

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 Elaine Roberts (GSA)

Minute of the **2022 Annual General Meeting** of the Council
held by **Zoom call** on
Tuesday 25th May 2022 at 19:30 hours.

Present: Elaine Roberts (GSA), in the Chair
David Alcorn (DRA) (GSCS), as Acting Secretary
Jean Collins-Pitman, Annette Mappin, Peter Sandiford (BGSC);
Nicky Ackerly-Kemp, Maggy Halliday, Kathyryne Wrigley (GSA),
Val Isherwood, Alison Robinson (GSFTS),
Kate Macara (KM) (GSCS).

Item		Action
1	Apologies Sara Chichester, Carolyn Pearce.	
2	Chairman's Report Elaine Roberts read her report as follows: <i>"Following on from the Covid restrictions of 2021, which prevented face to face committee meetings, the Gordon Setter Breed Council is gradually getting back to normal and hopefully it won't be too long before we are all round the table again.</i> <i>"David Alcorn continues in the role of Acting Secretary and Sarah Chichester is Treasurer. Many thanks to both. I took over from Kate Macara as Chairman and we are all grateful to Kate for doing such a great job.</i> <i>"We are fortunate to have Kathyryne Wrigley as the breed Health Coordinator. Kathyryne devotes an endless amount of time to Gordon Setters and provides support and up to date health information to novices and old hands alike. Nothing is too much trouble so thank you Kathyryne. The Breed Council now has its own website www.gordonsetterbreedcouncil.co.uk <i>"A great deal of time has been spent at our meetings revising the numbers required for judging at various levels in the breed. With the traditional route and the new JEP route running alongside, maintaining the lists is a little more complicated than it used to be. It is very important that judges keep the Breed Council Secretary informed of their progress so that they can appear on the correct list. I am concerned that some aspiring judges have unintentionally disappeared from our lists because they haven't done this. Please check and keep the Secretary updated. It is a Kennel Club requirement that no one can now accept an appointment unless they fulfil the JEP Level 1 requirements (or already give CCs in another Breed) . We do not want to lose experienced Breed judges. <i>"The judging criteria can be found on our website. The KC website is also useful with regard to the Judges Education Programme. <i>"I am the Breed Education Coordinator and I am more than happy to help any Gordoner work out what they have to do at the different stages. <i>"With the shows and Field Trials getting back to normal it should be an exciting year for everyone involved.</i></i></i></i></i>	

	<i>"Wishing you all a very happy and successful time with your Gordons."</i>	
3	<p>Secretary's Report</p> <p>David Alcorn read his report as follows:</p> <p><i>"2021 was a little busier for the breed council, with the main task being a full review of all judging lists undertaken as the main priority. This wasn't an easy task, and in the end it is disappointing that a number of judges have retired and don't wish to judge our breed any more – but even more disappointing that others haven't replied and have had to be temporarily removed from the list. I am pleased to say that we are holding an interim list of JEP Level 1 and Level 2 judges which is most encouraging.</i></p> <p><i>"Hopefully we will see more breed specialist judges coming forward through the new JEP system, however it does seem rather disappointing to see so few people undertake mentoring on the breed at shows. Hopefully this will increase as we return to more normality this year.</i></p> <p><i>"I am grateful to Keith Whiting for his creation of, and ongoing support with, the website which he updates very quickly as required.</i></p> <p><i>"The Council continues to meet by Zoom regularly, which is efficient and cost effective. Certainly, at the moment, it is saving us all a fortune in fuel costs!</i></p> <p><i>"I am still in the role of Acting Secretary at present and this is not an ideal scenario which the Breed Council and all member clubs will need to address this year, and going forward."</i></p>	
4	<p>Treasurer's Report and Adoption of Accounts for 2021</p> <p>As there had been no financial activity during the year ended 2021, there were no accounts to be presented.</p>	
5	<p>Breed Education Co-ordinator Report</p> <p>Elaine Roberts read her report as follows:</p> <p><i>"A little bit of general information about the role of the Breed Education Coordinator – the simplest way of describing it is as a point of contact for everything connected with judges education within the breed, in line with the Kennel Club Judges Education Programme. That might be anything from ensuring that we comply with required number of seminars and supported entry Open shows to organising mentors for up and coming judges.</i></p> <p><i>"So far the system of mentoring seems to be working well and there has been a steady increase in the number of requests for mentoring since it was introduced. Most mentors approached have been very happy to help newcomers although I sometimes think the mentors are more nervous than the mentees before they begin. Without exception the feedback from both parties has been positive and it has been an enjoyable experience all round. I think it is a really useful way for newcomers to the breed to learn from experienced Gordon judges.</i></p> <p><i>"The Gordon Breed Clubs are more than fulfilling the Kennel Club requirements for Breed Assessment Days with both the GSCS and the BGSC already holding one this year. The KC requirement is one every 2 years. The GSA will be hosting another one in the Autumn. They held an A2/A3 Assessment Day last Autumn for more experienced judges progressing through the old system.</i></p>	

	<p><i>"I would say that the transition period where both traditional route and new JEP route are running side by side has confused many would be judges. It has also led to a considerable amount of extra work for the Breed Council Secretary. Since the Kennel Club announced that anyone accepting new judging appointments must meet the JEP Level 1 requirements we have lost many many experienced and respected Gordon judges from our lists. I would give one example of a lady who has judged over 200 Gordons, made up and bred Show Champions who cannot now accept any more appointments. There are other similar stories. That cannot be good for the breed. I think we will have a real shortage of experienced breed specialist judges for our bigger Open Shows in the next few years before people going through the new system come on board."</i></p>	
6	<p>Breed Health Co-ordinators Report</p> <p>Kathryne Wrigley's report is contained in Appendix I.</p>	
8	<p>Any Other Competent Business</p> <p>There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 19:44.</p>	

Appendix I: Gordon Setter Breed Health Summary 2021

AGM 2022 Summary

No registration or EBV end of year figures -waiting for final BRS 2021

Update from KC -last quarter 2021 due out in June. First quarter for 2022 due August/September so next years figures will also be late!!

No health reports received for 2021. Health forms are now on online -breed club and the breed council websites. Only way to move forward with any health condition is to collect data.

Update - 3 received to date for 2022 – 1 paper,2 online.

Heart survey – information still coming in. Mark Dunning waiting for latest info from the uni.

Update – project stalled during pandemic (though info was still collected) Mark keen to allocate new researcher to finish project and get the data analysed .

IBD paper- preliminary report published in the Canadian Journal of Veterinary Research.

8 possible genes linked with the condition.

Multifactoral and complex pathogenesis.

Expression of genes is not known-recessive,dominant etc.

Bigger study required with more dogs.

This type of study possibly more helpful as a diagnostic aid .

No current action

BVA Health Schemes are returning to normal after pandemic slow down.

Update – BVA new hub up and running and results have been returned within 2 weeks!

Update from UGSR AGM

UGSR will continue to pay for DNA storage and PRA testing from members litters born this year

UGSR also proposed as put forward by the BGSC recently: “UGSR to pay the cost for Gordon Setters (dog/bitch) of 8 years and over to have a PRA4 eye test, when this takes place at a Gordon Setter Open or Championship show or event with a BVA approved vet. The owner needs to be a member of the BGSC, GSA, GSCS or GS Field Trials. UGSR need to be notified prior to the test taking place”.

Kathryne Wrigley RVN Health co ordinator