

# SEALYHAM TERRIER BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

(ESTABLISHED 1928)

## 2023 Annual General Meeting

Held Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2023  
at Lewknor Village Hall, Lewknor,  
Watlington, OX49 5TL  
At approximately 3.40pm

### **Minutes 2023**

#### **Present**

Mrs. C Bell (Chairman), Miss L Hampson (Sec/Treasurer), Mr. S Bell (Committee), Dr R Oulton (Committee), Mrs. J Hampson, Anna Challenger, Karen Evans, Ms FJ Goodeve (Committee),

#### **1. Apologies**

Mrs M Longmate, Mrs L Hopwood, Mrs. M Beales (Committee), Mr P Banks (Committee), Mrs J Bledge (Committee), Mrs S Cooper, Mrs J Wonnacott, Mr L Bettis, Mrs D Bettis, Mrs M Evans, Ms C James, Mrs L Matthews

#### **2. Minutes of 2022 AGM**

Proposed ... .. Dr R Oulton ..... 2nd ..... Mr. S Bell .....  
Minutes Adopted

#### **3. Matters arising from minutes of 2022.**

None

#### **4. Chairman's report**

Thank you all for coming.

I would like to thank the committee and particularly Lisa for her hard work as the secretary & treasurer, Jane for the Catering at our shows and all the others who helped along the way. Also, the continued support of the STBA's members.

#### **5. Secretary's report**

2022 was first year not affected by Covid-19 restrictions and we managed to hold both shows at our usual times during the year.

March 2022, we held our open show which was well attended. Judge was Mark Ord. June 2022, we held our Championship show on the late Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee weekend. The wet weather didn't hinder our celebrations. Our Judge was Dr Iain Gabriel. Following our Street Party Lunch, we had fun classes judged by Iona Courtney Warren and her Mum. This was topped off with Sealyham Egg & Spoon Race over Hurdles. Not sure who had the most fun, four legs or the two. It was hysterical to watch and I think it will be making another appearance in the future.

During the year we lost some old faces  
Harry Horn (Previous committee member) – Topstage Kennels  
Dennis Morgan – (Zabaden Kennels)  
Joy Banks (Committee Member) – Willowaire Kennels

I would like to thank Jane & Nick for the catering at both shows, plus Jade who created the Sealyham wearing a crown.

Also thank you to Trish & Dee for carrying on as puppy coordinators for the breed.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the officers, the committee, and members of the STBA club for their support during the last 12 months and hopefully for the next 12 months.

## 6. **Treasurer's report**

### 2022 accounts

Overall, there was a profit of £700 in the accounts for the year. This was a turn around from the loss we made in 2021 (-£670)

The Championship show made a profit of £240. This was generated from the raffle, auctions and sweepstake. Thank you all for your generosity at this show.

The open show made a profit of 106. Mainly due to show licences being paid early in 2021.

STBA held the Breed Awareness Day (BAD) for the breed. This event was supported by all 3 clubs.

Club is trying to move to another bank where it does not incur bank fees.

Saving AC – As we are all aware the interest rates are increasing. We started in Jan 22 receiving 9p per month interest on our savings account. By the end of 2022 it was at £5 per month. It is now at £12 for Jun 23.

2022 Club Membership stands at 34 for Joint members, up from 25 in 2021,  
single membership at 33 and  
Overseas members is down from 7 to 6.

Overall membership is now 73 up from 65 in 2021. During the pandemic, there had been no chasing of outstanding fees and some members had missed renewing, but they seem to be coming back in 2022

Proposed ... Ms FJ Goodeve .... 2nd ..... Dr R Oulton .....  
Accounts Adopted

## 7. **Result of Judges ballot for 2025 Ch. Show**

1.Mr M Walshaw

Only one nomination was submitted by members, so no ballot carried out.

## 8. **Breed Awareness Day (BAD)**

October 22, the STBA held the BAD with exam. David Winsley did a fabulous job of the talk. We had 20 students on the day with only 2 not passing the exam.

It is important for the breed that we get more breed specialists coming through. We only had 5 attend the

BAD. If you look at the judging list, we have a lot of non-breed specialists. After I update the list later this year, I am expecting to remove up to half the A1 Breed Specialists due to retirement and health issues.

As the BEC, this is me getting on my soap box, yet again I hear you say. As a breed we have to be proactive or we will lose out with the Kennel Club and become marginalized, losing CC's and opportunities to exhibit our breed, IF WE DON'T CARE AS A BREED THEY WILL NOT CARE FOR US!!

9. **Breed Health**

Dr R Oulton as Breed Health Coordinator has agreed with the KC to start a fresh.

10. **Increase in Entry Fees for Championship Show**

STBA tries to keep costs to a minimum by cutting back on postage and using the newsletters via the club's website. This year we utilized the offer by National Terriers to move our Open show to the event at the being of April. The club wins on not having to pay hall fees but loses out on additional revenue from auctions etc. Hall fees for Baginton in 2021 was over £130. Exhibitors save on fuel to one site but enter 2 shows. Thinking we had done well on the £130 savings; we have been hit by Lewknor Hall nearly doubling the price for their hall hire from £80 to £144 for 2023. This price is actually in line with most hall hires rates. I know the club made a profit in 2022 but this was after a loss in 2021 of nearly the same figure. I don't think the club will be doing as good in 2023.

STBA last increased subs in 2011/12 to the value of £8/£10/£10  
Championship Fees Increased to £8 in 2010  
Open Fees Increased to £5 in 2011

I don't think increasing subs is right as it affects the non-showing members. I think the Open show moving to National Terrier warrants leaving the entry fees alone until we see how we are doing at the new venue. But I propose that the Championship show fees are increased to £9 to help cover the increased costs now being imposed on us.

Proposed ... Mr S Bell ..... 2nd ..... Dr R Oulton ..... Adopted

AGM Closed at 4.22pm