

THE GORDON SETTER BREED COUNCIL

The British Gordon Setter Club - The Gordon Setter Association -
The Gordon Setter Club of Scotland - The Gordon Setter Field Trial Society

CHAIRPERSON: Mrs Kate Macara (GSCS)

Minute of the **2021 Annual General Meeting** of the Council
held by **Zoom call** on
Thursday 27th May 2021 at 19:45 hours.

Present: Kate Macara (KM) (GSCS), in the Chair
David Alcorn (DRA) (GSCS), as Acting Secretary
Jean Collins-Pitman, Karen Marsh, Annette Mappin, Peter Sandiford (BGSC);
Elaine Roberts, Kathyne Wrigley, (GSA),
Sara Chichester & Alison Robinson (GSFTS),
Carolyn Pearce (GSCS).

<i>Item</i>		<i>Action</i>
1	Apologies Nicky Ackerley-Kemp, Val Isherwood.	
2	Chairman's Report KM backed up her report delivered at the earlier AGM and as retiring Chair wished the Council well for the future.	
3	Secretary's Report DA was pleased to advise that whilst events had been restricted, the Council had been busy. A new website had been designed and published thanks to Keith Whiting from the BGSC. More regular meetings were taking place and Zoom meant that costs were greatly reduced for all. The judging lists were being fully updated in line with revised Kennel Club rules.	
4	Treasurer's Report and Adoption of Accounts for 2020 As there had been no financial activity during the year ended 2020, there were no accounts to be presented.	
5	Breed Education Co-ordinator Report Elaine Roberts expressed concern about the lack of breed specialist judges and encouraged everyone to get as many judges to apply for the list as possible.	
6	Breed Health Co-ordinators Report Kathyne Wrigley's report is contained in Appendix I.	
7	Election of Officers and Committee a) Election of Chairperson Elaine Roberts, proposed by Carolyn Pearce, seconded by Kathyne Wrigley. b) Election of Secretary David Alcorn, proposed by Karen Marsh, seconded by Sara Chichester. c) Election of Treasurer Sara Chichester, proposed by Elaine Roberts, seconded by Alison Robinson. Thanks were given to retiring Chair, Kate Macara.	
8	Any Other Competent Business There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 19:50.	

Appendix I: Gordon Setter Breed Health Summary 2019

Gordon Setter Breed Health Summary 2020 [AGMs]

Registrations

2020 Registration 32 litters 268 puppies. Although 'pandemic year', this figure is consistent with previous years.

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
263	255	172	243	268

COI

Breed average as per KC is currently 8.8%. 48% of litters born in 2020 are below this.

Clinical Eye Tests

22 tests were recorded and all 'unaffected' for PRA. Less tests than usual but Covid has had a severe impact on BVA eye testing scheme. Breed clubs are aware of the difficulties with a reduced number of eye panellists available and long waiting lists. For this reason Breed Clubs are not expecting breeders to be able to adhere to the COE guidance that a clinical eye test should be done within a year prior to the mating while this situation remains.

PRA rcd4 DNA test

For dogs born in 2020 there were 3 tested – 2 clear, 1 carrier.

134 puppies were born with hereditary clear status.

Estimated Breeding Values [EBVS] Hips

Mating	% of litters
Green sire/green dam	38.7%
Red sire/red dam	9.67%
Green sire/red dam	25.8%
Red sire/green dam	25.8%

Health Report Forms

Only two received . Both female and both with heart issues

1 -Heart murmur,atrial fibrillation,chronic Mitral Valve Disease

2- Heart murmur,irregular heart rhythm.

Going forward looking to have an online health reporting facility .

Other news

Closure of AHT in July 2020;

- All dna samples stored there were moved to Cambridge Vet School by the Kennel Club
- The Canine Genetics Centre funded by the KC Charitable Trust has now officially opened at the vet school.
- The team is headed by Cathryn Mellersh
- DNA testing is expected to be up and running in July.

Bva health schemes

- Due to the backlog of hip results due to the BVA stopping scoring during lockdowns many owners sent xrays to Australia where the turnaround was a few days.
- Currently the KC will only record BVA hip results on the database. ANKC results are not recorded so wouldn't be reflected in EBV scores.
- A study is currently going on to compare the two schemes [potentially with a view that the KC may record ANKC results]

Heart survey at Nottingham University

- Survey ongoing as cases are still coming in
- Waiting for further update from Mark Dunning who is currently checking progress.