



The Large Munsterlander Club

DRAFT Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 14th April 2024 at 1.00pm, at the Normanton on Soar Village Hall, LE12 5HB and via Zoom – **pending approval at the 2025 AGM**

Members present:

In Person	Via Zoom		
Peter Disney (PD)	Erin Logie (EL)	Jack Waddington (JW)	Cathy Graham
Andy Graham (AG)	Nicky Logie	Jan Powell	Paul Chandler
Karen Caile (KC)	Aly Prowse	Gilly Blackburn	Anthony Murrell
Robert Suchett-Kaye (RSK)	Fiona Braidwood	Kate Wade	Helen Evans (HE)
Andy Robins (AR)	Becky Harding	Hilary Schrader	Hilary Flack
Lin Robins	Sarah James	Chris Bargman	
	Jo Bargman (JB)	Sam Catchpole	

Voting members present: Votes 1-4 : 23 being 5 In person & 18 via Zoom
Vote 5-14 : 25 being 6 In person & 19 via Zoom

1 Apologies

Paul Weare	Lesley Weare	Andrew Keefe
Sara Jenkins	Tom Warner	Sue Harris
Jenny Moore	Peter Moore	Karen Pilkington
Helen Kitchen	Ian Kitchen	Frances Smart
Alison Webb	James Webb	Christine Ogle
Jane Jenks		

2 Minutes of prior General Meetings

PD explained that as the minutes had been available for the past two weeks for members to request copies, along with the certified accounts, the minutes would not be read out. The meeting was asked for any comments on any of the three sets of minutes seeking approval. There were no comments offered and the meeting voted as follows:-

- VOTE – To accept the minutes of the 3rd April 2022 AGM. Carried by 86%.
- VOTE - To accept the minutes of the 26th March 2023 AGM. Carried by 86%.
- VOTE - To accept the minutes of the 12th November 2023 SGM. Carried by 91%.

3 Reports from the Officers and Management Committee

Report from the Chairman – Peter Disney

PD read out the following report.

As you will be aware, I was co-opted into the role of Chairman 10 ½ months ago along with Andy as Secretary and several new members to the Committee. Since then and having been somewhat plunged in at the deep end, we have learnt largely from scratch, developing as a team and supporting each other to become what I believe is a very effective Committee, we have never lost site of the fact that our dogs come first. We make full use of Zoom and WhatsApp so that we can quickly and fully discuss, then take action on topics as they arise, rather than waiting for a physical face to face meeting.

It was clearly a difficult period for the Club over the Summer and Autumn into Winter, dealing with various issues and completely unfounded highly negative Social Media comments whilst at the same time trying to get the badly needed new Rules approved. Since Christmas we have seen light at the end of the tunnel and there has been positive progress in addressing some legacy issues, including the appointment of Marion Sargeant as our Breed Education and Judges Coordinator. We are extremely pleased to have her onboard in those roles and working with us.

In the last 2 months the Committee has very much found its feet with individuals and sub groups working hard on a wide range of topics including, but not limited to, the introduction of new club merchandising, the Club stand ringside at Crufts, organising participation in the RKC Discover Dogs event, also at Crufts, introduction of a most effective communications campaign with integrated links back to our ever improving web site, initiatives to run additional training events and tests and most recently planning and organising a virtual Breed Appreciation Day on the 22 May plus the evolution of the Trusted Munsterlander Network for puppy matters. It is fantastic to see what is now being achieved and huge thanks goes to all those involved.

This brings me on to the way forward for the Club for the next year: we are extremely keen to hear what you the members want from the Club with respect to additional events and activities. To that end a "Have your say" informal open Zoom meeting is planned for 15 May to discuss various topics and canvass opinions that can then be acted on.

Finally, there are still several committee member posts vacant, and it would be great to see them filled. Anyone considering putting themselves forward and wishing to know more about what is involved please speak to any of the Committee: our contact details are on the web site.

There were no questions regarding the Chairman's report.

Report from the Hon Secretary – Andy Graham

AG read out the following report:-

After joining the committee at last year's AGM, I took on the role of Club Secretary on 3rd May 2023. With responsibility for the administration of the club's affairs, this report will be brief, however, I am quite happy for members to email me any questions.

