



The Large Munsterlander Club

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on - Friday 29th November 2024 7:30pm via Zoom

Present: Peter Disney [PD] (Chair), Aly Prowse [AP] (Acting Secretary), Jo Bargman [JB], Chris Bargman [CB], Andy Graham [AG], Becky Harding [BH], Helen Evans [HE], Sarah James [SJ], Erin Logie [EL], Nicky Logie [NL]

1) Apologies for absence: Karen Caile [KC], Jack Waddington-Chick [JWC], Marion Sargent [MS]

2) Review Minutes of last meeting – Wednesday 30th October 2024

The minutes of the meeting were reviewed with no changes. Approval proposed by AP, seconded by CB, carried.

3) Review action points remaining from last and previous meetings

See separate Actions List for status for open actions, completed actions and longer term actions (which need to be captured but are not urgent). Note: All new actions from this meeting are added to the Actions List.

ACTION 44 - Create comms to promote a Christmas themed photo comp with a cut-off mid December to allow time for judging. NOTE: Inform entrants that photos may be used to create an LMC Christmas Card.

GB is happy for us to use the prize but does not want to judge.

JWC is ready to do an email but needs agreement from the committee and to know what prizes are on offer.

Agreed to go ahead with Christmas Photo Comp and that we would provide 2 additional prizes from our Merchandise.

ACTION: Let JWC know 2 items of Merch that can be given as prizes for Christmas Photo Comp - SJ

ACTION: Ask MS if she would judge the Christmas Photo Comp - PD

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

4) Breed education and JC matters

Nothing new to report.

5) Breed health matters

Meeting with RKC on 27 November to discuss the LM Breed Population Analysis was open, positive and they are very pleased that the LMC is engaging with the process. A lot of issues and possible contributing factors were discussed as to why our Genetic Diversity is so poor and conversely, some ideas and proposals including further data and new tools that could help with education and support for breeders that we might start to improve the situation in both the short and long term. Essentially, the breed will need to increase population and/or decrease inbreeding. RKC has employed a vet, Alison Skipper, to support the work. She will start next Spring. There may be things we can do in the short term, but the RKC tools and reports are unlikely to be available until mid to end of 2025. The LMC will need to develop a strategy which hopefully, the RKC can provide us with support and guidance.

A statement will be drafted for FB to inform members of the Population Analysis findings.

The LMC Breed Health Sub-Group needs to discuss what we can/should do to develop a LM breed strategy and the RKC can then collaborate with us on how this can be implemented.

ACTION: The Population Analysis Focus Group to meet ASAP and feedback on plans (to hopefully fit with the RKC activities) - Population Analysis Focus Group

ACTION: Draft a statement that we can give to our members on the Population Analysis findings following the meeting with the RKC - AG/AP

6) Finance update

Accounts as of 24th Nov 2024 have been uploaded to Google Drive.

7) Communications plans

December will be a busy month for communications.

8) Website update

Some feedback has been received following the mailshot re the website update. To date we don't have any suggestions for a web developer.

ACTION: BH to ask PC to contact CB with any guidance he may be able to give on potential web developers - BH

9) Events calendar update

ACTION: Need to confirm if a date has been agreed for a gundog training day with Christine Guest - JWC

10) IT subgroup update

All committee members now have Editor access to LMC Google Drive to view, upload and create folders and files. Initial feedback is positive.

ACTION: Suggest some dates for Google Drive training (using Zoom). Weekday evenings are probably best. - CB

11) HPRFTA Meeting summary of key points 17.10.24 (JWC)

Carried over to the next meeting.

ACTION: Include item "HPRFTA Meeting summary of key points 17.10.24 (JWC)" for next meeting - AP

12) Membership

Membership list now available to all of the committee on Google Drive. The fields (columns) held were inherited from the list passed to JB over 2 years ago and need to be reviewed to make sure we are only holding relevant data for use by the LMC (part of GDPR compliance).

We currently only hold one email address for Joint members. It was proposed that we record email addresses for other joint members (if they would like to be on the mailing list). It was agreed that this was a good idea and we should look at recording and using multiple email addresses for Joint Members for mailshots.

ACTION: Look at the current membership data we are recording in preparation for a review at the next committee meeting - ALL

ACTION: Check the new membership form and adapt this to allow Joint members to provide individual email addresses - JB

ACTION: Discuss the practicality of using multiple email addresses for Joint Members with MailChimp and create a Mailshot to Joint Members to collect additional email addresses (use Google Form?) - CB/JCW

13) Shows

13a) LMC Open Show 16.1.25

Entries are low at the moment. There is still plenty of time for more entries before the closing date.

ACTION: Arrange a zoom "checklist" meeting on 10th Jan for the Open Show - AP

13b) 2026 Open Shows (judges & venues) Champ show (venue) - Action list 45

Need a decision on when /where for 2026 Open Shows and whether to double up with Shows.

Proposal to hold January 2026 Open Show alongside Manchester Champ Show. Approved.

ACTION: Hold an online poll for the committee to agree on the choice of judge for Jan 2026 LMC Open Show - PD

ACTION: Contact Manchester to book the Jan 2026 venue - EL

ACTION: Once the venue/judge selected, apply for a show licence (need to be done a year in advance) - AP

ACTION: Include an Agenda Item early 2025 to agree details for 2026 LMC summer Show - AP

13c) Crufts subsidised Polo Shirts

Proposal to have a Breed Stand again at Crufts 2025. Approved.

ACTION: Offer branded clothing, for anyone that does not already have any, to Crufts Discover Dogs volunteers at a subsidised rate e.g. Polo shirts at £10. Club will subsidise postage - JB

Proposal to order coloured mugs to make use of Black Friday offer - Agreed.

ACTION: Order coloured Mugs 20, 20, 20 of each colour taking advantage of Black Friday offer - SJ

ACTION: EL/NL have offered to support a slot at DD on pastoral Day (9th March) - JB

14) Working Events**14a) Field Trial 7.12.24**

Full card and no issues to report.

14b) Working Test

Nothing to report.

Proposed date for Hall Barn 28th June 2025 (TBC)

Other Events**15a) Invitation to attend Edition Live 2025 on 6.7.25**

Proposed: LMC to support a breed stand at Edition Dogs 2025 to be held on 6th July. Approved.

(Note CB/JB are not able to attend so will need someone to setup and takedown stand)

FUTURE ACTION: Include agenda item to look at organising Edition Dog Live Stand on 6th July 2025 - AP

16) Newsletter

Need a better way to manage proofreading for the next issue. EL is happy to continue compiling the Newsletter using Publisher. LMC has 5 Publisher licences.

Proposed: EL continues to compile the club Newsletter using Publisher and puts this onto the LMC Google Drive for proofreading. Proof reading will be done by CG; one or two other proofreaders are required with a final check done by AP. File will then be converted to pdf for the rest of the committee to be able to view. Agreed.

FUTURE ACTION: Compile next newsletter using Publisher and upload to Google Drive and proofreading to be done by Cathy Graham and final check by AP then create PDF for review by rest of Committee - EL/AP

17) Items for the next meeting

ACTION: Include agenda item "Update from Canine Genetics Centre" for Jan 21st meeting - AP

18) AOB**Request for "Proofreaders" by RKC**

ACTION: Forward info from RKC to BH and if not able to help then send out request to club members - AP

Animal Welfare Bill

Several club members have written to their MP's with some good/helpful responses received.

19) Next meeting - Tuesday 21st January 2025 at 7:30pm by Zoom.

APPROVED BY THE LMC COMMITTEE

Peter Disney - Chair