

# The Northern Japanese Chin Club

## Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2015 Leeds Championship Show

Meeting opened at 3.00pm with 51 members present.

1. Welcome by the Acting Chairman

Good Afternoon and Welcome everyone to the Inaugural Meeting of the proposed Northern Japanese Chin Club. This meeting and whatever follows may well be a part of history for the Japanese Chin breed. I would like to think that we are all here to be part of that piece of history as Founder Members. I was asked recently what a founder member is.

Well, Collins English Dictionary defines a founder member as

“ one of the first, original members of any organisation”.

Prior to today's meeting we had 36 Japanese Chin owners who had all made donations to help the starting up of this club. I will speak more about that under Agenda item 3.

Thank you all for coming to this meeting and showing a genuine interest in being part of a little bit of history.

2 Apologies for absence were recorded from

Mr. T. Allcock MBE

Mr. D. Anderson

Mrs. R. Banks

Mrs. Sheila Brown

Mr. Adam Davison

Mrs. Pamela Johnson

Miss. L. Lyndsay

Mrs. Sheila Millar

Mr. Ian Watt

3. Acting Chairman's report

I would like to begin this report by giving you a little bit of background as to how we have all ended up here at this meeting today. Less than 3 months ago there was a posting, written by Lorraine Daly, on the Japanese Chin Club FB page which asked “ Can we have a show venue up north? “ this led to much discussion about forming a Southern Japanese Chin Club and Leanne Lyndsey a youthful exhibitor from Scotland asked why there couldn't be a Northern Japanese Chin Club. The idea was born with lots of positive enthusiastic postings from exhibitors living “up north”. Where is North one might ask.?

I looked at the CRUFTS catalogue and where exhibitors of Japanese Chins lived and found that there was an equal number that lived south of the N.E.C. as lived north. However many lived around what I would call the M62 corridor from Hull in the East to Liverpool in the West and North to Scotland.

Whilst there was much enthusiasm for a new club no-one actually stepped forward to organise what was necessary to register the title with the Kennel Club.

Having never been afraid of a challenge I looked into what was required by the Kennel Club before I offered to organise the setting up. Once I posted on FB that if folk wanted me to, I would begin to plan the organisation to complete the Kennel Club's application form to register the title of the club. I am pleased to say that several people immediately offered help particularly Lorraine Daly who wrote to many of the Toy Dog Societies asking for their support and to the dog papers looking for a discount for the advert – both of which are necessary requirements from the Kennel Club. Dianne Robinson, Jennifer Matches, Loraine Ratter also contacted registered Open Show Societies asking for their support. I contacted the Japanese Chin Club asking if their committee would support our venture. This came back from their committee members as a unanimous yes. Jane Thomas who is the breed correspondent for Chins in OUR DOGS newspaper wrote an excellent article giving lots of detail about the proposal to set up a Northern based club. My last contact was to ask the Secretary of Leeds Ch. Show Mrs Liz Stannard if we could hold the Inaugural Meeting here today. Again total support for our venture.

With any new venture there is a need for finance and from a posting that Sue Leach put up on FB suggesting that people keen to see this venture take off might like to make a donation of £10 the flood gates opened with many people pledging their cash with the first amounts coming in at Boston Premier Open Show end of May, quickly followed by Three Counties, Blackpool, Border Union and Windsor. Again the Kennel Club ask for details of your finance.

In every walk of life there are people who talk about what they would like to do but in our case they quickly followed this up by offering to become committee members to get the club started and this is where we are today.

The application form has been submitted to the Kennel Club with all the requirements on paper and I have been told, by Pam Hill at the K.C. that this was discussed at the meeting of the Show Executive committee two days ago for their recommendation to the General Committee. This committee hold their next meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> September. Once our application to register the title has been discussed it should then appear in the following Kennel Journal for notification and any objections. I personally cannot see objections being made as we have fulfilled all the criteria that is required. After all the work that both I and others have put in I would be extremely hopeful that we will see the registration of title being granted before Christmas.

#### 4. Election of Officers.

Chair Mrs. L. Gillhespy	prop by S.L.Mowatt	sec by Mrs. L. Crane
Secretary Mrs. L. Crane	prop by Mrs. M. Vincent	sec by Mrs. S. Steele
Treasurer Mrs. L. Daly	prop by Mrs. D. Robinson	sec by Mrs. L. Gillhespy
Treasurer Mr. J. Steele	prop by Mrs. M. Vincent	sec. by Mrs. S. Hann

## 5. Election of Committee members

Mrs. J. Thomas	prop by Mrs. S. Steele	sec. by Mrs. M. Vincent
Mrs. S. Steele	prop by Mrs. L. Crane	sec. by Mrs. J. Thomas
Mrs. L. Ratter	prop by Mr. D. Anderson	sec. by Miss. L. Lyndsay
Mrs. L. Kilcoyne	prop by Mrs. S. Mowatt	sec. by Mrs. L. Gillhespy
Mrs. D. Bailey	prop by Mrs. S. Leach	sec. by Mr. D. Hubble
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Miss. J. Matches	prop by Mrs. L. Gillhespy	sec. by Mrs. S. Mowatt
Mrs. J. Godbehier	prop by Mrs. S. Mowatt	sec. by Mrs. L. Gillhespy
Mrs. C. Jackson	prop by Miss. G. Hazelhurst	sec. by Mrs. S. Mowatt
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Mrs. I. Pearson	prop by Mr. M. Burke	sec. by Mrs. L. Gillhespy

As two members had been proposed for the post of Treasurer, it was necessary to have a vote; the vote cast on the day was held over until those whose apologies were given could be contacted and the final vote was 31 in favour of Mrs. L. Daly and 29 in favour of Mr. J. Steele.

## 6. Election of President

Mr. T. Mather prop by Miss. J. Matches sec. by Mrs. L. Gillhespy

Due to his long involvement in the breed it was unanimously agreed that Mr. Tom Mather should be President.

## 7. Election of Vice Presidents

The Chairman put three names forward, Jill Swanston, Ian Millar and Ann Francis but it was decided to leave this item for discussion and agreement at the A.G.M.

## 8. Founder Members

There were 60 UK Founder Members and 1 from the Netherlands as at the 24<sup>th</sup> July.

## 9. Constitution and Rules.

It was agreed to accept the constitution and rules with the following amendments:-  
UK membership shall be £10 single and £15 joint with Overseas membership to be £15 single and £20 joint.

## 10. Activities for 2016

The following were put forward for the committee to consider at their first committee meeting;-

A educational and fun day at the home of Dominic Browne and Terry Burgess

An Open Show, subject to Kennel Club approval, possibly sharing with other toy breeds.

The meeting closed at 3.58pm