



The Large Munsterlander Club

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on - Tuesday 21st Jan 2025 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], Karen Caile [KC], Jack Waddington-Chick [JWC], Marion Sargent [MS]

1) Apologies for absence: None

2) Review Minutes of last meeting – Friday 29th Nov 2024

The minutes of the meeting were reviewed with no changes. Approval proposed by AG, seconded by JB, 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.

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

4) Breed education and JC matters

No issues to report. Mentoring session done at the Club Open Show. Observations will be arranged for 2026. Section on the RKC website is now up and running so anticipate an increase in activity.

Many thanks to MS for her help at the Club Show.

5) Breed health matters

RKC Health Standard now live.

ACTION: Need to make sure our website aligns with RKC information and send any required content to CB - Health Sub-Group

ACTION: Contact RKC to ask for the evidence and reasoning behind HUU and HC being categorised as Best rather than Good - KC

5a) Progress with Google Forms to support a Health Survey

In progress. Helen Kitchen has joined the Health sub-group and should be able to help develop the questionnaire.

Will add a question to include Kennel Names. Health survey questions will then need to be discussed/agreed by the committee.

5b) Sub health group

RKC now only displays health results from their approved labs. Not sure what this means with historical data. Need to make sure our members are aware of this.

ACTION: Add information to the website health section regarding use of labs for health testing and RKC list - Health Sub-Group

6) Finance update

Accounts are now with the accountant.

7) Communications plans

Need to add additional email addresses to Mailchimp for joint members. Simplest if CB/JB do this to keep it inline with the membership spreadsheet.

ACTION: Send information to CB on MailChimp login to add emails for joint members - KC/JWC

A mailshot will be required for the AGM instructions and to add to website News. Need to look at how to manage registration, late attendees etc.

ACTION: Create mailshot for AGM joining instructions (include the requirement for separate devices for each voting member) - PD/AP

8) Website update

Limited response so far from web developers contacted. The website update is a priority. Need to keep pushing for a solution.

ACTION: Send CB any suggestions for possible web developers to develop a WordPress based website for the LMC - ALL

9) Events calendar update (new items to be added)

Offer for LMC to have a stand at Game Fair again this year.

ITEMS FOR THIS MEETING IF NOT COVERED ABOVE

10) IT subgroup update

Additional Email storage has now been purchased and should be available soon.

ACTION: Set Up a trial Google Drive Zoom training session with PD, AP - CB

11) Update from Canine Genetics Centre – “Regular Giving Campaign” (Action list 88)

It is relatively easy to provide a DNA testing service but the research has to be done first to look at how DNA can be linked to a disease. Without the Centre this cannot be done. Fundraising is going well and the Centre is able to continue to operate but there is still going to be a funding gap going forward. They are looking for anyone with a desire to help improve the long term health of dogs to become “Friends” of the Centre and give a regular donation.

ACTION: Create an “A5 style pamphlet” to circulate to members about the work of the Canine Genetics Centre - AG

12) HPRFTA Meeting summary of key points 17.10.24 (Action list 75)

Nothing further to report.

13) Membership

To date 215 members have renewed for 2025 (total was 304 at end 2024)

A couple of issues with names were resolved.

Look at sending out a targeted mailshot to members who have not renewed (all members who have renewed are tagged with 25 in Mailchimp).

ACTION: Create a mailshot before the end of Feb 25 to members who have not renewed - CB

14) Shows:

14a) LMC Open Show 16.1.25 – Review

The Open and Champ shows went very well. Both judges commented on the good organisation and quality of the awards. Well done to all involved.

14b) LMC Champ & Open Show 1.6.25, specifically toilets and catering

ACTION: Email Cheshire venue event manager to check on status - EL

14c) 2026 Open Shows (judges & venue) Champ show (venue) - Action list 84

June 26 Show venue booked (Champ Show judge is Julie Darby) . Need a judge for the Open show but have someone in mind.

Need to look at running Special Awards in parallel.

Annette Hewitt has accepted the invitation to judge the Champ Show in 2027.

ACTION: Contact venue organiser for Jan 26 Open Show to see if we could use another ring for special awards - EL

14d) Crufts (i) Breed Stand (ii) Merchandise (iii) Subsidised Polo Shirts (iv) DD – Action list 85

Breed stand needs to be manned. Look at putting up a sign after LM class has finished (probably about 1pm) directing people to the DD stand.

Need to order merchandise for Crufts (caps, beanies, mugs. Agreed we should not keep adding too many different items. Everyone can look to see what is available and feedback to SJ.

ACTION: Book Breed Stand at Crufts - KC

Most slots are now covered for DD. Will need more LMC leaflets. SJ has the electronic copy.

ACTION: Contact all DD volunteers with info for DD and options for LMC Shirts (need 2-3 weeks for ordering) - JB

ACTION: Send AG electronic copy of LMC leaflet to see if he can get some printed - SJ/AG

15) Working Events:**15a) Field Trial 7.12.24 - Review**

Went well in spite of the storm conditions. We can have the same ground next year.

15b) Novice Field Trial 14.1.25 - Review

8 entries, mostly non-members. Judged by HE and Matt Lloyd, many thanks to them plus the excellent guns who all helped make the trial a success.

15c) HPR Training Event 15.2.25

Nothing to report.

15d) Hall Barn 28.6.25 – Committee helpers list

Date TBC (aiming for 28/6/25). Will need helpers. AG and CG offered to help.

16) Other Events**16a) Edition Live 2025 on 6.7.25**

CB/JB not able to organise this year as they have commitment with their Charity Garden Opening.

16b) Xmas photo competition - Review

Went well and no issues to report.

17) AOB

Safeguarding Policy - Carry Over to a future meeting.

Sue Wood Memorial Award - ACTION: Send HC awards reminder info to JWC for mailshot - AP

Puppy Imports Legislation - ACTION: Attend DEFRA/RKC Meeting re Puppy imports meeting on 7th March - AP

Annual Awards - Nothing for veterans. Offer received to sponsor an award based on Scouts successes as a veteran. Will need to discuss criteria and name for award and can then announce at AGM.

18) Meeting Dates

Proposed Committee Meeting dates for 2025

Tues 21 Jan

Weds 26 Feb

Tues 25 Mar AGM – Date fixed

Weds 30 Apr (Fri 25 Easter week)

Fri 23 May (Fri 30 May, too close to 1 Jun Club shows?)

Tues 24 June (28 Jun is Hall Barn)

Weds 30 Jul

Fri 29 Aug

Tues 30 Sep

Weds 29 Oct

Fri 28 Nov

Tues 30 Dec

19) Next meeting - Wed 26th Feb 2025 at 7:30pm by Zoom.

APPROVED BY THE LMC COMMITTEE

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Disney', with a large, stylized initial 'P' and 'D'.

Peter Disney - Chair