

**MINUTES OF THE OBEDIENCE LIAISON COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
THURSDAY 20 JULY 2017 AT 10.30 AM IN THE BOARDROOM, THE  
KENNEL CLUB, CLARGES STREET**

**PRESENT**

|                     |                        |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| Mrs K Allen         | South West             |
| Mrs A Benoist       | North East             |
| Mr R Burbidge-Grant | Midlands               |
| Mr J Farr           | Wales                  |
| Mrs F Godfrey       | South East/East Anglia |
| Mr R Harlow         | South East/East Anglia |
| Mrs J Jessop        | Wales                  |
| Mrs D Lavender      | North East             |
| Mr P Lubbi          | South East/East Anglia |
| Mr M McCartney      | Northern Ireland       |
| Mrs C Patrick       | Scotland               |
| Mrs M Ray           | Midlands               |
| Mrs K Russell       | North West             |
| Mr S Rutter         | North West             |
| Mrs B Smith         | Midlands               |
| Mrs L Turner        | South/South West       |

**IN ATTENDANCE**

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| Miss D Deuchar | Senior Manager - Canine Activities Governance                 |
| Mrs A Mitchell | Senior Committee Secretary - Working Dog Activities Team      |
| Mr C Potter    | Committee Support Administrator - Working Dog Activities Team |

**IN THE CHAIR            MR R HARLOW**

**ITEM 1.        APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

1. Apologies were received from Mr J McIntosh.

**ITEM 2.        APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

2. The minutes of the meeting held on 12 January 2017 were approved.

**ITEM 3.        MATTERS ARISING/RESULTS OF RECOMMENDATIONS**

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3. The Council noted that the Board approved the following amendment to G Regulations:

Regulation G(C).4.h

**TO:**

- (1) Sit Stay: Dogs should remain in the sit position throughout the test. Barking, whining or minor movement such as sniffing the ground, shuffling or turning, without moving from the place where the dog was originally left, should not be considered to be a broken stay but may only be marked a nominal amount for minor movement or noise. **Marks must be graduated in accordance with the Kennel Club's specimen stay chart.**
- (2) Down Stay: Dogs should remain in the down position throughout the test. Barking, whining or minor movement such as sniffing the ground, shuffling, hip rolling or turning, without moving from the place where the dog was originally left, should not be considered to be a broken stay but may only be marked a nominal amount for minor movement or noise. **Marks must be graduated in accordance with the Kennel Club's specimen stay chart.**

(Insertions in bold)

4. The specimen stay sheet was also approved for use and may be downloaded from the Kennel Club website at:  
[http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/media/1132818/obedience\\_standardised\\_stay\\_marking\\_sheet.pdf](http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/media/1132818/obedience_standardised_stay_marking_sheet.pdf)  
**(Annex A to the minutes refers)**

Proposed New Regulation G(C)4.h.(5)

5. The Activities Committee, at its meeting on 23 March 2017, considered a proposed new Regulation which would state that for Championship Class C, stays must take place either before or after the scent exercise at the discretion of the judge.
6. The Committee requested that the Council give further consideration to the above proposal as it was of the view that it would potentially allow for stays to take place at any point during the competition, which was not desirable. Further, the proposal did not specify any time frame as to the interval between completion of ring work and the commencement of stays.
7. The Council was advised that some concerns had been raised by members of the obedience community since the previous meeting in respect of the proposal. These related to the potential for delays in completion of judging, which would be especially problematic for shows held in the winter due to limited daylight. As a result show officials and helpers, especially stay stewards, may be significantly inconvenienced.

8. In view of these concerns, the Council agreed that no change should be made to Regulation G(C)4.h.(5) and accordingly, the proposal was not to be resubmitted to the Committee.

