



Northern England Flatcoated Retriever Association



AGENDA 31st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held at Park Lodge, Bullbridge Hill, Fritchley. Derbys. DE56 2FL
on Sunday 22nd March 2026 at 11.00am

Paper copies of the Minutes of last years' AGM and audited accounts will be available at the meeting for attending members.

1. Presidents Opening Remarks.

2. Apologies for Absence.

3. Chairman's Report.

4. Minutes of last AGM.

5. Hon. Secretary's Report.

6. Hon. Show Secretary's Report.

7. Hon. Treasurer's Report.

8. Adoption of Accounts.

9. Honoraria.

The committee propose that there should be no increases in Honoraria for 2027, the last increase was in 2007.

Proposed Mr.D Taylor Seconded Mrs. K. Joyce

10. Travel Expenses.

The committee propose that there should be no increase in travel expenses paid.

Proposed Mr D Taylor Seconded Mrs.P. Goulette

11. Subscriptions.

The committee propose that there be no increase in members subscriptions the last increase was January 2021.

Proposed Mr. D Taylor Seconded Mrs. K. Trevor

12. Nominated Charity.

The Committee propose that the NEFRA charity continue as 'The Pet Blood Bank' for 2026.

13. Appointment of Auditor.

14. Hon. Working Secretary's Report.

15. Litter Recorders Report.

16. Role of President.

Due to ill health Mr.Bob Allen has stepped down as President. Following advice from the RKC the election of a new President cannot take place until

the 2027 AGM, however the committee are able to co-opt someone to fulfil the role in the interim.

Co-option of an interim President will now take place

17. Election of Committee Members.

Chairman (3 years)

Mrs. K Joyce is prepared to stand for re-election with the support of the committee. With no other nominations Mrs K Joyce is duly re-elected for 3 years.

Hon. Show Secretary (3 years)

Mrs P. Goulette has indicated her intention to step down from this role at the AGM.

A nomination for the post has been received for Ms. Gill Smitherman;

Proposed Mrs A Carter Seconded Mrs M. Salt

As no other nominations have been received Ms G Smitherman is duly elected.

Committee Vacancies

There are six vacancies on the Committee, four are for a 3 year term of office and two are for two years.

Mrs. Roz Tierling, Mrs H. Fox, Mrs A Hayley and Mr D Salt are prepared to stand for re-election with the support of the Committee. Ms. Anna Hazelton and Mr Harry Vasey were co-opted to the general committee last year and are also prepared to stand with support of the committee.

A nomination has been received for Mrs. Rochelle Richards;

Proposed Mrs H Fox Seconded Mrs H Buckley.

As there are seven candidates for the six vacancies there will now be a secret ballot and newly standing members will be invited to address the meeting.

18. Changes to the Constitution.

Following correspondence with the RKC they have requested the following amendments be made to our constitution, as we are obliged to approve any amendments requested by the RKC we will vote for these en-bloc;

Propositions.

- i) That the following statement regarding committee meetings be added to recognise that some meetings may now take place on line;

Committee meetings shall be held either in person or on-line with the proviso that all committee members have the IT facilities and expertise to attend and contribute to an online meeting. Documents will be provided by the secretary in line with previously stated time frames. Details of the log-in for an online meeting will be circulated no later than 7 days prior to the meeting. On-line voting will be by a show of hands. Should any items require a secret ballot they will be included on the agenda of in person meetings only.

- ii) That the following be added to the membership section

The Association shall consist of an unlimited number of members, all responsible persons interested in the Flatcoated Retriever, being eligible for membership. Junior membership shall be available, without voting rights, for persons under eighteen years of age.

These members may, if over sixteen years and upon payment of the full subscription, enjoy the rights & privileges of full membership.

iii) Within the section on expulsion of members the following statement be added;

Any member who shall be disqualified under Kennel Club Rule A11.j.(5) and / or Kennel Club Rule A11.j.(9) shall ipso facto cease to be a member of the club / association.

iv) That the term Extra-ordinary General meeting be changed to **Special General Meeting** and the additional wording be added;

Notice of the meeting shall be circulated to all members *either by Email or by post*, stating the business to be discussed, not less than fourteen clear days before the date of the meeting. No business other than that specifically stated in the notice shall be considered at such a meeting.

A quorum for a special general meeting will consist of 5 members of the committee plus the chairman and 5% of the membership. The

Chairman of the meeting shall, in the event of an equality of votes, have a casting vote.

Proposed: Mrs. K. Joyce

Seconded: Mrs. M. Salt

19. Appointment of an Honorary Life Member.

In light of his support of NEFRA for many years and his contributions to the Association in the role of President. The committee would like to propose Mr Bob Allen be made an honorary life member of NEFRA.

Proposed: Mrs K. Joyce Seconded: Mr D. Salt.

20. Presentation of the Presidents Cup.

21. Presentation of the Inca Trophy.

22. Presentation of the Ceilidh Cup.

23. Presentation of the Nellspace Plate.

24. Report from the KC Liaison Council Member.

25. Report from the Flatcoated Retriever Society Rescue and Re-Homing.

26. Report from the Independent Rescue & Rehoming.

27. Report from Breed Education Co-ordinator.

28. Any other Business Appertaining to the AGM

None Received

29. Date, Time and Venue of the next AGM

11am Sunday 21st March 2027 , Venue to be decided