

LANCASHIRE & MERSEYSIDE FIELD TRIAL SOCIETY
ID No 677
24th Annual General Meeting, held 14th April 2009, 7.30 pm,
Dog and Partridge Public House Charnock Richard, Lancashire

MINUTES

In the absence of Mr P Pedder (Chairman) due to illness, Mrs P Clover (Hon General Secretary) acting as Chairman, welcomed those attending and the AGM commenced.

Present: Mrs P Clover, Messrs G Hodgson (Hon Treasurer), N Aubrey (Field Trial Secretary and Working Test Secretary), Committee Members – Mrs M Crawford, Messrs M McDermott and Roberts. Mesdames M Crawford, T Dainton, S Halstead and Messrs P Dainton and J Halstead,

1. **Apologies:** Messrs P Pedder (Chairman), R Sandham, Mesdames Mrs A Licciardi, A Wales and C Munn

2. **Minutes of Last AGM:** That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 16th April 2008 were a true record:

Proposed Mr G Hodgson, Seconded Mr S Roberts

Carried

3. **Matters Arising from the Minutes:** Nil

4. **Chairman's Report:** Due to illness, the Chairman had been unable to submit a report.

5. **Secretary's Report:** Since the last Annual General Meeting, seven committee meetings have been held. Many thanks to Anna and Peter Pedder who kindly held six of these meetings at their home. Several items of interest were discussed at these meetings and those of particular interest were firstly, that the question raised at the AGM of 2008 of "A Panel judges being unable to judge because they were running their own dog in the championships," was given much careful thought. Other local gundog clubs were spoken to with various replies, but ingeneral the feeling was "No Change". Other interesting items were that in June 2008, four members from our club attended a most interesting Scottish Seminar. Plans commenced towards holding a Judges Seminar of our own in the future, many thanks to Margaret Crawford for trying to find a suitable venue and to Anna Licciardi who did much towards getting the idea "off the ground". We are all extremely grateful to Vic Barlow who kindly acquired and subsequently paid for, new club shirts for our team for the Team Working Test at Chatsworth. Our team did extremely well and were placed second. With the termination of Marsh Insurers providing 3rd party insurance, Gordon Hodgson our Treasurer kindly acquired a quote from AXA through Rockford Insurers for 3rd party liability. Nick Aubrey kindly drew up a set of Health and Safety Rules and also as both our Field Trial Secretary and Working Test Secretary, Nick has put much thought and effort into an exciting programme. In addition to this he has also sent to all members, results from events throughout the year. Thanks must go to Stan Roberts who kindly caters for judges at our events. Mick McDermott, Richard Sandham and Lisa Marson have all "done their bit" and the committee has been very active with all members supporting the tests and trials. Landowners, judges and guns have been appropriately thanked throughout the year. Finally, Honorariums, which are paid in arrears, were reviewed and are now ready for approval from the body of the Annual General Meeting - the Hon General Secretary to receive £400, the Hon Treasurer £500 and the Field Trial/Working Test Secretary £300 total for both positions. All amounts include telephone but not expenses. I wish the Society well for the forthcoming year.

6. **Treasurer's and Membership Secretary's Report:** Gordon Hodgson reported that the Society is in a good financial position. He also informed that there has been a steady stream of new members throughout the year. At a previous Committee Meeting, it had been agreed that the date of the AGM should be the final date for payment of any outstanding subscriptions. Therefore, from the date of this AGM, those members who have not paid subscriptions for the current season, will be required to rejoin the Society.

7. **Adoption of the Financial Statement:** As at 03.04.09, the bank accounts held contain the following – *Savings Account* £7507.46, and *No. 2 Working Account* £250.00 giving a total of £7757.64. Since that date, a further £155 has been received from Dutton Doghouse Working Test entries and raffle and 3 new applications for membership. Details of the Financial Statement are included at the end of these minutes. That Financial Statement be accepted: