

Held at Lincolnshire CC on 22nd September 2018 at 14:00.

1. Present;

A.Barnicott, N.Matthews, P.Ramsden, S.Walker, S.Kime, B.Crick, J.Crick, M.Thorpe, N.Taylor, G. Taylor, M.Taylor, P. Wardman, E.Wardman, L.Leach, D.Payne, R.Lee, E.Burton, C.Booty, B.Pitt, K.Whitehouse-Lowe, M.Pascoe (23 Members)

2. Apologies:

C&D.Allen-Holmes, A&D.Rolph, S.Richardson, H.Beaudin, S.Ford, G.Thorpe, C&A.Smith, S.Pearce, M.Bell, J.Saynor (Judging), K.Dudding (Running Lincoln show) (14 Members)

3a. 2017 Minutes:

These were circulated, and a moment given to read

3b. 2017 Matters arising:

S.Walker raised concern that the provisional 2017 minutes on the website were different to the ones circulated in the meeting.

Nikki Matthews explained the minutes on the website had been rewritten after the AGM by the previous chair and the ones circulated today were those taken by the secretary at the 2017 AGM - therefore a true representation and the only ones to be considered.

These minutes were accepted.

Proposed P. Wardman Seconded L. Leach.

4. Presidents address: Dr Pam Ramsden

Pam thanked everyone for attending and is grateful that she was elected as the new President of the club. Pam encouraged everyone to remain positive, and if there are any concerns to contact the club so items can be addressed, issues should not be put on social media, to cause drama and for nothing to be addressed. Pam is looking forward to assisting in taking the club forward.

5. Chairman's Address: Mrs Nikki Matthews

I will keep this brief as I have quite a lot to say later and don't want you to be fed up with the sound of my voice.

Welcome everybody and thank you for your understanding in the change of venue. Unfortunately, Warwickshire show was more than 15 months after the 2017 AGM, and therefore didn't comply with the BCC regulations, and I feel as a club we are under very close scrutiny, and this had to be addressed.

At the last AGM, the chair expressed how the club had been through quite a turbulent time, hopefully now with new leadership and executive and the support of you the members, we can get this club back to being seen a strong valuable asset to the cavy fancy.

I would like to thank those who served on the committee in the last term and those who have committed to serve again and I ask you as members to talk to us, so we can represent you as we should.

6. Secretary/Treasurer report: Mr Aaron Barnicott

Thank you everyone for coming, as I have only been fulfilling the role short term, I will keep this short.

The Club Website is being updated currently, thank you to Sue Ford who continues to be the website master.

We are currently in the process of compiling the new handbook, Mark Pascoe has kindly offered to collate everything and be the editor. We are accepting stud adverts, breed articles etc, the book shall be in full colour, £15 for half a page and £25 for a full page. Please get in touch if you would like to contribute.

The point shows continue to be supported across the country.

The Stock shows again are supported well, we have had 10 stock shows this year, a few extra were planned, approximately, there was around 60 entries per show, however Real London had a total of 103.

Our membership keeps us as the second largest breed club with 124 members, and we now have 5 junior members which is lovely to see.

The next ballot will be in 2020.

As I have only been the Secretary from June this year, Pam has completed the finances for 2017, as they run Jan to Dec.

The accounts were circulated and accepted.

Proposed: P. Wardman Seconded: D. Payne

7. BCC Breed Update: Mr Aaron Barnicott

As the AGM is so late in the year and so close to the next BCC meeting, I shall just highlight the major changes:

Argente – this was rescheduled to the Guide Standard Section, so that the standard could be reviewed, it also accepted the slate-based colours too.

Chinchilla – This standard was modified following a meeting with the breeders and the BCC chairman, however since then, the numbers have dropped on the showing circuit.

Ridgeback – this was rescheduled to NEB, with a standard change to aim for a more solid colour, and only to allow for a patch of a second colour no bigger than a pound coin for 2 years. There has been an increase in the number shown, and are meeting the standard, we now have a RVCC champ from Hero Cavies.

Belted – These were rescheduled to NEB due to the lack in numbers, however following this, there has been an increase in numbers shown.

Minipli – After going through assessment class, these were given NEB status.

Nikki Matthews added – She feels that some movements have helped to improve the breeds and also the numbers

8. BCC Update: Mrs Nikki Matthews+

N.Matthews thanked P.Wardman for being the clubs rep at the BCC.

Nikki asked if the members present were aware of the English Self CC proposal to the BCC, a lot at the meeting were aware, however Nikki read this out

“The ESCC should formally request that the BCC recognises the ESCC as the sole specialist club responsible for the development of all new varieties of self. The ESCC would be responsible for a structured process of progression through three categories....

