

# MINUTES OF THE TONKINESE CAT CLUB COMMITTEE



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Location: Online via Zoom

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Present: Ulla Korterman - Chair; Loretta Smith-Vice chair/Membership Secretary; David Lindop-Treasurer;

Committee Members: Lorraine Phillips; Pamela Cross; Taufiq Es Haq; Christina Gordon; Malgorzata Skuza;

Club Members: Gerry Smith; Jo & Julian Counsell Grant

Item	Action
<p><b>1)</b> Chair welcome</p> <p>Prior to the beginning of the meeting Gerry Smith asked if we were quorate. A quick check confirmed that as per Club Rules we had sufficient attendees.</p> <p>Introduction of current serving committee and Officers.</p>	
<p><b>2)</b> Apologies:</p> <p>Lisa Knill; Coral &amp; Vince Macey, Sandy Boden, Julia Craig McFeely, Linda &amp; Mike Vousden</p>	
<p><b>3)</b> Minutes of last AGM April 29th 2023</p> <p><b>a)</b> The minutes were accepted: Proposed by David Lindop Seconded by Pamela Cross Unanimously accepted by attendees.</p>	
<p><b>4)</b> Matters arising.</p> <p>None.</p>	
<p><b>5)</b> Chairman's report –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ulla Korterman – Our priority is to keep Members engaged and supporting the community of members. We have had considerable positive feedback from Tonkinews and most recently our articles on Fever Mask, which has received interest beyond our Club, so too our article on Water</li><li>• Thanks was formally given to Allegra Loch for her dedicated support and advice and input in generating and sourcing help for our articles.</li><li>• Thanks was also given particularly to the Members who contribute their Welfare and adoption stories for publication. Extended particularly to Jo &amp; Julian Counsell-Grant (attending).</li><li>• A call was made for anyone with ideas for the magazine to contact Ulla.</li><li>• Ulla announced the winner of the second pre AGM Giveaway was Catrina Ward, who is currently on the list for rehoming and has joined the Club and signed up to help a Tonk in need. The Annual Giveaway helps stimulate renewals prior to the AGM and improves engagement with members at this time.</li><li>• Thanks was given to Members for their continued support and whose help allows us to promote and support our Welfare role.</li></ul>	

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<p><b>6) Treasurer's report</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Overall surplus for the year was £279, bringing retained capital from £6005.67 to £6284.67 plus just under the £43 held in the old PayPal account, to which we still do not have proper access (£6371).</li> <li>2. Biggest expenditure of the year was the cat show, for which the net loss was £687.74.</li> <li>3. Membership income is quite solid at £815.</li> <li>4. We also had £258.50 in donations and give thanks to anyone who donated.</li> <li>5. Further donations of £450 were received from our welfare activity, for which we are very grateful.</li> <li>6. Other income included some book sales under the joint project with the Tonkinese Breed Club.</li> <li>7. Principal expenditures other than the show were for print and postage, and the website.</li> <li>8. One outstanding expense claim of £189.17 (also print) remains unpaid erroneously. This will now show on the 2024 account sheet.</li> <li>9. The decision to move to Nat West from HSBC is still ongoing.</li> <li>10. Overall, our financial position is reasonable, and alongside a good interest in membership, we seem to be quite well positioned for the foreseeable future.</li> </ol> <p>The motion to adopt the accounts was Proposed by: Lorraine Philips, Seconded by: Taufiq Es Haq. Unanimously accepted by the meeting.</p>	
<p><b>7) Membership secretary</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income from memberships in 2023 was £598. We have a solid core of members.</li> <li>• We had 99 voting members of whom 61 were single members and 19 joint (38 voting).</li> <li>• Those who don't renew every year stands at around 11 or 12 members, we pick up new members through Welfare adoptions and breeders introducing their kitten buyers.</li> <li>• As of 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024 we have 101 members, 65 single and 21 joint (42 voting). Income so far for 2024 is £593 to date. So, we have a fairly steady membership.</li> </ul>	

## 8) Welfare & rescue officer

- a) Our commitment to Welfare is steadfast and Ulla has found it a privilege to help rehome Tonks and establish relationships through WhatsApp groups for both the rehomers and adopters. We know that rehoming is a very emotional time and WhatsApp is a very useful tool in the transition period.

Ulla made reference to Welfare cases from 2023 which were uploaded online and available for all to read – reproduced below;

### January 2023 - Welfare Case

Bill's detailed story is featured on page 18 of Tonkinews 2023.

### May 2023

Tiggy, an affectionate 11-year-old, found herself in need of a new home due to personal circumstances. Her previous owner was committed to facilitating a smooth transition to a loving Tonk-friendly environment. From our waiting list, we connected Tiggy and her owner with a lady who visited her within a week and fell in love. Tiggy's heartwarming journey can be discovered on page 29 of Tonkinews 2023.

