

SGM and Response from the Royal Kennel Club

The SGM in November conclusively voted to adopt the new set of Rules, Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct for Members. Some wording amendments to the drafts were introduced as the 19 proposals were worked through. The lowest majority figure was 84% and all other proposals were accepted with higher than 90%: the balance voting was in the form of abstentions with only two actual “no” votes.

As required, the documents subsequently were sent to the Royal Kennel Club for approval. Having already been scrutinised by the RKC as being acceptable if subsequently passed by the membership at the forthcoming SGM it was anticipated that there would not be a problem. We have now received a reply from the RKC approving the documents but surprisingly also requiring that the wording of rules, 52, 53 and 67 have elements deleted: those three rules were as previously sent for scrutiny and not questioned. Following the recent Committee meeting, the changes have been made in accordance with the direction received under rule 68 “.....amendments introduced specifically to meet Royal Kennel Club requirements shall be adopted immediately.....” (mandatory clause from RKC RS08 and was also in the old rules) so the new rules can now be published. To complete the process the three amendments will be formally accepted by the club at the 2024 AGM.

The new documentation is now in effect to date 22 December 2023 and is available to members through the club web site.