Proposed amendment to Regulation G30.f(1)

9. The Council noted that the Activities Committee at its meeting on 23 March 2017 had considered the proposal to amend Regulation G30.f(1) in order to ensure that competitors who had entered multiple dogs should have a minimum of 5 dogs between them in the running order.
10. The Council was requested to give further consideration to the proposal in view of the Committee's concerns regarding the practicality of implementing such a policy, and that the proposed amendment did not make it clear that it referred to competitors who had entered more than one dog into either dog or bitch Championship Class C. Further it had noted that where dogs owned by one competitor were drawn consecutively, the situation was usually dealt with by means of judges taking short breaks to allow competitors time to swap dogs, and it queried whether the amendment was necessary.
11. The Council discussed the Committee's comments. It was highlighted that the proposed amendment would not assist in resolving running order clashes where a handler in Championship C also had dogs entered into other classes. It was in agreement with the Committee's view that implementation may prove to be unworkable in many instances, and that any issues arising at a show should continue to be dealt with on a pragmatic basis by means of the judge taking a short break. It also noted that existing Regulations allowed for an alteration to be made to the running order by the Chief Steward, if necessary.
12. Accordingly, it was agreed that no amendment should be made to Regulation G30.f(1) and accordingly the proposal would not be resubmitted to the Committee.

Proposed amendment to Regulation G(A)3

13. The Committee had considered an amendment to the above Regulation which would allow a dog to be entered into a special class without the necessity for it to be entered into a standard class. It had raised a concern regarding shows which offered 'pay on the day' classes as it was of the view that it would not be desirable for dogs not already entered at a show to be permitted to compete in a special class.
14. The Council clarified that the intention of the proposal had not been to allow unentered dogs to arrive 'on the day' and compete in a special class. The objective was to provide a facility for a dog, for example a younger one not ready to compete in a standard class, or an older dog, to compete only in a 'fun' special class without also having to be entered into a standard class. However, this would be a scheduled class for which dogs must be entered in advance in the normal way.

15. It was agreed that the proposal should be reworded to reflect the Council's views and resubmitted to the Committee.

**[Afternote:** The following amendments to Regulation G(A)3 were **recommended** for approval:

Regulation G(A)3

**TO:**

A dog not qualified to enter Championship Class C must be entered in the lowest available class for which it is eligible and may also be entered in another class if desired plus one additional class at the society's discretion. Only qualified dogs may be entered in Championship Class C and these dogs may also enter Open Class C and one additional class at the society's discretion. (Note the qualifications for Championship Class C and Obedience Warrant.)

Exemptions from this regulation are:-

A dog entered in a Good Citizen Dog Scheme Special Pre-Beginner Obedience Stakes Class or

**A dog entered into** a Young Kennel Club (YKC) Obedience Class which may also be entered in a maximum of two other scheduled classes (including YKC classes) for which it is eligible **or**

**A dog entered only into a Special class (or classes) provided that such classes are listed within the schedule, and are subject to entry by the closing date specified on the schedule.**

(Insertions in bold)

(Effective 1 January 2018)]

16. This led to a further discussion regarding 'pay on the day' classes. It was clarified that only dogs already entered in a scheduled class were eligible to compete in such classes. Dogs entered as 'Not for Competition' were not eligible to do so.

Survey Monkey

17. Since the previous meeting, a survey had been carried out by the Kennel Club, on behalf of the Council, using the Survey Monkey facility.
18. The office was thanked for providing the facility, as a result of which an excellent response had been received from members of the obedience community. The facility had worked very well, although there had been some minor 'teething problems' which it was hoped could be easily resolved.
19. It was noted that those responding were not required to provide their names which led to a concern that individuals could respond more than once, or could vote outside their own region. However, it was highlighted that it was only possible to vote once on any one device, so opportunities for multiple votes were limited. It was also accepted that allowing responses to be made on an anonymous basis may be instrumental in encouraging honesty. Noting that Survey Monkey did not routinely record names of those responding unless requested to do so, it

was suggested that respondents be given the option to submit their name, especially if voting on an issue, but it would not be mandatory.

20. It was agreed that Survey Monkey was a highly useful tool and should continue to be used in future, subject to minor adjustments by the office in consultation with Council representatives.

Training for commentators

21. The Council noted that the Training Board, at its meeting in March 2017, had agreed there was a need for training for commentators at major events however no further update on the matter was available at present.
22. A further update would be provided to the Council in due course.

**ITEM 4. KENNEL CLUB ACCREDITED INSTRUCTOR SCHEME**

23. The Council noted that Mrs Carney was unavailable and accordingly it was not possible for the planned presentation regarding the Kennel Club Accreditation Scheme for Instructors to take place.

