



## The Large Munsterlander Club

President: Mrs. Christine Ogle.

Patron: The Hon. Mrs. J. Farncombe.

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### Minutes of The AGM of the Large Munsterlander Club held on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 1.30pm Styrrup Village Hall, Serlby Road, Styrrup, Nottinghamshire DN11 8LT.

Members present : Mrs C Ogle ( President ), Dr R Suchett-Kaye ( Chair ), Mrs L O'Connell ( Treasurer ) and 25 members.

A one-minute silence was held in memory of the late Michelle Day and Michael Ogle before the start of the meeting at 1.30pm

1. **Apologies for absence** : Caz Trowsdale, Jackie Lane, and Caro Middleton
2. **Minutes of the last AGM held on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022** : these were available to members at the meeting. It was pointed out that absent from the minutes prepared by the Acting Secretary were the Show Secretary and Field Trial Treasurer reports. The Chair apologised for this omission and therefore was unable to sign off the minutes as a true and correct account. He confirmed these missing reports were presented at the last AGM and he will add both to these minutes and present them at the 2024 AGM.
3. **Matters arising** : Aly Prowse stated that she was missed from list of members present. Dr Suchett-Kaye agreed to add her to the list of those present.
4. **Chairperson's Report** : Dr R Suchett-Kaye read out the following statement before his report.

A member has brought to the attention of the committee that the proposed amendments to the rules of the club which includes the code of ethics have not been notified to members in the specified manner under the Kennel Club regulations.

This states that any proposed amendments to the rules of a club must be notified in full to all members of that club at least 14 days prior to the date of the meeting at which they are to be considered.

The committee has looked at the process that the club has used to notify members. Draft rules were emailed to members.

On looking at the club membership list, it is now apparent that there are quite a few members whose E-mail details the club do not have, and these members should have been sent the AGM draft rules.

Caroline Hallett who responded to the member who complained made the following comments.

If this process has not been followed, then any changes passed at the AGM will not be acceptable to the Kennel Club. We suggest that the club committee is contacted so that the position is clear to all.

The simplest solution will be for this item on the agenda to be deferred to a future meeting so that the required process can be followed.

The Chair told the meeting that he can only apologise on behalf of the club to those members who have come to this AGM expecting to vote on a new set of club rules.

Unfortunately, in view of the Kennel Club's advice, he had to rule that items 13 and 14 on this Agenda will be deferred to a future meeting and will not be dealt with this afternoon. He gave an undertaking that the committee would get it right next time.

Dr Suchett-Kaye read out his report :

Once again it gave him great pleasure to present his report to the annual general meeting.

He welcomed all members to Styrrup Village Hall and South Yorkshire.

The best way to describe the year was that it has been a challenging year for the committee.

And this was probably to be expected when new members with new ideas join an established team.

He thanked the contribution of those members who had now retired from the committee.

He knows that they do have a great interest in Large Munsterlanders and he wished them all the best.

He mentioned Lynn O'Connell who is retiring as club treasurer and field trial secretary after 25 years plus working for the club on behalf of members. She had been very successful treasurer and he said he would like to thank her on members' behalf.

He thanked John MacGregor who was club secretary during the pandemic years and stepped down for in November, his wife Fiona MacGregor who took an active interest in helping at the club shows and committee and was trophy steward, Pamela Dunsmore who was membership secretary and organised discover dogs at Crufts.

He said that it was a reflection of the challenging nature of committee work that three members elected last year had taken the decision to leave the committee during the year. These were Andrew Gregory, who was co-opted by the Committee as Acting Secretary, and resigned a few days ago. Paul Weare whose input will be missed and Victoria Wilkins who was responsible for the excellent Newsletters that members received and the enjoyable Breed Appreciation Day that was held in November.

It is hoped that we can persuade ex-committee members to take on some of their previous Club roles as members outside the committee. But this remains to be seen. Unfortunately, the Club has lost an immense amount of talent and experience which we can ill afford to lose.

Despite all the above the club has planned a full diary of events for the forthcoming year. He hoped members will enjoy and participate in these.

