



2020 AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held electronically on
Sunday 30th August 2020 at noon.

MINUTES

1) Those casting e-votes

Mrs E LaRoche	Mr & Mrs J Pattullo	Mrs P MacAllister
Mrs S Westmoreland-Caunter	Mrs J Ward	Mrs J Humphreys
Mrs A Stephenson	Ms G Goddard	Mrs J Hartshorne
Miss C Rowlandson	Mr & Mrs M Shah	Mrs J Hamilton
Ms C Fry	Miss L Blunden	Mr G Lilley
Mr & Mrs Piper	Mr J Gilder	Mr J Cuddy
Mrs C Walker	Miss S Tindall	Mrs H Male
Mrs G Patrick	Mrs Jacqui Ward	Mrs G Bowers
Mrs L Mort	Ms C Meacham	Mrs L McWhinnie
Mrs M Paterson	Mr A Health	

2 Approval of the previous minutes 26 FOR, 6 ABSTENTIONS

3 Chairman's Report

I welcome you all to this, our first 'online' Annual General Meeting - we gather here in spirit if not in body! 2020 has certainly been a year to remember... and not for reasons that have been beneficial to the dog world. We will certainly look back on this time and wonder at how the Breed and General Canine Clubs have managed to stay afloat. Luckily, there is an abundance of passion within the pedigree dog fraternity and that leads to many taking on extra responsibilities and often a new workload. For us, within the LRA, we ended 2019 with more funds than usual - mostly due to the successful Rally Day in June - and that has taken the pressure off and helped us through the potential deficit of cancelled events and non-existent fund-raising. We start this new financial year in a strong place and feel positive that some of our planned events will take place, enabling us to gather and enjoy some social times with our lovely Lagotti.

In 2019 we held a super Raduno in July, together with the AGM. This event is always well-supported and enables members to learn, play and socialise in a location where dogs can be safely off-lead and where jumps, frames and rings can be erected for various competitions and tryouts. This is a free to members event and we are planning our 2021 day now! Watch this space!

In June 2019 we held an 'open to all' Rally Day with Open Obedience in Somerton, Somerset. The feedback from those that attended was very positive and proceedings went well. A large surplus was accrued for the LRA, which you'll see in the Financial Report. This kind of undertaking, however beneficial for fund-raising, requires a large team of people - please don't hesitate if you'd like to be involved in Rally, Obedience or Agility organisation. I'm sure we will be running events in the next year or so - discussions are underway and we will keep you all informed.

The Judge Education Committee planned two seminars for 2019/2020, but both had to be cancelled due in the main to the changing system within the Kennel Club, but we do have a 2021 seminar in the calendar (for February) and a number of interested judges. If you are interested in learning more about conformation and the show ring,

please speak to a committee member. New events are in the planning stage and we would like to organise a day for our members to learn and ask 'breed' questions in a social setting.

Our website rebuild is well underway and Jen Ward is overseeing the changes, with help from other members of the committee. Keep checking in and soon I hope you will be pleasantly surprised to see the new layout and content. We will, of course, advise you via email when it is fully up and running. Our FaceBook page will be used, in addition to emailing members, for advising you of events and news.

I will end this report by asking you to celebrate with the committee on recently receiving approval from the Kennel Club for our requested amendments to the Lagotto Romagnolo Breed Standard. The process has taken in excess of eighteen months from the initial research stage, plus extended approval time due to Covid-19, but finally we have a Standard as close to the FCI Standard as is possible to reach, within the constraints of KC structure and style. The Judge Education Committee is delighted with the outcome. You will soon be able to view the new Standard on our website at www.lagottoromagnoloassociation.co.uk when it is officially published by the Kennel Club.

Finally, may I extend a big 'thank you' Members' for your continued support of the LRA during difficult times - when large gatherings have not been possible. We appreciate you staying with us and look forward to seeing you with your dogs later in the year or early in 2021.

Best wishes, Carolyn Fry

4 **Treasurer's Report**

Currently there were 152 Members (both individual and joint/family) (with around 100 UK Members and balance across the world). With current healthy funding levels there is no proposal to increase further at this time.

International Calendar competition was again a success, although down on last year it is still well received by membership and profitable way of raising funds for the organisation. A great success for the 7th year running.

Events and activities continue to be planned to ensure they are self-funding and cost effective. The net surplus of over £2400 for the year was due to events being predominantly self-funding and with no abnormal large costs incurred, leaving ongoing funds over £6800. All events this past year ran at either breakeven or surplus.

Main Events that will not be self-funded are the Raduno and AGM, which come out of any surpluses we may make.

We held our third Open Show in September which was held at the Richmond Championship Show 2019 and with plans initially to hold another Open Show at WELKS 2020 but this was cancelled due to Covid19 issues.

Administration expenditure continues to be kept to a minimum. This year we do not incur any website costs with minimal costs to replace minor items used for events.

The accounts are in a healthy position for the forth coming year and enable the committee to continue to promote the breed in the best way possible for new and existing members.

We will be holding reserves to cover support for LRA Rescue Operations. This year received £553 of funds from rescue or donations for this purpose.

Propose that the Accounts be adopted by the Membership. 32 FOR

5 Election of Officers and Committee

The following Officers and Committee Members were all returned unopposed:

Ms C Fry	Chairman	Mrs L Mort
Mrs A Stephenson	Secretary	Mrs G Patrick
Ms G Goddard	Treasurer	Mrs J Ward

6 Any Other Business - None was submitted.