**ITEM 5. FEEDBACK FROM COMPETITORS**

24. All Council representatives provided reports regarding activities undertaken in their area to gain feedback from competitors since the previous meeting. These included:
  - Online survey via Survey Monkey
  - Conversations with competitors at shows
  - Discussions via social media groups
  - Distribution of information sheets at shows
  - Telephone and email conversations with clubs and competitors
25. The feedback received indicated that there was a feeling among competitors that changes were not necessary or desirable, and that many were satisfied with the discipline as it currently was.

**ITEM 6. YOUNG KENNEL CLUB**

26. The Council noted a report from Mr Burbidge-Grant regarding developments in relation to the YKC.

27. Eleven shows had agreed to schedule classes for YKC members, but it appeared that there had been some difficulties in communications with the YKC office and there was some concern regarding the level of support being offered. Without the assistance of the YKC in promoting such classes, it was difficult for shows to attract young people, resulting in very low entries.
28. There was also some concern that the regulations relating to YKC obedience differed from G Regulations applicable to other competitors.
29. It was agreed that Mr Harlow would hold discussions with the YKC office to see how the above issues may be addressed, and to identify ways of strengthening links between YKC and the Council, to their mutual advantage.
30. It was noted that a training day hosted by Mrs Ray on 1 April 2017 had been very successful and had been well received by all taking part.
31. The Council also noted that a list of child-friendly clubs was now available on the YKC website at:  
  
<http://www.ykc.org.uk/media/8295/child-friendly-obedience-training-clubs.pdf>
32. Schedules for shows holding YKC obedience qualifiers were also available on the website, but this was dependent on such schedules being submitted to the YKC office from clubs.

**ITEM 7.      ACTIVITIES HEALTH & WELFARE SUB-GROUP**

33. The Council noted a report from Mrs Patrick following the meetings of the Activities Health and Welfare Sub-Group held on 22 February 2017 and 17 May 2017.
34. Most of the topics covered by the group were specifically related to agility issues, but some topics relevant to obedience had been discussed. These included a proposal for 'Kinematic Analysis of the Competitive Obedience Dog During Heelwork' which aimed to carry out research to investigate how head angles influenced gait kinematics in obedience dogs during heelwork.
35. However, at its meeting in March 2017, the Dog Health Group had not supported funding for the research due to concerns that it did not clearly set out the question to be addressed nor did it explain how the information would be productively used once collected. It was understood that the research was being carried out independently without Kennel Club funding by a student at Nottingham Trent University.

Amendments to Regulation G(C) 1.a. and rewording of the descriptions and explanatory notes for obedience tests

36. The Sub-Group noted concerns raised by the Obedience Liaison Council at its meeting on 12 January 2017, that the reference contained within the notes to rear pasterns had caused confusion. It also noted the Council's concern that the announcement was open to misinterpretation, especially in relation to the definition of a dog working 'in a happy and natural manner whilst maintaining its natural topline', noting that each dog was different and that there were inherent difficulties in identifying dogs which did not maintain a natural topline.
37. The Council noted that anonymised drawings had now been issued to assist judges and competitors. It was reiterated that the objective was to encourage dogs to work in a happy and natural manner. It was acknowledged that there had been some criticism within the obedience community of the guidance provided, however the Council was of the view that this was quite clear.
38. However, it requested that in future, Council members should be advised prior to any important press releases being issued so that they would have time to prepare for any queries addressed to them. The office undertook to do so, where possible, although it was highlighted that timeframes did not always allow for this.
39. The next meeting of the Sub-Group was due to take place on 18 September 2017.

**ITEM 8. ACTIVITIES JUDGES WORKING PARTY**

40. The Council noted a written report from Mrs Garner on the work of the Activities Judges Working Party following its meetings on 14 November 2016 and 4 April 2017.

Accredited Trainers Annual Seminar

41. The next seminar, which offered Accredited Trainers an opportunity to exchange ideas and to discuss judges' training for their respective disciplines, was due to take place on 24 October 2017.

Kennel Club Academy

42. Work to produce material for the Kennel Club Academy was ongoing and good progress was being made, with the development of a basic script for obedience content. Supporting detail including photographs, videos and slides would be added as soon as possible.