- 1) I would like to start by thanking the committee for welcoming me and helping me get up to speed with the terminology and sometimes strange inner workings of breed clubs. We are broadly speaking a new team, with different and complimentary skills, able to hold robust conversations seeking the best outcome (for our dogs) that we can all get behind.
- 2) The committee held 14 meetings within the period April to December 2023, with all committee members present within the terms of the current club rules. During the year, the committee felt that the membership should be aware of the matters being discussed and decisions made, and wherever possible these have been shared on the LMC website and Facebook page.
- 3) Improving communications with members was an early priority, and there is undoubtedly more we can do, but during the year we verified membership email addresses to enable communications using the Mailchimp platform which integrates GDPR compliance. Those members not wishing to receive emails receive information by post. Updating email addresses is an ongoing process.
- 4) My predominant focus during the year was to progress the proposal for a new set of club rules and codes that had been intended to be put to the membership at the last AGM. Taking onboard input from members, amendments and further improvements were made. The new rules were approved by the members at the SGM held on 12th November 2023. The votes ran between 83% to 100% for approval, averaging 91%. I would like to thank all the members who helped create and refine the rules and who attended the SGM.

Many of the changes were to bring the rules into alignment with Kennel Club requirements, but significantly, the rules now allow for general meetings to be held virtually as well as in person, and also for members to cast online votes within virtual meetings. The move to enable members to

attend and vote online was considered a really important step forward to maximise inclusivity for all LMC members. We thank the Kennel Club for giving specific dispensation for the SGM to be held as a hybrid meeting, at which we had 40 attendees, of which 27 were online.

- 5) Looking into 2024, there is much the committee hopes to do to develop the club in a positive and purposeful way for both members and our dogs. But we also need to hear from the members as to what you want from the club. We plan to hold an online “all members welcome” meeting during May when I hope as many members as possible will join in and share how you would like the club to develop.

There were no questions regarding the Hon Secretary’s report.

Report from the Hon Treasurer – Karen Caile

KC read out the following report: -

The Income and Expenditure Account and the Balance Sheet are attached for the financial year 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023. The balance of the Current Account on 31st December 2023 was £4,819 and the Deposit/Reserve Account £8,445.

Membership subscriptions totalled £2420 for 2023, this was down by £326 from 2022. Some of the difference was due to some subscriptions for 2023 being accounted for in 2022. Going forward, the membership income will be accounted for in the correct year of membership. The membership fees have been increased from 1st January 2024 as agreed at the AGM in March 2023. Many thanks to Jo Bargman for managing the membership records so efficiently.

2023 ended with an in-year deficit of £410. We had purchased 50 new dummies for working events at a cost of £243 plus £147 for the additional costs of the Special General Meeting held on 12th November.

Working and Show events collectively generated £539 for the club. Thank you to Helen Evans for coordinating Hall Barn, a Natural Aptitude Test and the field trials this year and to Erin and Nicky Logie for organising the Championship and Open Shows. Mr Lunnon, our accountant, has again commented “I am also conscious that HM Revenue and Customs often enquires into accounts such as yours with a view to charging Corporation Tax on any investment and surplus as they then take the view you are trading rather than being a member’s non-profit club, so you many need to consider using some of the funds to avoid this issue.”

We have been careful in 2023 to not spend the LMC’s excess funds but as we go into 2024, we are organising new events such as training days and some funds will be used to subsidise the cost of attending for members of the LMC. The Breed Stand at Crufts and new leaflets cost £244; this proved to be a positive idea to raise the profile of the club, launch our new merchandise and promote the breed on the Discover Dogs booth. Thank you to Nicky and Erin Logie, Sarah James and Jo and Chris Bargman for organising these activities at Crufts. We also want to update the Breed Appreciation presentation with new images created by a professional designer. Therefore, as Mr Lunnon has recommended, we intend to use some of the excess funds for the benefit of the Large Munsterlander and their owners.

Mr Lunnon thanks the Committee for the voucher gifted to him in return for certifying the accounts. I suggest the same arrangement is in place for 2024.

