

LAIKA CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Held by Zoom on Thursday 26^h November 2020

The Group was welcomed to its first AGM by Zoom, having previously been cancelled twice by the Covid-19 situation.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Elaine and John Welham, Richard and Ruth Moss, Jan and Ian Batkin, John and Denise Moulton. Viv and Roger Morgan, Pete and Liz Machon, Alma and Keith Pitcher

Members Present

Charles & Jacqui Chodkowski, Ian & Anne Allard, Tim Sheppard, Katrina Lancaster, Peter & Kath Elliott, Murray Chisholm, Brian Handley, Teresa Jones, Eric & Dee Gould, Peter & Jane Wood, Doug & Myfanwy Harries, Lesley Johnson, Malcolm Eldridge, Stan Cantrill, Paul & Ruth Lawrence

Minutes of the AGM held on 1st December 2019

These had been previously circulated. Tim Sheppard proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true record, and they were accepted unanimously.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

Chair's Report

Katrina welcomed everyone and reflected on the strange year due to Covid. Despite this we had gained some new members. She highlighted that a number of committee members were wishing to retire but would be willing to re-stand in the circumstances. She thanked the committee for their support and work on behalf of the Club.

Membership Secretary's Report

There had been 8 new members in 2020, making a total of 55 members, 35 with Laika vans. Jacqui said how much better the new database was for keeping the records and that for 2022 Denise Ledgerwood has volunteered to stand for the position. Jacqui agreed to advise existing members that 2021 would be a free membership year. Also that she would seek volunteers for Vice-Chairman. (It was subsequently agreed that the new Chair would write to all members advising of the 'free' year and the situation regarding the Vice Chair.)

Treasurer's Report

Charles presented the draft accounts, a copy of which had been circulated. Income is down marginally, but the newsletter costs are significantly lower due to the email distribution of the newsletter.

Charles proposed that those with membership in 2020 should have a free year in 2021.

Subject to an audit when the situation allows, it was proposed by Ian and seconded by Eric that the accounts be accepted, and unanimously agreed.

Rally Coordinator's Report

Murray reported that 2020 had been remarkable for having no rallies! It was hoped that many of the proposed rallies could be carried over to 2021. Eric has chased for deposit refund from Cheddar but no luck so far. Our ACCEO certificate could be used for green field sites.

A draft programme of rallies has been prepared but more are required quickly as bookings next year are likely to be heavy.

News Editor's Report

Tim apologised for the lack of news this year! Please send articles of interest, or humour, and hopefully some camping reports. He thanked Ian and Ann for taking on the printing task for the Newsletter. A Newsletter will be sent out when we have a rally list.

Webmaster

Eric had previously circulated his report but added that Facebook was a valuable way to keep in touch. It is a closed group so we can safely say where we are planning to go camping and then others may join in.

Elections

Katrina proposed that Paul, Vice-Chair be elected Chair. Seconded by Jacqui and all in favour

Malcolm proposed, and Myfanwy seconded, that the rest of the existing committee be re-elected for 2021. The proposal was accepted unanimously.

The vacancy for Vice-Chair could be filled via co-option. This was proposed by Paul and seconded by Tim, and unanimously agreed.

AGM 2021

Kath volunteered to organise the 2021 AGM rally from Thursday 2 December 2021 at Teversal.

Any other Business

Paul proposed a vote of thanks to Katrina as outgoing chair for her work and to the committee in this difficult year. Without informal talks on rallies a lot is lost.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

ACTIONS

RALLIES

25-29 March	Chichester	Murray and Karen
6-10	Ludlow	Jacqui and Charles
?	Delamere Forest, Cheshire	Tim and Katrina
?	Wells next the Sea	David Futter
June	Ilkley	Peter and Jane
?	Hereford	Stan
?	Cheddar?	
2 Dec -	Teversal AGM rally	Kath and Pete
	ACCEO green field sites	
	Cheddar –	any chance of refund or new date?

Post on Facebook where you are going so others could join, or get ideas of sites unknown to them

PAUL

Seek Vice-Chair

Write to members advising of free year

Advertise to get volunteer for Vice-Chair

Laika Membership 2020

AGM ZOOM MEETING THUR 26TH NOV

A VERY unsettled year! We have lost quite a few members, through age, illness and death. But we have managed to recruit a few which hopefully will stay with us. Will 2021 allow us to meet them and also get some rallies under our belts, I wonder!

At the end of 2019 we had 58 members

At the end of 2020 we have 52 members. 35 Laika owners 17 Others

8 new members

Richard & Dawn Vaughan, Paul & Vanessa Hipgrave, Alan & Barbara Tones, David
& Ronnie Dargue, David Manovitch & Lesley Greene, Tom & Cyn Feardon

Jayne & Naomi Reddyhoff, David & Marina Wyvil, (Andrew & Linda Coxhead re-instated!)

Tim and I have been working on the address listings, which is work in progress. Hopefully we can send you all a copy of the members very soon! Tim has written a program for the club which has enable the running of the membership to be easier, but as with everything technical there are a few hitches, which are being looked into and hopefully resolved soon.

Eric, somebody called Jacqueline Scott approached you on the website or Facebook! We still haven't heard from her, is she on the facebook page?

Looking forward to 2021, hoping for rallies, and lots of travelling, as long as the covid19 virus has been reined in!

Happy motorhoming to you all.

Jacqui Chodkowski

Laika Membership Secretary

Laika Club of Great Britain Accounts 1/12/2019 to 31/11/2020

Balance at 1/12/2019

Bank	1,581.45
Petty Cash	93.32
Total	1,674.77

Income

Subs	430.00
New Members	120.00
AGM Raffle	90.00
TOTAL	640.00

2019 figures for comparison

445.00
150.00
90.00

Expenditure

Newsletter	20.74	41.60
Meet & Greet	30.00	180.00
AGM	100.00	28.00
PL Insurance	166.12	166.12
ACCEO	65.00	65.00
Rally Deposits	225.00	195.00
Web Page	26.71	
Other	22.99	

Water Aid	100.00	100.00
Total	756.56	
Profit/Loss	(116.56)	

Epilepsy
Action

Balance carried forward to 2021

Bank	1,524.89
Petty Cash	33.32
Total	1,558.21

Laika Club Website and Facebook page report to AGM 2020

The website continues to attract 20 or so visitors per week. It is difficult to say how many are club members but I continue to receive two or three queries per month from Laika owners who I treat as potential members.

The website itself is long in the tooth and needs to be revised to present a more appealing image. I have held off doing that as I expected to hand over this year. But So I intend to do some updating if asked to continue as webmaster for a further year. The annual cost of about £13.50 for web page hosting is repaid if it gathers one or two new members and it does do that.

The Facebook page is free to operate and now has 37 members. A good increase since last year when we were just below 30. The page itself, I feel, meets the objective of helping members keep in contact. I should like to see a few more people posting as well as "reading" but having said that it is all ticking over nicely.

At the moment I am the only admin for the webpage and for continuity I should like a couple of members to join me. The role is simple and needs no more knowledge than being able to log in as you do now.

Eric Gould