Obedience judges qualifications and progression

43. The Working Party was considering issues relating to overseas judging appointments and overseas judges.

44. A concern had also been raised that there was currently no restriction on the classes which may be judged by newly-qualified judges once they had completed three appointments at Novice level.
45. The Council agreed that this was a serious matter which should be addressed. There had been some instances of judges who had judged Class C shortly after carrying out three Novice appointments, which was not considered to be desirable as such judges would not have sufficient experience to judge effectively at that level.
46. It was noted that the views of Accredited Trainers would be sought on this issue at the annual seminar in October.

Ongoing education for Activities Judges

47. The Working Party was in the process of considering options for ongoing judges training. This may include one-day seminars that would broaden knowledge and understanding of both discipline-specific and wider issues such as conformation and movement.
48. The next meeting of the Working Party was due to take place on 14 November 2017.

**ITEM 9. FIVE YEAR STRATEGY**

49. The Council noted the Five Year Strategic Plan.
50. It was hoped that over the forthcoming twelve months, the Council would be able to focus its attention on major strategic issues rather than on minor amendments to G Regulations, other than those of a serious nature (for example any which affected the health and welfare of dogs). The obedience community was requested to consider ways in which the discipline could progress and develop into the future.
51. All members of the Council were requested to submit to the Chairman of the Council, by 1 September 2017, a list of positive suggestions as to ways in which this may be achieved. All such suggestions would be used as a basis for further discussion with a view to developing a plan for ongoing strategic development of the discipline.
52. It was noted that it may be necessary to approach the Kennel Club with a view to requesting appropriate finance in order to progress development plans, but it was accepted that any such approach must be made in the form of a definite and costed business plan.
53. There was a brief discussion regarding the Good Citizen Dog scheme and the way it had affected competitive obedience. There was some concern that the scheme had not had a positive impact. Some handlers, having achieved their gold award, had no interest in participating in

competitive obedience. Others were of the view they had already competed in order to achieve the gold award.

**ITEM 10. PROPOSALS FROM SOCIETIES/PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS**

Proposed amendment to Regulation G.35.h.

54. Miss Godfrey presented the proposal which had been submitted by Mr K Fernandez. It was seconded by Mr McCartney.
55. Mr Fernandez wished the Council to consider a proposed amendment to Regulation G.35.h which would remove the provision for dogs to wear a slip chain whilst in the ring. Mr Fernandez drew the attention of the Council to concerns that the use of check chains may be detrimental to the welfare of dogs, and that every effort should be made to utilise positive reinforcement based methodologies.
56. Whilst it was accepted that slip chains were not in themselves harmful if used with care, the Council agreed that there may be a perception that their use was not consistent with modern and progressive training methods.
57. A vote took place and the Council unanimously **recommended** for approval the following amendment:

Regulation G.35.h

**TO:**

Dogs may only wear ~~a slip chain~~, a half-check collar or a smooth collar when in the ring.

(Deletion struck through)

(Effective 1 January 2018)

Proposed amendments to Regulations G(A)10.b and G(A)10.b - Stay times

58. Mr Rutter wished to propose amendments to G Regulations in order to reduce stay times in classes B and C. He was of the view that stays should remain an integral part of obedience tests, but that there was no necessity for a stay to be of more than five minutes in duration. Evidence gathered over a two year period indicated that the majority of dogs which broke stays did so within the first two minutes, or on return. Mr Rutter also indicated that there was widespread support within the obedience community for change.
59. The proposal was seconded by Mrs Turner.
60. The Council was supportive of the proposal but wished the stays in Class B to remain out of sight rather than being changed to being in sight. An amended proposal reflecting this view was made by Mrs Smith and seconded by Mr Burbidge-Grant.

61. The Council agreed that a stay of five minutes' maximum duration was adequate to sufficiently test a dog's ability and that training a dog to do a ten minute down stay just because it was possible to do so did not serve any purpose. Accordingly, it **recommended** for approval the following amendments:

Regulation G(A)10.b Class B

**TO:**

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| (4) Sit 2 minutes, handler out of sight.                      | 20 points |
| (5) Down <del>5</del> <b>4</b> minutes, handler out of sight. | 30 points |

Regulation G(A)11.d. Class C

**TO:**

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| (4) Sit 2 minutes, handler out of sight.                      | 20 points |
| (5) Down <del>4</del> <b>5</b> minutes, Handler out of sight. | 50 points |
- (Deletions struck through. Insertions in bold.)  
(Effective 1 January 2018)

Note: should the above amendment be approved it would be necessary to make relevant amendments to the specimen stay sheet.