New and Emerging selfs

Guide Standard selfs

Full Standard selfs

The specialist club (ESCC) is the best organisation for promoting the development of self varieties and for the overseeing the progression of colours through the three groups, other specialist club would have no responsibility for this process, although the RVCC would be able with the ESCC’s approval to put on classes for new emerging and guide standard self colours at its stock shows. “

This proposal was firstly at the ESCC AGM, where the proposer (D.Roper) and seconder (A.Heale) were not present, and that B.Mayoh discussed it.

The ESCC has also put a proposal to the BCC for the Blue to be taken to full standard, however the RVCC has not been consulted.

A response from the RVCC has been proposed and this was read out:

“RVCC response to proposal from the ESCC to have sole responsibility for any Self Cavies.

The RV Club was established and has always catered for any new cavy varieties - helping members to improve their breeds and move through the relevant sections with the goal of achieving Full Standard status and moving on to the appropriate Breed Club. In more recent years with full agreement from the BCC this has progressed and developed so that the Club who will ultimately take responsibility for said breed has taken a lead and also offered classes at their Stock Shows.

A number of people who voted for the proposal at The English Self AGM believed they were voting to endorse this current successful practise, The reality is that if the BCC endorse this proposal the RV Club will be bypassed completely and have no future involvement with regard to any Self colours it already caters for and any new variants that may appear in the future.

The RVCC question the motivation behind this proposal as they cannot see that the development of any cavy will be bettered by one club having exclusive rights as opposed to two Clubs working together

(with the specialist club taking the lead) and do not see it as a forward step in promoting breeds or the Cavy Fancy as a whole. The RVCC have not had any official communication from the English Self CC about this matter either prior or post proposition. If we as BCC members vote in favour of this proposition, we are in contravention of current BCC rules and, by allowing one club to run roughshod over another we are not fulfilling our obligation and duty to support ALL BREED CLUBS.

If passed and BCC rules having to be amended this would set a precedent for other breed clubs to also bypass the RVCC in the future. The RVCC executive and members therefore ask BCC members to reject this proposal.”

M.Thorpe claimed she feels that the ESCC feels that the RVCC is not competent.

The response read out, was then put to vote, if accepted this would be sent to the BCC council – this was passed unanimously.

9. Standards Committee

Due to the change of committee, there is no current update, however they plan to meet in due course following the BCC meeting, and an update will be made available.

10. Proposal – Rule Change (A.Barnicott/M.Pascoe)

FROM: Rule 6. Vacancies in Club Positions

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Proposal: Carried

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To change from a mandatory postal ballot and to use an electronic ballot also, for members that supply their email address.

The postal ballot costs the club around £120, and then costs you as a member to post back, use of electronic ballot will reduce this cost for the club, and allow spending for more trophy shows etc.

FROM: Rule 4. Officers of the Club.

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Proposal: Carried

12. Life Member Proposal (S.Pearce/S.Ford)

For Ann Rolph to be added as a life member, she has been an active member, judge and president for the club for many years.

*Post AGM Note – A Letter has been sent to Mrs Rolph to make her aware. *

Proposal: Carried

13. AOB – To be accepted at the Chairman's Discretion

None were brought forward.

The meeting was then adjourned, and everyone was thanked for their support of the club and attendance.

Meeting closed at 15:07

Aaron Barnicott

The 2017 awards were then presented:

<u>Full Standard</u>	
Argente Golden Lilac/Beige	Burtwood Cavies
Argente AOC	Poppins
Satin Solid	Fahoogle Cavies
Satin AOV	Blue Rose Cavies
Junior Full Standard AV	Megan Sheeran
Full Standard Challenge	3 rd – Alston & Joyce 2 nd – Fahoogle Cavies 1 st - Poppins
<u>Guide Standard</u>	
Blue	D&C Payne
Harlequin	James Taylor
Lunkarya	Moonshadow
Magpie	Cotton Town Cavies
Swiss	Mell Bell
Chinchilla	Kingate Cavies (had at Real London)
Solid Argente	Burtwood Cavies
AOV Guide Standard (with a blue crested)	Hazapig (had at Real London)
Tri/Bi Colour	Cotton Town Cavies
Guide Standard Challenge	3 rd – Cotton Town Cavies 2 nd – Moonshadow 1 st – Mell Bell
<u>New & Emerging Breeds</u>	
Californian	Saywell Cavies
Ridgeback	Hero Cavies
Caramel	Burtwood Cavies

Junior NEB AV	Savannah Cavies
NEB Challenge	3 rd – Lord Cavy Stud 2 nd – Aurora Cavies (had at Real London) 1 st – Saywell Cavies