

LAIKA CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

Draft Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Saturday 30th November 2019 at 16:00

Fakenham Race Course

Appointment of Minute Secretary

Tim Sheppard agreed to take the minutes.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Sue and Ian Ross, Annette and Andrew Spark, Sandy and Nick Trotter, Jane and Peter Wood, Linda and Andy Coxhead, Jill and Steve Brindle, Leslie Johnson, Maggie and Derek Mills, Ruth and Paul Laurence and Karen Chisholm.

Members Present

Ian & Lesley Dewey, Jim & Sheila Morgan, Clive & Pat Williams, Charles & Jacqui Chodkowski, Richard & Ruth Moss, Ian & Anne Allard, Keith & Alma Pitcher, Tim Sheppard, Katrina Lancaster, Peter & Kath Elliott, Jim & Denise Ledgerwood, Mark & Chris Snowden, Murray Chisholm, Brian Handley, Teresa Jones, Eric & Dee Gould, Ian & Jan Batkin

Minutes of the AGM held on 1st December 2018

Katrina read a summary of the minutes as there had been problems printing enough copies for distribution. Charles confirmed that £100 had been paid to Epilepsy. Chris Snowden proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true record, Denise Ledgerwood seconded the proposal and the minutes were accepted unanimously.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

Chair's Report

Katrina welcomed everyone and especially the new members. She highlighted that a number of committee members were either retiring this year or had given notice that they would not be standing again at the 2020 AGM, which potentially only left the Vice Chair and Newsletter Editor on the committee in 2021, and she expressed a desire to involve more members in the running of the club.

Membership Secretary's Report

Jacqui reported that John Neve, a member since March 2003, passed away in 2019 and will be greatly missed. Condolences have been sent his wife Jane and David Futter had attended his funeral.

There had been 10 new members in 2019, but 9 resignations leaving a total of 58 members, 35 with Laika vans. Jacqui stated that whilst she was prepared to continue as Membership Secretary in 2020, she would not continue into 2021.

Members were reminded that subscriptions were now due, these can be paid directly by bank transfer, very helpful for the club, so please use if you are able. Cash, and cheques are always acceptable, and we can collect now if you would like.

Please keep up the good work of informing us of any changes in addresses, mobiles, phones, and emails.

Katrina thanked Jacqui for her ongoing efforts.

Treasurer's Report

Charles presented the draft accounts, a copy of which are attached. Income is up marginally, but the newsletter costs are significantly lower due to the email distribution of the newsletter. It was proposed that subscriptions remain at £10 which was accepted.

Charles confirmed that he was prepared to continue as Treasurer in 2020, but would not continue into 2021.

Katrina thanked Charles for his ongoing efforts.

Rally Coordinator's Report

Richard started by saying he had only intended to do 2 years as Rally Coordinator, but had now completed 8 years and was not standing again as he had stated at the 2018 AGM.

He reported that 2019 had been a successful year for rallies and thanked all the rally marshals for their hard work. All the rallies had been reported in the Newsletter and attendance had been good with typically 10 to 15 vans.

A draft programme of rallies had been prepared and included in the Autumn Newsletter. No overseas rallies were planned for 2020 due to the lack of interest shown – new ideas are needed on this front.

Richard proposed Murray as a potential replacement Rally Coordinator. He also expressed a desire to see the newsletter reinstated as a printed version.

Katrina thanked Richard for his work as Rally Coordinator.

News Editor's Report

Tim apologised for the late distribution of the September issue which had been labelled as Autumn 2019 and future newsletters will follow as Winter, Spring and Summer.

He highlighted that of the UK dealers, only Southdowns had responded with an advert for the Autumn issue and this made no mention of their ceasing to be a Laika dealer for 2020.

Richard proposed that the club put pressure on Laika to extend their dealer network in the UK and this was seconded by Murray and accepted unanimously. Tim undertook to ask Southdowns for a statement of their intentions to be included in the Winter newsletter regarding warranty and other work from 2020.

There was a discussion about reinstating the printed newsletter and Tim explained that whilst he was happy to produce the newsletter, due to work and other commitments, he was not able to undertake printing, folding and posting it, particularly as it needed physical printers etc to do so.

Ian and Anne Allard volunteered to undertake the printing and distribution of the newsletter and it was agreed that Tim would continue to edit and distribute the newsletter electronically with Ian then printing and distributing printed copies to those members who requested a printed copy.

Webmaster

Eric highlighted the traffic to the website and that 26 members had joined the Laika Club Facebook group. It was agreed that Jacqui would add a reference to the Facebook group in the new member welcome letter and Tim would include something about the group in the Winter newsletter.

Eric indicated that he wished to stand down as webmaster and Paul Lawrence had offered to take on the role. Eric agreed to work with Paul on a handover during 2020.

Elections

Richard had proposed Murray as his replacement for Rally Coordinator which was seconded by Chris Snowdon. Kath proposed, and Denise seconded, that the rest of the existing committee be re-elected for 2020. The proposals were accepted unanimously.

Any other Business

Murray expressed some concern about the size of Richard's boots and his ability to fill them. He reported that the Camper UK spring event which the club had planned to attend in April now clashed with the Cheddar rally. He offered to organise a rally based in Chichester for the 23rd to 27th April.

Katrina reminded members that she had asked for feedback about foreign rallies in the last 2 newsletters, but had not received any comments. It was suggested that the uncertainties around Brexit, particularly for members with dogs, was a factor and it was agreed that the issue would be addressed again once Brexit was resolved.

The question of Xmas charities was raised as the 3 charities previously chosen had now all been supported and it was agreed that Water Aid, Dementia and Save the Children would be supported over the next 3 years.

The state of the club banners and flag pole was raised as the ones purchased in 2019 had been broken. It was agreed that the club would purchase a self supporting one for 2020.

Richard proposed a vote of thanks to Katrina for her work as chair in 2019.

The meeting closed at 17:00

Laika Club of Great Britain Accounts 1/12/2018 to 31/11/2019

Balance at 1/12/2018

Bank	1469.83
Cash CC	56.52
Cash KE	50.19
Total	1576.54

Income

Subs	445.00	2018 figures for comparison	430.00
New Members	150.00		165.00
Rally deposit Returns	245.00		
AGM Raffle	90.00		90.00
AGM charity collection	7.70		
Cash from KE	8.59		
TOTAL	946.29		

Expenditure

Newsletter	41.60	183.56	
Meet & Greets	180.00	180.00	
AGM Hall	28.00		
PL Insurance	166.12	166.12	
ACCEO	65.00	65.00	
Rally Deposits	195.00	150.00	
Flag Pole	18.95		
Notice Board	18.90		
Other	9.49		
Epilepsy Action	100.00	100.00	(Macmillan)
John Neve Donation	25.00		
Total	848.06		

Profit/Loss 98.23

Balance carried forward to 2020

Bank	1581.45
Cash CC	93.32
Total	1674.77