## **ITEM 11. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### Booking in documentation and practices

62. Mrs Lavender presented the discussion item on behalf of Mr D Strickleton, who wished to suggest that the booking in class list on the judge's table should be made waterproof in order to prevent the document becoming illegible in wet weather.
63. The Council, whilst understanding Mr Strickleton's intent, was of the view that imposing such a requirement would be impractical for show organisers.
64. Mr Strickleton also wished the Council to discuss whether, in designing an official class list, it would be possible for a tick box to be included to avoid competitors crossing out numbers and names which may make the list difficult to read. Clarification was also sought as to whether competitors should write their numbers on the large scoresheet or not.
65. It was noted that custom and practice on the issue of writing on the scoresheet varied from area to area, but that this did not appear to be causing difficulties. Accordingly, the Council agreed that there was no necessity to impose any restriction or to make any changes to class lists.

### Exercises in Pre-Beginners and Beginners classes

66. Miss Godfrey, on behalf of Ms K Smith, Ms J Mayston, Ms H Strevens

and Ms L Ward, requested the Council to provide feedback regarding a number of suggested amendments to G Regulations.

67. Under the terms of the suggested amendments, there would be changes to the eligibility criteria to compete in Introductory and Pre-Beginner classes, and also changes to the tests in Pre-Beginners and Beginners. The objective was to address concerns that some handlers progressed too quickly, in some cases winning out of a lower class before being ready to do so, and were subsequently becoming discouraged.
68. Ms Smith, Ms Mayston, Ms Strevens and Ms Ward wished to assist handlers in progressing smoothly through the classes, gaining adequate experience in each before moving into the next. The suggested changes would also correct the perceived imbalance of having three very similar classes at the lower levels which may also be demotivating to handlers.
69. The Council noted the view of some handlers that too much heelwork in lower classes was not desirable, however it was accepted that it was up to a judge to decide on the length and complexity of heelwork within a round.
70. Although it was considered that play should be permitted, there was very little support for its inclusion as a marked exercise.
71. Overall, the Council was of the view that there was some merit in the intention of the suggestions, but did not support them, considering them to be overly complex and prescriptive. Detailed feedback would be provided by Miss Godfrey to Ms Smith, Ms Mayston, Ms Strevens and Ms Ward.

#### Flooring at Crufts

72. It was noted that the flooring in the main ring at Crufts had been improved and had been much appreciated by agility competitors. However, Mrs Ray wished to draw attention to the quality of the flooring in the Obedience Ring in Hall 5, which was thin exhibition-style carpeting which did not offer good grip to competing dogs. There had also been some issues with dogs being affected by drain covers which were only thinly covered by carpeting and had rattled on contact, alarming some dogs.
73. The Council was informed that the issue had been discussed with the Crufts office and it was confirmed that the flooring in the Obedience Ring would be improved in 2018. However, it was noted that there may be an increase in the entry fee to cover the increased cost.
74. Mr Harlow undertook to discuss the issue further with the Crufts office.

#### Introduction of Novice 'Fresher' category

75. Mr R Harlow presented the item on behalf of Mrs J Harknett, who wished the Council to discuss a suggestion for the creation of a 'Novice Fresher' class category in order to assist Beginner handlers.
76. Mrs Harknett suggested that a handler who had won out of Beginners would be allowed, when entering Novice as their lowest eligible class, to work as a Fresher handler, in every Novice class entered for one year from the date of winning out of Beginners. It was suggested that rosettes could be offered to 'Best Novice Fresher', and 'Reserve Best Novice Fresher' which would provide encouragement and motivation for newer handlers who may be daunted by finding themselves in competition with those with more experience.
77. Feedback from the obedience community did not indicate any support for the suggestion and it was agreed that no further action should be taken. However, it was highlighted that clubs may offer special awards for newer competitors should they wish to do so.