He thanked everyone for attending this year's AGM.

Lynn O'Connell was presented with a gift of wine by the chair as a thank you for her years as Treasurer and FT Secretary

5. **Acting Club Secretary's Report** : No report was presented. The meeting was informed that the Acting Secretary had resigned before the AGM.
6. **Hon Club Treasurer's Report** : This was read out by Robert Suchett-Kaye, Club Chair on behalf of Lynn O'Connell.

Quoted from the clubs accountant Mr. David Lunnon : " I am conscious that HM Revenue and Customs often inquire into accounts such as yours with a view to charging corporation tax on any investment and surplus as they then take the view that you are trading rather than being a members non-profit club, so you may need to consider using some of the funds to avoid this issue. " This comment was made in response to the fact that our general fund has gone up from £13,919 in 2021 to £14,841 in 2022. The sole reason for this increase is the reduction of issues of our newsletters from three to only two. The current cost of producing and posting each issue is approximately £1000 but with the bulk of our members not taking part in any of our events the newsletters are the only tangible benefit of their membership. There were no sales of paraphernalia this year and only three handbooks sold due mainly to there being no one interested in taking on the job. Mr Lunnon suggested that we leave the balance on paraphernalia as at 31st of December 2021 and deal with any reductions next year. The stock of handbooks currently stands at 64 copies value at cost £465. Finally, Mr Lunnon has asked that I please thank the committee for the vouchers received at Christmas. He has put them to good use. There were no comments made by members present regarding the certified copy of the Large Munsterlander Club Balance Sheet as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 prepared by D A Lunnon & Co.

7. **Field Trial Secretary's Report** : This was read out by Robert Suchett-Kaye , Club Chair on behalf of Lynn O'Connell.

The LMC ran three successful field trials this season :

The first was an Open Stake on Grouse -a first for the LMC -run under atrocious weather conditions but resulting in a full set of awards.

The second, an All Aged Stake was mainly run on sugar beet with Grey Partridge giving the dogs some challenges and resulting in a second place and 2 COMs.

The third was a Novice Stake on flat mixed farmland with crops woodland and deep drains. The judges found their first place with a Large Munsterlander Ch Crumpsbrook Bayleaf von Rulander. Second, third and two COMs were awarded.

The judges' reports can be found on the LMC website in the Field Trial Calendar  
During this season, 8 Large Munsterlander competed in Field Trials with 4 gaining awards  
Ekkolander Dark Rivva - 1<sup>st</sup> in an All Aged Stake and 3<sup>rd</sup> in an Open Stake  
Ch Crumpsbrook Bayleaf von Rulander – 1<sup>st</sup> in the LMC Novice Stake  
Ch Raycris The Temptress - 2 x 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1 x 4<sup>th</sup>, 2 x COM all in Open Stakes  
Ch Abedecker Dancer – 3<sup>rd</sup> in a Novice Stake

Lynn O'Connell commented that it was lovely to see that the Large Munsterlander remains a truly dual purpose gun dog with the majority of Field Trial winners also being top dogs in the show ring

8. **Show Secretary's Report** : This was presented by Erin Logie : Congratulations to all winners at our club show in February. The show was a great success. Thank you to all who donated a raffle prize.

BIS and BD - SH CH Albadhu Walk On The Wildside

RBD- Crumpsbrook Jay

RBIS and BB and BV- Ursel vom Ahler Esch at Raycris

BPIS and RBB - Albadhu Final Encounter

Apologies to those who missed out on food on the day we are working on a solution for our next show to better the catering arrangements.

Our next show is the championship show held on Sunday the 4th of June! We hope you can all make it along to this show to be held at Oakridge Quarter Horses, Holme Farm, Swinderby Road, Collingham, Newark, Nottinghamshire NG23 7NZ and support our breed specialist judge Mrs Donna Kirkwood-Emery (Helydon)

The next open show is to be held on the 8th of October at Normanton on Soar village hall.

The judge for this event is Katie Lloyd (Rulander) Again I hope all can come along and support Katie as she is a breed specialist.

