

# BAVARIAN MOUNTAINHOUND SOCIETY OF GB

Annual General Meeting  
23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Association held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024 at High Lodge, Thetford Forset, Brandon IP27 0AF and via Zoom.

**PRESENT:** Minna Borsuk (Chairman), Peter Cheeseman, Dawn Seago (Health Co Ordinator), Kristin Waeber, Helen Clymer (BEC), Jenny Paul, Debbie Tucker, Jonathan Roe, John Derbyshire, Helen Coles

Minna Borsuk (Chairman) chaired the meeting.

Minna Borsuk opened the meeting at 10:00 by welcoming those present and thanking them for attending for the meeting.

## 1 Apologies for absence

The following members sent apologies for their absence from the AGM:  
Simon Wardle, Ann- Marie Hill, Kate Kemp, Chad Russell, Dal Borsuk, Andrea and Mark Slaymaker

## 2 Minutes of the 2023 AGM

The Minutes of the 2023 AGM were circulated online and reviewed by those present. They were proposed as an accurate record of the 2023 AGM.

The chairman of the meeting Minna Borsuk to signed them.  
Proposed by Helen Coles and seconded by Helen Clymer no objections

## 3 Matters arising

There were no matters arising out of the 2023 AGM minutes.

## 4 Chairman's Report

The chair, Minna Borsuk, presented their report as follows:

Thank you all for your attendance of the BMHS of GB AGM.

It has been another busy year for the society.

Training and Test days have taken place across the country. Cannock venue, with great assistance from Simon Wardle has run induction days for Korthal Griffons and GWPs with great intake on training.

Number of hounds passed their Lvl I and II tests which is great to see.

It is also great to see number of different breeds attending our training days learning about blood tracking.

Since moving onto the breed register, number of Gen CH Show and Open shows have kindly scheduled classes. Number of BMH have been exhibited and were qualified for Crufts 2024.

It is important to ensure that the conformation of the breed stays true to the working origins of the breed as is correct conformation to ensure that the hounds are able to do days work and be fit for function. We do not want to see overweight, oversized, badly constructed hounds being awarded prizes. It was great to see a true working hound to achieve Best of Breed at Crufts 2024, just after 2 weeks of returning from working in Scotland.

On behalf of the society, I would like to give a very special thank you to Forestry England and its staff, especially their wildlife and recreation rangers around the country for all of their support and assistance with our training areas and help in providing much of our bio degradable training equipment! We fully appreciate all the support they give us and their recognition of what we stand for and do as a society. Without them our training section would not be anywhere near as successful as it is.

I would also like thank all the training officers across the country who give up their free time to run training days and sometimes spend days away from their families to do so.

As the current Chairman I would like to give all our committee members a massive thank you for all the help and support you have given me in this role over the last year

## 5 Secretary's Report

First I would like to thank Minna for her indefatigable energy and drive that keeps the society moving forward. She has been at the core of everything we strive to achieve as a society, and I'm sure we all look forward to the future. Thanks must also go to the rest of the committee who have worked so hard for the good of the society. Rescue continues to do a great job of supporting the breed, so thanks to Clare Russel for everything she does. Thank you to the forestry commission for permission to hold our training days, and to our training officers for the work they put in. All in all a good year, and hopefully next year will be even better!

## 6 Treasurer's Report

Mark Slaymaker presented the treasurer's report as follows:

The club made an operating surplus of £904.12 in 2023. This compares with £1279.25 in 2022 and £2593.87 in 2021.

The highlights are:

The income from membership subscriptions was £1460.00 in 2023 compared with £1499.00 in 2022.

General income was £5597.50 compared with £5600.00 in 2022, which is a small overall change and include:

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Income from membership subscriptions was £1460.00 in 2023 compared with £1499.00 in 2022.  
Income from training and tests of £3521.50 in 2023 and £3479.00 in 2022.

Expenditure was recorded as £4693.38 which is a increase of £372.63 when compared with 2022. This included over £900 for a GPS collar and handset.

During the year we moved the primary bank accounts from HSBC to NatWest.

The balances at the close of business on 31st December 2023 stood at:

PayPal £5227.65

NatWest £11402.93

Natwest Rescue £1319.09

Cash £195.70

Giving the society as of the 31st December 2023:

Net Assets £18145.37

Some highlights of income and expenditure are:

Training and test days ran at a surplus of around £2400

Shows expenditure showed a loss of approximately £520

GPS equipment £929

Other notable elements are:

One off payment to set up the new booking system approximately £100

Ongoing online infrastructure approximately £632. This has increased due to general price rises and the need for long term storage of club records.

It is worth noting that there are frequently expenses that carry over from one year to the next as well as income that occurs in the year before associated expenses occur. In 2023 there were several expenses submitted that related to

events in 2022. In addition, there was a reasonable amount of income in late 2023 that related to training or test days that will occur in 2024.

I would also like to remind all members that expenses can only be claimed for activities sanctioned by the committee, and the committee expect that expenses are kept to a minimum. This is especially important when considering accommodation and travelling distances.

The club is currently in a health financial position, but there is a reasonable of equipment that will need replacing over the next few years that.

We could also look at moving some money to rescue as well as investigate interest bearing savings accounts.

Finally, thanks to Helen for organising the auditing of the accounts.

