



BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN
(Established 1971)

Preliminary Notice of the Annual General Meetings 2020 & 2021

The Club's Annual General Meetings for the years 2020 and 2021 will be held on **Saturday 20 March 2021** commencing at 10.00am. Given current Government restrictions in relation to Covid-19 the meeting will be held online via a virtual meeting platform, to be confirmed.

To assist planning, any current members wishing to attend must notify the Hon Secretary by 20th February.

ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA

The 2020 AGM Agenda was issued in March 2020 but that meeting was postponed. In the Club's Christmas 2020 magazine it was announced that, as attendance at the rearranged meeting may be limited or restricted, only non-radical proposals would be considered. The committee has therefore decided to address the proposals to the 2020 AGM as follows:

- i. Membership fees increase with effect from 2021.
Proposed by: Lianne Marsden, Seconded by: Helen Thompson
To be withdrawn as out of date but amended & resubmitted to the 2021 AGM
- ii. Honoraria for the year ending 31 December 2019.
Proposed by: Mark Avery, Seconded by: Malcolm Peter
Considered by the committee to be non-radical as it keeps the honorarium levels as set at the 2019 AGM
- iii. To terminate awarding some club show trophies.
Proposed by: Karen Bird, Seconded by: Heather Head
Considered to be radical therefore will be deferred to the 2022 AGM

Members are invited to forward items for the 2021 AGM Agenda, together with a brief outline of their proposals. All items for the Agenda must be proposed and seconded in writing by fully paid up members. Members making proposals should try to be present at the Annual General Meeting to explain them. The committee reserve the right to decide if any submitted proposal is too radical for a limited audience and may suggest its deferral to 2022.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

In accordance with the Constitution of the Club, one Officer and one third of the Committee stand down each year and are eligible for re-election without nomination. Therefore, nominations are invited for one Officer and four Committee members. **The nominations, which must be proposed and seconded in writing on the official Club forms, must be accompanied by acceptance by the nominee** and a brief description (around 25 words) of him or her which will be sent to members before voting. **Also, the nominee is required to complete the Club's Questionnaire for Candidates standing for election as an Officer or Committee member.** Both forms are available from the Secretary or from the Club's website <http://bernese.co.uk/club/forms-documents/>

The Officer position due in rotation for election in 2020 was that of President. Mr Mark Wakeland stood down from the role in April 2020. No nominations were received for the role.

The Committee members due to stand for re-election on rotation in 2020 were Steve Green, Heather Head and Nicola Whyte.

The Officer position due in rotation for election in 2021 is that of Hon Secretary. The current Secretary, Karen Bird, is willing to stand for re-election.

Nominations are however invited for this role and that of President.

The Committee members due to stand for re-election in 2021 are Malcolm Peter, Lianne Marsden, Helen Thompson and Fiona Hallam.

During 2020 Emily Green and Donna Hughes were co-opted to committee and seek formal adoption at the AGM.

2 committee vacancies remain unfilled and nominations are invited.

All attendees at the AGM and all proposers and seconders must be fully paid up members of the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Great Britain and all nominated candidates must have been members of the Club for at least **three consecutive years immediately prior to the election.**

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION

Membership subscriptions, which are due on 1st January each year, should be sent to Lianne Marsden, 6, The Crescent, Cleadon Village, Nr Sunderland, Tyne & Wear, SR6 7QZ or via the online link on our website <http://bernese.co.uk/club/membership-renewal/>

All items for the 2021 AGM agenda, proposals and nominations must reach the Secretary by 20 February 2021. Items received after this date will not be accepted.

Any correspondence relating to the above should be sent to:

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