In May 2023, Surrey Cats Protection sought our assistance in rehoming two stunning 2-year-old Tonkinese cats, Lola and Coco, following the passing of their owner. Concerned about finding the right homes, they reached out to us to ensure a suitable match from our waiting list. Swiftly, within hours, we identified a couple nearby who eagerly welcomed Lola and Coco into their lives. Their touching story unfolds on page 28 in Tonkinews 2023.

### July 2023

A concerned lady sought advice on safely allowing her Tonks to explore her garden. Through email correspondence, we provided her with practical suggestions and harness recommendations. Delighted with the assistance, she joined our club, eager to contribute and learn more.

### August 2023

We successfully rehomed Lily, an 8-year-old Tonk whose owner, a valued member of our club, could no longer care for her due to illness. Within hours of reaching out to us, Lily found a new loving home where she settled in seamlessly. Stay tuned for Lily's story in our upcoming Tonkinews.

### September 2023

The owner of 11-year-old Seffi contacted our club seeking a new home due to personal circumstances. Despite his distress, we supported him through the process, eventually matching Seffi with a wonderful couple whose criteria aligned perfectly. A heartwarming visit ensued, reassuring both the owner and the adopting couple. Seffi went to her new home in October, promising a bright future ahead. Look forward to reading Seffi's inspiring success story in the near future.

### November 2023

A young lady reached out to us, torn between her allergies and her love for her two mixed Tonks (Dad Tonk & Mum Moggie) After several conversations and guidance, she bravely embarked on managing her allergies, exploring various remedies and lifestyle adjustments, like introducing Air purifier, Allerpet and low carb keto diet. We remain in contact, supporting her through this journey and hope for a future together with her beloved Tonks.

### End of December 2023

An 83-year-old lady entrusted us to rehome her lively 3-year-old Tonk who she had adopted from a lady a couple of months earlier (private adoption). Despite her short time

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<p>with the cat, she recognized it wasn't the right fit. Amidst our efforts to find a new home, her vet intervened, securing a loving placement for the Tonk with one of his clients. Grateful for our assistance, the lady generously donated £30 to support our welfare efforts.</p> <p>2024: We rehomed a 6-year old female Tonk in March and she is settling in at her new home. Currently looking for the perfect indoor home for two 11-year-old Tonk sisters that need a new home as the owner is no longer able to keep them.</p> <p>Each interaction, each rehoming, embodies our commitment to ensuring the well-being and happiness of every Tonkinese cat entrusted to our care. We persist in providing steadfast support to our members, maintaining a consistent flow of inquiries regarding the health and behaviour of their beloved Tonks.</p>	
<p><b>9) Show Update</b></p> <p>Unfortunately, due to insufficient commitment for Tonk entries on Easter Saturday this year, we had to make the tough call to cancel our show.</p> <p>Ulla shared that the show day for the other cat clubs involved proceeded exceptionally well.</p> <p>Cambridgeshire Cat Club had 200 entries and 2 exhibitions, while British Shorthair had 56 entries and Seal &amp; Blue Point Birman Cat Club had 26. This resulted in a total of around 284 entry fees collected. Additionally, approximately 100 visitors paid on the day to attend the event.</p> <p>Recognising the difficulties faced by smaller breed clubs, like ours in attracting entries, we remain optimistic. Our show license for 2025, set for March 29th, has been approved. We're fully committed to hosting our show next year and hopeful for a strong turnout of Tonk enthusiasts. It will be the same venue and the same clubs we share with.</p>	
<p><b>10) Elections</b></p> <p>Ulla Korterman is standing down and willing to be re-elected.</p> <p>David Lindop, Malgozarta Skuza and Pamela Cross are standing down in rotation and are willing to stand again. There is one nomination for the Committee, Christina Gordon will resume her Welfare role. This brings us to a full complement and the above are returned unopposed.</p> <p>A welcome was extended to Christina Gordon on her return.</p>	
<p><b>11) Any other business</b></p> <p>Loretta Smith extended thanks to Ulla Korterman for all the work she conducts for the Club and setting a very high bar, being involved in running the Club, communications,</p>	

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<p>she's involved in everything, Tonkinews, Welfare, networking. Her input was acknowledged and thanks given by all attending.</p> <p>Ulla acknowledged that we have a successful little cat club but it is vulnerable, we represent and engage with Tonk owners and as a Committee we need to address this in order to keep the momentum going.</p> <p>Gerry made the comment that we are at the limit for Committee members. Loretta made the point that we don't need more members on the Committee we need people to commit to helping.</p> <p>Gerry made the point that AGM's have lost their interest, it also happened with the physical meetings</p> <p>Perhaps in future we can try and stimulate interest in the AGM's. Hopefully members will sign up to engage more with the Club.</p> <p>Jo and Julian Counsell Grant extended their thanks to Ulla, Allegra and Loretta for their help in integrating Bill as he was not adopted through the Club but a great deal of help was given to help him integrate. They appreciate the WhatsApp and will look into the genuine Facebook pages that represent Tonks, we will forward them the link.</p>	
<p><b>12) Date of next Committee meeting</b></p> <p><b><u>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September</u> 7:30pm</b></p>	
<p>Meeting finished at 11:48am</p>	