Helen Coles asked a question if the Society folds, where do the funds go, will they go to the RKC? Minna Borsuk replied the funds definitely do not go to the RKC but she would need to check the rules and regulations. – NOTE; after checking rules and regulations,

the Society would need to hold a SGM in order to decide best use of any funds in case the Society ceases to exist.

John Derbyshire asked a question re interest on the account as there was not any and if it would make sense to put funds onto an interest bearing account? Minna Borsuk to follow up – NOTE; current account is non interest bearing account. As per note on Treasurers report we are going to look at alternative accounts and move funds accordingly.

Minna Borsuk added that due to upgrades and changes in IT systems, e.g Dropbox and the booking system, there were additional costs. Renewal cost for old booking system increased by 3 fold, therefore it made sense to move to an alternative more detailed system.

## **7 Approval of audited accounts**

The accounts being duly approved by the society auditors.  
Proposed by Helen Coles and seconded by Peter Cheeseman, no objections.

Minna Borsuk asked him the membership was happy for Helen Coles to carry on as an auditor.  
Proposed by Helen Clymer and seconded by Dawn Seago, no objections.

## **8 Breed Education Co Ordinator Report**

The JEP report has been filed.

This year 2024 The Society requires to hold a Breed (BAD) and Judging seminar which a date and venue is required to be allocated.

Amendments have been made to the JEP and come into effect on 1st January 2024.

The number of Hounds and Judges are slowly and steadily growing for the breed shows.

In 2023 The Society sponsored shows.  
Humberside Hound x 2  
South Eastern Hound Association  
Redditch & District Canine Society

In 2024 the Society has & will be sponsoring the following shows  
Hound Club Of East Anglia  
Redditch & District Canine Society  
Lichfield  
Humberside Hound x 2  
Newmarket District Canine

An addition Judge was also added to the Judging List

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## 9 Health and Welfare Report

Dawn Seago Presented Health and Welfare report as follows:

I would like to remind anyone who is a member of the society, health testing and a working test are detailed under our Code of Ethics. If you are thinking about breeding from your BMH it might be a good idea to read through the C of E as a refresher.

Full details are on the website

[www.bmhs.org.uk](http://www.bmhs.org.uk)

94 puppies were registered in 23, compared to 84 in 22

With news of the Canine Genetics Centre needing more funding I contacted Bryan McLaughlin on how we continue with the Epilepsy DNA kits, his reply was to keep issuing them to people who requested them as they are still storing them for future use. This service so he informed me is safe for at least two years, we will be informed of any changes.

We still require the help of BMH owners with this effort.

If you require kits please get in touch with myself. When I send a kit please use it as it does cost the Society monies for kits.

[dawnseago@gmail.com](mailto:dawnseago@gmail.com)

Or contact the society

There have been some reports on Aujeszky Disease also known as Pseudorabies, affects pigs and wild boar. This is confined to France only, to find out more you can read about this on GOV.uk on the DEFRA site. The risk is still very low for UK.

If you are considering breeding and would like to know how to avoid producing puppies affected by certain conditions, or just understand your dogs DNA, the Laboratories listed below are the ones the Kennel Club recommends to maintain the integrity of results

Animal DNA Diagnostics UK

Animal Genetics UK

Labokiln UK

Minna Borsuk advised the membership of the Health Survey results. There were 36 submissions and 31% of respondents were epilepsy related. This is a large number of hounds. Full results are available on social media as well as on the website.

## 10 Rule change – increase of committee members

Minna Borsuk advised the membership of a SGM held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023 where increasing of number of committee members from 4 to 7 was discussed and agreed upon. The Royal Kennel Club approved the rule change. This meant that there was 1 vacancy on the committee.

One nomination for Dan Cockett had been received as per the rules and regulations stated on the AGM Notification and correctly signed by Dan Cockett.

Dan Cockett was duly elected – proposed by Jenny Paul and seconded by Dawn Seago  
no objections

## 11 Election of 2024 committee (6)\* & Honoraria and Donations

(\*) The following Committee members retire in 2023:

The term of office for the following committee members expired at the AGM:

Steve Coles  
Kate Kemp  
Dawn Seago  
Ann Marie Hill  
Simon Wardle

As per the societies rule, they were eligible to stand for re-election and all indicated that they would be happy to continue.

The above was proposed by Helen Clymer and seconded by Helen Coles, no objections

Minna Borsuk informed the membership of Honarium given to Secretary and Treasurer – both receiving £100.00. The AGM agreed unanimously, proposed by Helen Coles and seconded by Helen Clymer. No objections.

Helen Coles reminded that payments need to be made within 2024. Minna Borsuk to ensure this is done and not carried over to 2025.

Minna Borsuk advised the membership that the society does not usually do donations but in this instance it would be appropriate to make a donation to the RVI ICU unit. Chad and Claire Russell's son Corey was in serious accident and if it was not for the members of public, the Air Ambulance and RVI ICU unit, he would not be here today.

Helen Coles proposed £100.00. Minna Borsuk felt that £200.00 would be appropriate.

The AGM agreed to donate £200.00 to RVI ICU unit, proposed by Helen Clymer and seconded by Peter Cheesman.

Minna Borsuk to reach out Chad Russell and arrange payment.

### Any other business (at the discretion of the Chairman)

None

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was close by Minna Borsuk at 10:45