

WYE VALLEY RETRIEVER CLUB
AGM Minutes 5th April 2011

1. **Apologies**, Gill Wright, John Jones, Alison Kieran, Sheena Price, Sasha Treadwell, Lee Harrison Davies, Annie Wales, Charlotte Drake, Clive and Sylvia Richards.

2. **AGM** adopted the Minutes from the last meeting and the Chairman signed them

3. Chairman's Report

The Wye Valley Retriever Club is growing in numbers due to its reputation and field trial status. I am proud to recommend the club to people who show interest, this is due to the commitment and the friendship that the trainers, members and the committee all put in. We have recently organised and successfully run a bumper boy training day for the club. We have started to raise money for the club as we encounter expenses through the year. Our first working test is Saturday 21st May; please keep an eye on the Web site for dates of tests and events. You will also find this information in your newsletter. Our committee are devoted to your club and we welcome all of you to join us at events and tests. If you are not running a dog why not come and lend a hand.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the committee and members who have kindly given up their time to make all this possible.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you all every success for the following year to come.

Thank you.

Adoption of Chairman's Report Bernard Pound, 2nd Brian Lambert

4. Secretary's Report

The Committee has another busy year planned of training, working tests, and trials with more personal appearances of the Demonstration team at various Country Shows.

Due to increased work commitments I am no longer able to continue as Secretary. If anyone would like to replace me please approach one of the other Committee members, I have found my time on the Committee a great opportunity to learn more about Gundog training and competitions, so even if you have very little experience do not let that stop you from applying.

I would like to thank Anna for taking over as Membership Secretary and has done a great job of streamlining our increased membership process, which is now running more efficiently. Also many thanks to Jean for her continuing support and hard work co-ordinating all the Training classes.

Adoption of Secretary's Report Julia Redpath, 2nd Claire Raymond

5. Financial Report

Income & Expenditure at Year End 31st January 2011

Income £8,927.04

Expenditure £7,783.53

Net Profit of £1,143.51

In addition to cash, the club has a number of items of equipment, including the trailer & tent, tables, chairs, trophies, dummy launchers and other training equipment. All these items have been included in the expenditure at full cost in this and previous years.

The cost of stock has been fully written off as those items that are still held at the end of the year are considered to be of immaterial value.

Adoption of Financial Report Bernard Pound, 2nd ?

6. Field Trial/Working Test Secretary's Report

We started the 2010 season off with a Novice and Open Working Test at Ravenhill Court on the 23rd May Thanks again to our Host Mr Ron Treverton Jones

On June 27th we had a Puppy/Novice and Veteran Working Test at Orleton Court many thanks to the Spilsbury family for use of their ground

On the 15th August we were back at Ravenhill Court for a Puppy, Novice Dog/Novice Handler, Junior Handler and Intermediate Working Test.

On the 11th September we ran our Field Trial Training Day thanks to Mr Martin Cook for the use of his field of fodder beet.

The 15th of November we ran a Novice Field Trial at Batsford, and thanks to the Keeper Matthew Farmer and our Hosts Lord & Lady Dulverton.

As well as a busy Test Schedule in August we held the Invitation Team Working Tests at the Hereford Country Fair and also the Gundog Demonstration with the Junior Handlers plus Adults to help.

Not to forget the Bumper Boy training Day, End of Term Test, and a Demonstration at the Bromyard Gala.

Adoption of report, Brian Lambert, 2nd Bernard Pound

7. Change to Rule 4i of the Club's Rules, to read as follows

4.i. There shall be an executive committee consisting of not more than twelve members.

The Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer, Field Trial/Working Test Secretary, Assistant Field Trial Secretary, Assistant Working Test Secretary and Membership Secretary shall be elected annually by the Committee from amongst their number. The Executive Committee and President shall be elected for a term of three years. One third shall retire annually but shall be eligible for re-election. The President shall retire every three years but shall be eligible for re-election. Any member may propose a candidate for the Executive Committee, provided that the name of the candidate, together with the name of the proposer and seconder be notified to the Secretary at least twenty eight days before the AGM. Election shall be by secret ballot at the AGM. Any casual vacancy may be filled by a co-opted member, to serve until the next AGM and who then shall be eligible for re-election.

David Coode proposed that the Amendment be implemented as soon as approval be received from the Kennel Club.

AGM Voted motion carried.

8. Election of Committee Members

Jacki Addis is standing down as Honorary Secretary and Committee member

Julia Redpath and Roger Wiggins are willing to be re-elected

David Coode and Ruth Thomas have been proposed as Committee members

The Committee gave Thanks to our current President David Probert, who does not wish to be re-elected

Brian Lambert was proposed as the New President AGM voted who agreed unanimously.

AGM voted and re-elected Julia Redpath and Roger Wiggins

AGM voted onto the Committee David Coode and Ruth Thomas

9. Election of Auditor

Treasurer proposed Vanda Williams as Auditor, proposed Bernard Bound, 2nd Brian Lambert

AGM had a show of hands and agreed

10. Newsletter

Chairman gave a big vote of thanks to Paul Collins and Julia Redpath for all their hard work in publishing our Newsletter, although Paul was not here we hope to show our thanks at the end of term dinner.

11. Any Other Business

Julia Redpath put out another plea for help organising our events and offer big or small greatly appreciated. A suggestion was made that perhaps a proactive approach would be to assign each club member a task to help spread the workload.

The AGM gave 80th Birthday Wishes to Ken Harris.

Chairman closed meeting at 7.55