I welcome any questions about the accounts directed to myself by email:
treasurer@largemunsterlanderclub.co.uk

There were no questions regarding the Hon Treasurer’s report.

The meeting voted on the adoption of the Certified Accounts for the year to 31 December 2023. Carried by 96%.

Report from the Breed Health Coordinator – Karen Caile

KC read out the following report:-

2023 was another year with low numbers of Large Munsterlander puppies registered in the UK with only 44 registrations; 6 of these being imported dogs. In the last 10 years the average number of registrations equates to 77. As of writing this report, there have been 31 registrations in January this with 3 more litters planned or due soon.

There were 16 dogs whose hips and elbows were scored with only one dog with an above mean score for hips and 3 dogs with an elbow score of 1. I attended a RKC seminar about hip and elbow scoring where it was explained that the smallest defect in just one elbow will default to a score of 1. We have Estimated Breeding Values (EBVs) for hips which collects data from all hip scores and gives a better understanding of the prevalence of hip dysplasia in the relations of a dog. The RKC believe they may have enough elbow score data now to setup EBVs for Large Munsterlanders; hopefully these will be available in the next few months.

There were 27 dogs with HC eye test results with 25 unaffected and 2 affected (1 dog bred in the UK and 1 dog imported). I wondered why the RKC don't recommend the ECVO which is the eye test carried out in Europe where any eye defect is published. The RKC's response was "With respect to ECVO, the BVA/KC/ISDS Scheme does pick up non-inherited conditions as well, so if we have dogs presented with say distichiasis, this will be picked up. The specific condition wouldn't go on a dog's record but would be relayed to the owner, and detailed as "observation made – refer to owner". These data go into the annual sightings reports,". The CHS Eye Examination is explained at <https://www.bva.co.uk/canine-health-schemes/eye-scheme/>

With thanks to Aly for collating the registration and health data from the BRS every quarter. The information is posted on the LMC website.

There has been one puppy born in the UK diagnosed with Renal Dysplasia in 2023. This is a complex inherited condition, but the RKC have no details of other cases in Large Munsterlanders including the imported puppy that was diagnosed in 2022.

I would like to setup a form that can be available to all Large Munsterlander owners to report a health condition their dog has suffered from. As soon as the RKC provide up to date population and health data, I will begin to update the Breed Health and Conservation Plan (BHCP). I would also like to form a new Health Sub- Committee to help update the BHCP, to build the health reporting form, to help review the data collected and consider if more research would be useful.

Please send me an email if you would like to ask any LM health related questions or would be interested in being part of a Health Sub-Committee.

There were no questions regarding the Breed Health Secretary's report.

Report from the Show Secretary – Erin Logie

EL read out the following report:-

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the exhibitors for their continued support in entering the LMC shows, without your entries we would be unable to put these events on. I would like to remind our members and exhibitors that we as a committee do appreciate feedback in order to ensure we are running these events well.

October show – JUDGE – MRS KATIE LLOYD (RULANDER)

BEST IN SHOW – CRUMPSBROOK JAY

RESERVE BEST IN SHOW – SH CH ALBADHU PAWSITIVE VIBES JW

BEST PUPPY IN SHOW – TARKANYA RITAS REINHART AT ALFRISTON

BEST VETERAN IN SHOW – CRUMPSBROOK ANGELICA

Held at Normanton on soar village hall. I would like to apologise for not attending this show as I was enjoying a lovely holiday in very sunny Gran Canaria. Thank you to the committee for organising the show and ensuring the day ran smoothly. It was lovely to hear such positive feedback about the show and extra points to Aly and Fiona for preparing such lovely food for everyone!

JUNE SHOW – JUDGE DONNA KIRKWOOD EMERY (HELYDON)

BEST IN HSHOW – EKKOLANDER DARK RUSSIAN VON ROCKFEST

RESERVE BEST IN SHOW AND BVIS – SH CH EKKOLANDER SNOWSTORM

BEST PUPPY IN SHOW – TARKANYA RITAS REINHART AT ALFRISTON

This was our 50th anniversary show, and it was a lovely day, cake and fake fizz were flowing and exhibitors seemed to enjoy the day. Special mention to Gilly Blackburn for her donation of fabulous raffle prizes.

