

Breed Council Special General Meeting

13th. November 2014

A Special General Meeting of the Breed Council was held at the Holiday Inn Stafford on Thursday 13th November. It was attended by delegates from the eight participating clubs and a number of fully paid up members of some of the participating clubs. There were two items on the agenda: - (a) DCM funding and (b) The Breed Council and the way forward.

The Health Co-ordinator gave an up to date report on the finances left from the original funding and also had to inform the meeting that the day before she had received the disappointing news that the Kennel Club Charitable Trust had rejected the grant application for further funding to keep the research going in the long term. The delegates unanimously agreed to release the £4,000-00 held in the BC health account in order to keep the project going in the short term and give time for the Clubs/BC and Liverpool to produce another proposal for reduced funds to keep the research going in the longer term. The Great Dane Club Wales had produced examples for the delegates to take back to their committees so they could give instructions on the way forward. The £4,000-00 was monies raised by the clubs and kind individuals this year, also including the profits made from the BC Health Days.

The Chairman asked each club if they wished the BC to continue and if they wished to be part of the BC. There was unanimous affirmative to both questions. Each club was then asked what problems they thought there were with the BC and lastly how they could be addressed. A number of minor problems were identified along with the main problem being communication, from BC to the members via the clubs and also a lack of interclub communications. Some of these problems could be addressed immediately others have been taken back to the club committees for further discussion. The meeting closed with the unanimous agreement that all eight clubs will endeavour to work together for the betterment of Great Danes and should any problems arise however small they would be addressed immediately before they affected that resolve.

It was pointed out to the club members that attending the meeting that the Breed Council is not a governing body, it is there for the eight participating clubs to liaise with the Kennel Club, so that the members can put their ideas and thoughts to the clubs and they can be discussed by the delegates around one table and taken to the KC.

The next meeting of the BC delegates will be in April prior to the BC AGM and it is hoped to have a draft proposal for further DCM funding ready for submission to the KCCT. The eight breed clubs also will have looked at improving ways of getting the message of the work being done by the BC also out to the club members.