#### Obedience Catalogues

78. Mr Rutter requested the Council to discuss the issue of obedience catalogues, following the Board's decision on 4 October 2016 to remove the requirement to produce them. Mr Rutter had received feedback which indicated that many within the obedience community enjoyed reading catalogues. Catalogues also provided necessary information for judges writing reports, although it was noted that most clubs provided lists of competitors for use by judges.
79. It was emphasised that although the mandatory requirement for show organisers to provide catalogues had been removed, they were still free to do so if they wished. Some clubs had experienced significant financial benefits as a result of not producing catalogues, whereas others had chosen to continue to provide them.
80. It was highlighted that it was not a requirement for the names of the sire and dam of competing dogs to be included on entry forms and as a result, catalogues, where available, did not include these details, which it was considered deprived the obedience community of an invaluable source of information on lines of breeding.
81. The Council was in agreement that this was a retrograde step, and wished to request the Activities Committee to reconsider reinstating the requirement for the names of sires and dams to be included on the entry form. This would allow for the inclusion of this information in catalogues should a show organiser wish to provide them.
82. A further discussion took place regarding information available online regarding the breeding of individual dogs. The office undertook to investigate whether a search facility could be made available in respect of dogs on the Kennel Club's Activity Register, in the same manner as was currently the case for dogs on the Breed Register.

83. Miss Godfrey advised the Council that she had been in touch with the owners of the Anadune Border Collie Database to request that they reconsider allowing working sheepdogs to be added to the database.

Proxy votes at Council meetings

84. At the Council's previous meeting, a concern had been raised that there was no facility for proxy votes. This meant that where a delegate was unable to attend a Council meeting, although their views may be reported, there was no mechanism by which their vote may be counted. The Council had been advised by the office that there was no provision for proxy votes at any of the Kennel Club Liaison Councils.
85. The Council discussed the issue at the request of Mrs Smith. Feedback from the obedience community had indicated mixed views on the issue, with some being of the view that it was preferable for a delegate to participate in the Council's discussion on any particular proposal prior to voting on it, but overall the Council was in agreement that proxy votes should be permissible. Mrs Smith agreed to formulate a proposal for consideration at the Council's meeting in January 2018.
86. It was highlighted by the office that where a delegate was unable to physically attend a meeting, he or she may do so via a teleconferencing link.

**ITEM 12. OBEDIENCE INFORMATION STAND AT CRUFTS**

87. The Council noted a report from Miss Benoist and Mrs Lavender regarding the Obedience Information Stand at Crufts.
88. Miss Benoist and Mrs Lavender wished to thank all those who had assisted in any way. Their efforts had been greatly appreciated. Support had also been provided by representatives of rally which was also appreciated.
89. The stand had been very successful and continued to improve each year however it would be helpful to have more information available on specific topics such as the Good Citizen scheme, and the YKC, as this would enable those on the stand to deal with a wide range of queries.
90. A productive meeting had taken place with Mrs Garner to discuss preparations for the stand at Crufts in 2018. Dog Training Weekly had agreed to provide more photographs for the display boards next year.
91. A query was raised as to whether funding was available for the stand. Mr Harlow confirmed that he was in the process of discussing the issue of funding with the Crufts office.

**ITEM 13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Use of leads in the stay ring

92. Mr Burbidge-Grant wished to raise a query regarding a situation where a handler had two dogs in a stay ring and had been marked for putting one dog on a lead in between the sit and the down tests, whilst preparing the second dog for the down stay. The Council was of the view that the use of a lead in the stay ring should be at the judge's discretion, and that a handler should ask the judge beforehand whether or not this was permissible.

Content of classes

93. The Council noted that Miss Godfrey had formulated a suggestion regarding content of classes which it was hoped would allow for a smoother progression through the classes. A copy of the document would be circulated to Council members for their review and feedback.

Obedience Strategy Working Party

94. At the Council's last meeting, some concerns had been raised in respect of the composition of the Working Party. It was highlighted that should any Council member wish to join the Working Party he or she would be welcome to do so.

Assistance from the office

95. Miss Benoist wished to record the appreciation of a new show secretary for the considerable and very valuable assistance received from the office.

**ITEM 14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

96. It was noted that the exact date of the January 2018 meeting of the Council would be confirmed in September 2017.

**The meeting closed at 1.20 pm**

**MR R HARLOW**  
**Chairman**

**THE KENNEL CLUB'S MISSION STATEMENT**

**'The Kennel Club is the national body which exists to promote the general improvement, health and well-being of all dogs through responsible breeding and ownership'**