

Dear members

You may have noticed in the minutes of the 30th August Committee Meeting that there has been a change in the roles within the committee. Since the AGM back in March 2023 when Andy Graham was appointed, five of the current twelve committee members were co-opted and then appointed at the 2024 AGM; Becky Harding has been co-opted since the 2024 AGM.

While roles have settled in, the committee is keen to both develop and strengthen what we do and how we do it: additionally we would like to introduce some resilience/redundancy into the primary roles in running the club to safeguard the future. Each committee member brings different skills, and varying degrees of time that can be volunteered on a regular basis. So we have also been discussing how to get the best out of that limited committee resource.

Firstly, the committee agreed to co-opt Aly Prowse to take over the role of Honorary Secretary from Andy Graham (this is in addition to the Puppy Coordinator role Aly supports). The Secretary's role can be very time consuming, and so to assist Aly, Chris Bargman will provide an "assistant secretary" role in addition to his website role. Andy is currently in the process of supporting both Aly and Chris with a handover process. This co-option will last until the date of the 2025 AGM, at which point Aly will either stand for election by the membership, and or, the position will be open for any member to seek appointment as Honorary Secretary by election.

Secondly, over the past year, a "wish list" of tasks has been steadily growing which the committee really would like to tackle, but has never had either the resources or priority to get them actioned. Streamlining the process for managing show results and RKC submissions, looking at new payment systems and alternative or additional methods to communicate better with members are just a few examples. Therefore Andy Graham and Becky Harding will focus their time on addressing this task list. In addition, we will be looking to develop both a short and long term strategy to ensure we are focused and able to respond to the breed's requirements for its long term health and sustainability, including working with the RKC on Genetic Diversity issues.

The committee can have up to fourteen members, and we will be discussing how additional resources can further support the development of the club. If any member is interested in either joining or supporting the committee please do get in touch with any of the current committee members.

Kind regards
your LMC Committee
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