

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)

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THE CLUB'S AGM TOOK PLACE AT DRY DRAYTON NEAR CAMBRIDGE ON 22 APRIL. As expected, fewer members attended this year as there was no captive audience of exhibitors attending the venue for the open show on the same day, as in past years. Last year the committee was increased from nine to 12 by the co-option of Kim Culyer-Dawson, Paul Stallard and Lynn Wood. Two committee members, Hilary Knowles and Jules Metselaar-Williams resigned. Two, Peter Marks and Sue Marshall, came up for re-election. This meant there were seven posts to be filled. With only one nomination – from Michael MacLaren - all retained or secured their positions. This leaves one vacancy. With no other nomination for Secretary, I too retained the post.

Chairman Paul Osbourne opened the proceedings by asking for a minute's silence in memory of two former stalwarts of the Club, Yvonne Dean and Anne Mackenzie. I gave a resume of the main activities of the club last year and what role various committee members had played in mounting successful events. I also mentioned setting up the popular and useful facebook Club page, which is well used and now has around 270 members. Treasurer Colin Makey reported that the combined activities of the Club had resulted in a healthy surplus for the year of over £3,000.

Fiona Buchanan had submitted a report on Welfare & Rescue activities for 2017, which had thankfully been fairly quiet and, when necessary, breeders had helped. The number of trustees for rescue has been increased from three to five and this gave her much better scope to deal with emergency situations and gain a broader consensus of opinion. Health reports from Vivien Phillips and Peter Marks were also positive with over 1500 PBGVs having been DNA tested for POAG by the end of 2017 and overall the number of Clear results outnumbering Carriers slightly; and only one case of idiopathic epilepsy reported in a Grand.

There had been no judges ballot this year as it became obvious over the past few years that the current system was not working well. With 209 letters sent out last year inviting judges to go into the ballot. This entailed a lot of work, including checking on judges' previous and forthcoming appointments. Some didn't reply whereas, for others, it raised their expectations of getting into the ballot but, with the decision made in 2004 to shortlist to six, many were disappointed. For the open show 2020, a short-list of judges had been contacted and, when they had accepted going into the ballot, voting was done by the committee. For the 2021 championship show, working ahead of JCF, it had been decided to select overseas judges, which invariably proves popular when CCs are on offer. The results were: Open Show 2020 - PBGVs Kim Culyer-Dawson, reserve David Bell; GBGVs Ann Makey, reserve tie between Tina Parker and Ken Sinclair. Championship Show 2021: PBGVs Gunnar Nymann (Denmark); GBGVs Jette Vind Ramvad (Denmark).

All were in favour of a committee proposal that Junior Membership must be accompanied by one paying adult and, following consideration of another committee proposal to reduce Overseas Membership subscriptions and send the Club newsletter electronically, a counter-proposal to cater for any who might join not being on e-mail was passed unanimously.

Club PBGV points trophies were awarded as follows:

PBGVs CH SHOWS	DOG	OWNER
FLAXBRIDGE TROPHY – TOP PBGV	CH SOLETRADER MAGIC MIKE	SARA ROBERTSON & WENDY DOHERTY
ILSHAM TROPHY - BOS	CH DEBUCHER JEZEBEL AT BRAEGO ShCM	PAUL OSBOURNE
JACLIN SHIELD – RESERVE MALE	MAUDAXI NICK NACK	PHIL & DIANNE REID
CHANTALLE SHIELD – RESERVE BITCH	AROUND SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT WITH SOLETRADER	GAVIN, OLIVER & ERIN ROBERTSON
KASANI SHIELD – TOP PUPPY	SOLETRADER BUDDY HOLLY	LIZZIE GREENSLADE, OLIVER & ERIN ROBERTSON
JACLIN SHIELD- RESERVE PUPPY	MAUDAXI DAIQUIRI DOUGHNUT	PHIL & DIANNE REID
JOMIL ZADOK TROPHY – TOP SIRE	BOOM CHICAGO VAN TUM-TUM'S VRIENDJES	GWEN HUIKESHOVEN
LORMORAMI TROPHY-TOP DAM	CH SOLETRADER PEEK A BOO	SARA ROBERTSON & WENDY DOHERTY
RANGALI PLAQUE-NON-CC WINNER	SOLETRADER BUDDY HOLLY	LIZZIE GREENSLADE, OLIVER & ERIN ROBERTSON

PBGVs OPEN SHOWS	DOG	OWNER
DEANOUND TROPHY – TOP PBGV	IR CH CLONALLAN JUST BEGINNING AVEC ERYLAN ShCM	RAY & GAIL FOOTE
ALABETH TROPHY – TOP MALE	NOT AWARDED	N/A
PETERSTOWN TROPHY – RES TOP MALE	NOT AWARDED	N/A
ALABETH TROPHY – TOP FEMALE	IR CH CLONALLAN JUST BEGINNING AVEC ERYLAN ShCM	RAY & GAIL FOOTE
PETERSTOWN TROPHY – RESERVE TOP FEMALE	BEAUJONS UGLY BETTY OF MONKHAMS JW ShCM	LINDA SKERRITT & JENNA BETTS
BGVC TROPHY - TOP PBGV PUPPY	TANGAER CALVERA AVEC CALLYDENA	STEVE & LORNA WYLLIE
RUSHGROVE TROPHY – RES TOP PUPPY	MONKHAMS LUNA LUVGOOD	LINDA SKERRITT & JENNA BETTS

CRUFTS 2017 - PBGVs	DOG	OWNER
WELLS-MEACHAM ROSE BOWL - BOB	SOLETRADER BUDDY HOLLY	LIZZIE GREENSLADE, OLIVER & ERIN ROBERTSON
CYNBA TROPHY - BOS	CH SOLETRADER RITA ORA	GAVIN ROBERTSON, WENDY DOHERTY & LIZZIE GREENSLADE

Several unfortunately had to forego open shows to attend the AGM but, supporting a local show (South West Essex CA), well done to Jan Bishop's Jamar Angeliou who went BOB and HG2 under Janet Kay (Kaytian). The first championship show of the year following Crufts where we have CCs usually gives a good entry but this year there are only 30 for judge Jill Peak, nine down on last year.