JUNE SHOW THIS YEAR -2024

This year we are hosting a double championship and open show. Everyone is welcome, we have new classes this year Baby puppy and progeny. It would be lovely to see some new faces!

Please contact Erin Logie via erinlogie@live.co.uk if you need any assistance entering the show!

NEW VENUE! Cheshire show ground lots of space with a lovely menu for catering!

Champ show judge - Elaine Bradley

Open show judge - Tricia Grime

AR commented concerns over the club hosting the Championship and Open shows on the same day. PD explained that there were a variety of reasons for planning the 2024 show calendar including the availability and the rising costs for venues. We will see how the show goes and learn from it for future planning.

Report from the Field Trial Secretary – Helen Evans

HE read out the following report:-

We have had a very successful year with many working events.

We held a Natural Aptitude Test in April by kind permission of Karen & Geoff Saynor at their ground which went well.

Our next event was Hall Barn in July by kind permission of the Hon Mrs Jenefer Farncombe and I consider this was a great event, enjoyed by all, our judges did a great job and we finished in good time with no mistakes.

Helpers on the day were just enough to be able to run the event.

We have run 4 Field trials this season, 1 Open, 1 All-Aged and 2 Novice.

Our Open FT was on a new ground (Belgar Farm, Lydd) in October by kind invitation of K Copeland and Frances Briley. This was a really good ground and has been requested again for the coming season. We ran with a full card and all awards were given.

The next Novice and All Aged trials were also run in Kent by kind invitation of Frances Briley and Canalgame and both successful events.

Our last Novice FT was run in the north at Upper Helmsley, another excellent ground by kind invitation of Sean Chamberlain and Upper Helmsley Sporting.

Our Working Test at Hall Barn is booked for Sunday 30th June.

A Natural Aptitude event is planned but a final venue and date is still to be confirmed.

All working events are run to cover costs whenever possible, the Working Test made a good profit, the Field Trials were close to break even for each event.

There were no questions regarding the Field Trial Secretary's report.

RSK thanked Helen on behalf of the members for organising successful events.

Report from the Membership Secretary – Jo Bargman

JB read out the following analysis of membership numbers for 2024:-

The membership at the end of March 2024 was 271, taking account of all members named on joint memberships. This was made up of 170 joint members, 93 single members, 7 concessionary and 1 gamekeeper. So far this year there have been 25 new members joining the LMC. Of the 271 members, 170 own a Large Munsterlander.

There were no questions regarding the Membership Secretary's report.

Report from the Puppy Coordinator team – Jack Waddington, Aly Prowse, Sarah James

JW made the following comments:-

JW, SJ and AP took on the Puppy Coordinator role in Jan 2024. All enquiry emails since September 2023 were followed up. There were 59 enquiries in 2023 and 14 so far in 2024 with the team facilitating one puppy finding a home.

To help potential owners learn more about LMs the Trusted Munster Network was launched to enable meet and greet the dogs across the UK. So far there are just over 20 members supporting the network.

There were no questions regarding the Puppy Coordinator's report.

Regarding the elections of members of the committee, PD confirmed that all nominations had been properly provided and received by the Hon Secretary.

4 Election of Ex-Officio Officers

Proposal to elect Peter Disney (currently co-opted and seeking election) as LMC Chair: Vote - carried by 100%

Proposal to elect Andy Graham (currently co-opted and standing down under the three year rotation and seeking election) as LMC Hon Secretary: Vote - carried by 100%

5 Election of members of the Management Committee

PD explained that given the large number of elections his year, that the "50% management committee rotation per year" needed to be managed over the next year by committee members seeking re-election after a year of serving on the committee.

PD also explained that only "yes" votes count towards the majority required to elect, and that abstentions count the same as a "no" vote.

