

Held at Real London on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 14:35.

**1. Present;**

A.Barnicott, N.Mathews, P.Ramsden, P. Wardman, E. Wardman, R. Bridge, J. Eglington, P. Pizer, J. Saynor, E.Burton, S. Ford, R. Stanley, L. Godwood, P. Knapman, C.Smith (15 Members)

**2. Apologies:**

O. Joyce (Judging), A. Rolph, D. Payne (Judging), S. Pearce, A. Pizer, M. Harding, M & G Thorpe, A. Smith, M. Pascoe, T. O'Neil. (10 Members)

**3a. 2018 Minutes:**

These were circulated, and a moment given to read

**3b. 2018 Matters arising:**

Nikki raised that following the 2018 minutes, the RVCC responses that were accepted at our AGM were sent to the BCC, however the chairman of the BCC had informed the members of the BCC to ignore the responses.

The ESCC is the prime responsible club for cavies of a new self-colour, however not the sole responsible club.

These minutes were accepted.

Proposed P.Wardman Seconded P. Ramsden.

**4. Presidents address: Dr Pam Ramsden**

Pam thanked everyone for attending the AGM being held at the Real London, and it is a long drive for many members, the club is running smoothly, and membership is of a great number. Aaron and Mark have done a great job of the handbook, the RVCC remains in a great position.

**5. Chairman's Address: Mrs Nikki Mathews**

I have very much enjoyed my first year as RV Chairman, thank you to all the executive and the members for your continuing support.

Special thank you to Aaron for all the hard work he does for the club as secretary, another thank you to Aaron and Mark for compiling the new handbook.

The Breed Standard Committee had a very productive meeting where we were able to discuss all the breeds, we cater for in preparation for our rep to take to the next BCC meeting.

Please remember as an exec we are here to represent you the members, we are not mind readers, we are all approachable, so please let us know your thoughts/views/vision for the club and its breeds, so we can continue to work together.

**6. Secretary/Treasurer report: Mr Aaron Barnicott**

Thank you everyone for coming, I will keep this short.

The new handbook was released at the NCC Stafford show, thank you to Mark for being such a good support and creating this book for the club.

Thank you to Nikki for being a great Chairman and leading the club forward, we have not received any complaints which is wonderful.

Thank you to Sue Ford who continues to be the website master, points are on there as soon as the paperwork has been completed, please let us know if you would like anything adding on to the website.

We are still the second largest breed club within the UK, which is great news, as our membership is growing more, this includes our junior members whose competition seems to be tighter than the adult members.

The 2018 accounts were circulated and accepted.

Proposed: P.Wardman Seconded: J. Eglington

**7. BCC Breed Update: Mr Pete Wardman**

Pete thanked the members for allowing him to be the BCC rep.

The main item from the BCC 2018 was that the blue went through, this was a 50/50 and the BCC chair cast the deciding vote.

Nikki personally added, despite a personal onslaught of abuse before and during the meeting I did ride it out, and we managed to get the ESCC proposal amended to “prime” instead of “sole” responsibility for new self-colours, however, an article in cavies and the upcoming BCC agenda doesn't concur with this.

Proposal for self-blue was voted to full standard despite the RV request that the proposal to be withdrawn and re-presented at the next BCC meeting so the RV Blue breeders could be consulted, and the proposal put to the AGM for the members to vote.

The ESCC would not withdraw the proposal and put it forward despite not having taken it to their own AGM for member ratification. The vote was tied with 2 abstentions.

Chairman then voted in favour going against convention of going with the status quo ie, the majority were not in favour. Following the BCC meeting, I received an apology from the ESCC.

### **8. BCC Update: Mrs Nikki Mathews+**

N.Mathews thanked P.Wardman again for continuing to be the clubs rep at the BCC.

Nikki **personally** explained that she has grave concerns over the BCC. This was endorsed by a recent document sent out to all the reps asking them to agree to a list of behaviours that gives the Chairman of the BCC the power to decide if someone has a conflict of interest and thus stopping them from speaking or voting at the BCC meeting.

The RV rep passed this to the exec whose response was to disagree, the rep has been voted by our members to represent them, and the exec response was that the members should decide if the rep had a conflict of interest and not the BCC chair and act how they saw fit.

Immediately the BCC chair said he was going to distribute the RV response along with his comments to all clubs. Incidentally we were the first to disagree, but subsequently other clubs did and so the BCC chair never acted on this.

BCC processes have been put on the agenda for the meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> Sept by another club who objected but this is at the end of the meeting, however the agenda has included at the start of the meeting a declaration from the reps as to what interest they have in other clubs, again ignoring that at least 4 clubs have objected to this being implemented.

The BCC chair also informed reps via email, not to discuss BCC business but can express personal opinion's.

Caroline – Its tough at times and we have to be strong, I wish luck to all.

### **9. Standards Committee**

As outlined above.

### **10. AOB (To be accepted by the chairman's discretion)**

Jme – Californian AOVs, where would a satin cali go? – We referred to the BCC notes, and would be assessment class, despite a satin Himalayan being allowed, and this would be brought up for the next standard committee meeting.

Jme – Assessment Class, why do we have it? It was discussed that the assessment has always been there, however the process has been tightened and more enforced.

Aaron – Its with great pleasure to announce we have had 2 champion claims these are Lord Cavy Stud with a Californian and Beauvale Cavies with a Minipli.

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

Meeting closed at 15:40

**Aaron Barnicott**

The 2018 awards were then presented:

<u>Full Standard</u>	
Satin Solid	Fahoogles Cavies
Satin AOV	Lucy Godwood
Junior Full Standard AV	Fahoogles Cavies
Full Standard Challenge	
<u>Guide Standard</u>	
Argente Gold/Lilac	Burtwood Cavies
Argente Lemon/White/Lilac	Poppins
Blue	Harmony Cavies
Californian Black Pointed	Aurora Cavies
Californian Chocolate Pointed	Lord Cavy Stud
Harlequin (Joint Winners)	Fahoogles Cavies & Burtwood Cavies
Lunkarya	Gallagher & Nowell
Magpie	Burtwood Cavies
Swiss	Mell Bell
Chinchilla Chocolate Based	Kingate Cavies
Chinchilla Grey Based	Kingate Cavies
Solid Argente	Burtwood Cavies
Tri/Bi Colour	Grange Cavies
Guide Standard Challenge	Gallagher & Nowell
<u>New &amp; Emerging Breeds</u>	
Belted	Belton Cavies
Minipli	Topmeadow Cavies
Ridgeback	Hero Cavies
Caramel	Burtwood Cavies
NEB AOV	Foxtales Stud
NEB Challenge	Burtwood Cavies