*

*Seconded Helen Hill*

**Committee** –

**Tarsh Connor**

Nominated by Deb Renga

Seconded Deb Bannan

**Evan Rahurahu**

Nominated by Tony Gibson

Seconded Blue Gardiner

**Joan Evans**

Nominated by Deb Bannan

Seconded Allan McKernan

**Andy Connor**

Nominated by Evan Rahurahu

Seconded Deb Bannan

**Sandra Van Kempen**

Nominated by Blue Gardiner

Seconded Marty Wilson

**Lea Connor**

Nominated by Andy Connor

Seconded Deb Bannan

**Helen Hill** Nominated by Viv McCambridge Seconded Kevin Dawber

*Nominations be closed* *Moved by Marty Wilson* *Seconded Blue Gardiner*

**Patron -**

**Allan Mckernan** Nominated by John Shirtcliffe Seconded Danielle Graham

*Nominations be closed* *Moved by Blue Gardiner* *Seconded Helen Hill*

**Honorary Vet -**

**Total Vets** Nominated by Deb Bannan Seconded Helen Hill

*Nominations be closed* *Moved by Blue Gardiner* *Seconded Danielle Graham*

**Honorary Auditor –**

**Zane Colville** Nominated by Deb Bannan Seconded Allan Mckernan

*Nominations be closed* *Moved by Danielle Graham* *Seconded Helen Hill*

**Honorary Solicitor –**

**Christine Eastgate** Nominated by Deb Bannan Seconded Helen Hill

*Nominations be closed* *Moved by Danielle Graham* *Seconded Blue Gardiner*

**Honorary Members -**

**Darron Willett** Nominated By Blue Gardiner Seconded Marty Wilson  
**Duguld Thomas** Nominated by Bev Rahurahu Seconded Deb Bannan

*Nominations be closed* *Moved by Deb Bannan* *Seconded Danielle Graham*

**General Business**

Viv spoke on the German Shepherd Advisory Council – To have a South island delegate was of high importance – but raises questions – Does delegate have voting rights if one person is representing the three clubs it could get tricky. Viv said the nominated delegate could get direction and possibly get 3 votes being one vote per club. Liz asked where is council ‘heading’? Viv replied that the main thing was to ‘join’ clubs together and get behind council which will give us all a greater voice to NZKC. Possible name change – drop the ‘advisory’ part of the name. Maybe bring in surveyors from Australia. We need to promote younger people. Approach the trainee surveyors that have ‘fallen off’ and ask them why they haven’t continued. Is it financially viable to support delegate to attend meetings? – One meeting per year to attend in person and the rest via teleconference. Liz asked Gavin to speak on his proposal – and said that she feels that both Gavins and Vivs ideas mesh up.

Gavin would like to bring the young people through. He would like his idea - Association of the German Shepherd Dog Club of New Zealand to run alongside of the advisory council and to pull together as a union. Why change chairperson each year? *Answered* – That would be up to clubs and to stop dominance from happening. Annual subs could be taken from club memberships - \$20 - \$25.00 per year. Gavins proposal would still have to be ‘passed’ by NZKC. Gavin said he doesn’t have all the answers and wants input from people. One of the benefits could be sharing judges with the North island i.e This last Queen’s birthday weekend saw two overseas judges in Christchurch and

two in Auckland. Hopefully if an association is formed and all Clubs participate costs could be saved by sharing judges. E.g. Auckland's Sunday judge could have flown into Christchurch direct and judged in Christchurch on Saturday and then flown to Auckland on Saturday evening to judge in Auckland on Sunday and the same for the Saturday judge. We need to pull together as one, exchanging judges between each island and we could then afford to bring more SV German and European judges to New Zealand.

Liz Thanked Gavin and Viv and set a challenge to them to see if they could work together.

Membership – There is no 'family membership' in the constitution and some of the wording is outdated. Committee to put a proposal and a notice of motion together to go before 2015 AGM  
Allan moved that appropriate wording for the constitution be put forth for 2015 AGM – Bev  
Seconded.

Lease of Land – The Christchurch City Council have offered a parcel of land for lease - The calculated the area is approximately 7000m<sup>2</sup>, which would equate to a rental of \$1,191.40 + GST per annum. It was thought that if we leased it then it would stop CCC leasing it to someone else which then may become a problem for us. As it stands now we have nothing in writing protecting us where we are now. The land our clubrooms stands on and a small surrounding area is leased by the A & P assn from the CCC. We pay no rental or lease for our building.

The general consensus was that \$1,191.40 + GST was a lot of extra money to find for land that we possibly would rarely use given its location slightly away from the clubrooms.

Other suggestions were to communicate more and support the pony club and possibly if necessary co lease with them.

Meeting closed 9.26pm