Proposal to elect Jack Waddington (currently co-opted and seeking election): Vote - carried by 96%
Proposal to elect Sarah James (currently co-opted and seeking election): Vote - carried by 92%
Proposal to elect Chris Bargman (currently co-opted and seeking election): Vote - carried by 100%
Proposal to elect Nicky Logie (currently co-opted and seeking election): Vote - carried by 100%
Proposal to elect Erin Logie (retiring and seeking election): Vote - carried by 96%
Proposal to elect Jo Bargman (retiring and seeking election): Vote - carried by 100%
Proposal to elect Aly Prowse (retiring and seeking election): Vote - carried by 100%
Proposal to elect Becky Harding (seeking election): PD read out a brief statement from Becky –
“We have now been owned by musters for almost 10 years and there is no doubting they have and continue to teach us a lot. We totally fell in love with the breed, and we love to share that with others too as honestly as possible. As some are aware I felt passionately about access to training for people new to the breed and gundogs, so for a couple of years organised training sessions just for Munster owners which were a massive success and oversubscribed. I have also now helped the current committee get one organised and am putting myself forward to try and help where I can as part of the committee. In the end, whether voted as part of the committee or not I will help where I can to introduce and support those new to the breeder in any way I can.”
..... Vote - carried by 92%

6 Review of Club Rules

PD noted that there had been no requests for changes to the current rules, which would be expected having just voted them in last November, but that as time goes on there will inevitably be changes that we want to make, or that we have to make as the KC dictate changes or additions that we must adopt.

There were no questions relating to club rules.

7 Review of Membership Subscriptions

PD stated that there would be no changes to the club subscriptions for 2025, though with rising costs, this was something that the committee need to consider for future years.

There were no questions relating to club membership fees.

8 Announcement of the Large Munsterlander Awards

PD read out the following awards, presenting to members in person where possible:

LARGE MUNSTERLANDER OF THE YEAR SHIELD		
1	Ch Raycris the Temptress	Christine Ogle & Dr Robert Suchett-Kaye
2	Lily	Caz Trowsdale
3	Sh Ch Albadhu Pawsitive Vibes JW	Erin Logie & Fiona Braidwood
Res	Elmer vom Blitzenbach at Amasffoy	Caro Middleton & Caz Trowsdale
THE DUFF AXE SHIELD FOR THE SHOW LARGE MUNSTERLANDER OF THE YEAR		
1	Sh Ch Crumpsbrook Woodrush	Ms J Powell & Mr A Murrell
2	Albadhu Final Encounter	Erin Logie & Fiona Braidwood
3	Sh Ch Wonglepong Wills Faramir	Peter Disney
Res	Sh Ch Albadhu Pawsitive Vibes JW	Erin Logie & Fiona Braidwood
VHC	Sh Ch Albadhu Wish Upon a Star JW	Erin Logie & Fiona Braidwood
	Sh Ch Cindy von Hundsfeild at Albadhu	Erin Logie & Fiona Braidwood
	Sh Ch Albadhu Walk on the Wildside	Erin Logie & Fiona Braidwood
	Kamaze Dance in the Dark	Peter Disney
THE Sh Ch FOXBRAE SPICE MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR THE TOP PUPPY		
1	Tarkanya Ritas Ruby with Destanli	Lin & Andy Robins
THE GORSEBANK FIELD TRIAL TROPHY		
1	Ch Raycris the Temptress	Christine Ogle & Dr Robert Suchett-Kaye
THE INCHFIELD WORKING TEST TROPHY		
1	Luna	Caz Trowsdale
2	Lily	Caz Trowsdale
THE DATROY PENNY BLACK OBEDIENCE TROPHY		
No returns		
THE SOLSTARS SCROLL FOR OBEDIENCE		
No returns		
THE BLITZAN AGILITY AWARD		
1	Quilesta Just Captivating	Annabelle Shemming
THE MOFFAT DALE AGILITY ROSETTE		
No returns		
THE GORSEBANK LORD MAGNUM WORKING TRIALS TROPHY		
No returns		
The KEN THOMSON MEMORIAL TROPHY		
No returns		

9 The Sue Wood Memorial

PD noted that there had been no applications for funded eye tests for which this memorial is set up (together with an eye test kindly funded by RSK). Therefore, the upcoming club newsletter will outline an extension to the application period and the process that will be followed to award the two funded eye tests.

10 Urgent Business

None

11 The meeting was closed at 2.10

Approved by the LMC committee.



Peter Disney – Chair
26th April 2024

Approved by the LMC membership

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