We are also looking for some feedback on our open shows going forward. We have been offered to run our February open show alongside Manchester Championship show. As a committee we feel this may help members with the costs of petrol etc especially after the festive period and the very long month of January ! The weather can be unpredictable at this time of the year also so it saves extra travelling!

The Manchester committee have promised us a large ring and judging can take place after LMC judging. We would love to hear members feedback so we can progress with organising this venue.

We have some certificates to hand out for various top Munsterlander of the year awards.

I wish you all a successful year with your Munsterlander and thank you for all your support the past year at club events.

Erin Logie asked members present for feedback from the floor on organising the LMC 2024 February Open Show

in association with the Manchester Championship Show at Stafford. Andy Robins commented that he stewarded on Saturday at Stafford for the UK Toy Show. One breed show following another was in his opinion not very popular with exhibitors and a lot of people got fed up and just left early.

9. **Election of Ex-Officio Officers**

**Hon Club Secretary**

Robert Suchett-Kaye was elected.

**Hon Club Treasurer**

Karen Caile was elected.

10. **Election of Management Committee**

Peter Disney and Helen Evans were elected.

Andy Graham was elected as a new member.

He was asked by members to give a summary of his life with dogs which he did. He said he was happy to help the committee in any area which included dummy throwing.

11. **Announcement of Munsterlander of the Year Awards.**

The winners of the Large Munsterlander Club Annual Awards 2022 were announced, and award cards were handed out by Committee member Peter Disney who had collated the points ( see attached sheet ). Christine Ogle ( Club President ) pointed out that Ch Raycris The Temptress and Ch Crumpsbrook Bayleaf von Rulander had competed in Field Trials and not Working Trials. The Gorsebank Lord Magnum Working Trials Trophy was not awarded.

12. **Review of Club Subscriptions :** members present decided as from 1st January 2024 to implement the subscription amounts that were set at the 2022 AGM. The subscription amounts will therefore be £5 Gamekeepers , £15 Individual, £20 Family Proposed Andy Graham Seconded Christine Ogle. Agreed unanimously.

13. **Discussion on a proposal regarding the draft code of ethics :** this was deferred ( see item 4 )

14. **Review of Club Rules:** This item was deferred ( see item 4 )

15. **Vote to accept a Code of Conduct for members :** This item was deferred ( see item 4 )

16. **Health Report:** presented by Karen Caile - Large Munsterlander Breed Health Co-ordinator

During the past year I have helped develop the Large Munsterlander health survey 2022, in conjunction with the Kennel Club. We had an amazing response of 774 dogs recorded on the survey and the results are available on the club website. However how useful the information is I am not sure. The data is anonymous unless someone leaves an e-mail address but not enough owners do that to make any further research meaningful.

I know of a breeder who has organised their own health survey for owners of puppies they have bred so they can assess any health concerns coming through their breeding programme. What a good idea.

I attended the Kennel Club Health and Welfare conference in 2022. It was useful to meet fellow health coordinators and I met with Dr Joanna Ilska ( Genetics Research Manager ) to talk about the health of our breed. She was hopeful that they could introduce estimated breeding values ( EBVs ) for elbow scores like we have for hip scores but there is not enough data yet. They want to encourage more health testing to build the database not just by breeders but owners too. But the cost of testing makes this prohibitive to most.

The Kennel Club health team are finding their webinars on subjects such as epilepsy very popular. If a webinar is oversubscribed, they will send a link to download the recording. If anyone is interested look out for future

webinars the breed health coordinators are told about them well in advance. So the information can be shared with the breed community.

17. **Sue Wood Memorial** Two applications for funding eye tests for Large Munsterlander were received by the Chair in advance of the meeting. As no applications were received in 2022, members decided that the LMC would fund both eye tests.

18. **Closure.** The meeting closed at 2.30pm

Robert Suchett-Kaye  
LMC Secretary - 4th April 2023

***These minutes were approved by the membership at the AGM held on the 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024***

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Disney', with a small dot at the end.

*P Disney – LMC Chair*