

Area meetings discuss season's events

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Whitehaven's Area meeting was attended by only 20 of its 103 members and there were no recommendations or motions to go forward.

Although no notices of motion were put forward members did have a discussion about the future of trails in the Lamplugh area, and that is likely to continue in the new year.

The Area made a profit of £173 on the season and has a healthy bank balance of £5,245-19p with £250 worth of aniseed in stock.

The Whitehaven Area was home to five champions in 2015 - Senior champion, Prudence; Maiden champion, Foxparke So Be It; ONW joint champion, Miterdale Force; Veteran champion, Da Look and puppy maiden grade winner Persian Prince.

The Cockermouth/Workington meeting was fairly quiet with 22 members present. Thanks were given to all helpers, and flowers were presented to Margaret Pattinson, who did the gate and many other jobs for all 20 meetings.

A recommendation that trails in other areas should be allowed on show days was approved, and will go forward to the December meeting. Area officials remain the same.

The Area had made £568 profit on the season and now has a bank balance of £4,068 after making £800 in donations to the Mountain Rescue, Bridekirk School, Seaton junior rugby, Agricultural shows and Bobby Robson cancer fund.

At Keswick 12 members (50% of the area) attended where the main topic was the lack of fixtures. Yet despite the fact there had only been six meetings the area had made a profit on them all, and the usual donations to local and national charities were made, totalling £680.

Chairman David Loan thanked all those who had helped, and he hoped for more trails next season. Trophies which had been given back to the HTA by Peggy Pattinson's daughter Ann Bland would be used in the area. Area officials remain the same.

At Ulverston 20 members attended where chairman Alison Langhorn thanked everybody who had helped in the area, and congratulated Lynn and Norman Brown on Persian Bay's joint puppy title.

Trails had shown a profit of £50. A recommendation would go forward that, instead of a 28-day ban on a hound running in the wrong trail, the owner should be fined. Area officials remain the same.

The Westmorland Area meeting had 12 of its 90 members in attendance. Chairman Russell Dawson thanked all for their help. The trails had gone well, but there had been a loss financially on the year.

It was hoped to have some trails for area funds, and also another Race Night. Two

Recommendations will go forward – that entry fees should go up in proportion to the prize money, and that fresh rags, not used previously that day, should be used for all trails. Area officials remain the same.

As looked likely for a little while, the 2015 HTA puppy championship ended in a tie – a repeat of the previous season. For while Endure and Songbird shared the title last year, this time it was Persian Bay and Huntsman's Kraka who finished joint top.

Whether by arrangement, the two did not contest the final trails of the season on Saturday at Millstone Moor but the two pups only a point behind could have had a share in the title if successful.

Arizona was only fifth while Daisy Dream finished out of the tickets in a field of 12 runners. The honours went to Bracelet, who had the edge on Billy Bowe and Ben 10.

Overwater Bessy had beaten Tan Ted in the previous meeting at Millstone Moor but the roles were reversed on Saturday for the final meeting of the season. Tan Ted's victory meant he finished joint second in the senior championship behind dual winner Prudence, meaning the runners-up berth was shared with Bessy's kennelmate Overwater Arnie – both on 11 behind the champion's 25.

Veteran trainer Victor Brownlee, one of the sport's most respected figures, won the maiden trail with Maybe who beat Foxparke So Be It, the winner of the HTA Maiden Championship.

Just as the puppy championship

had been shared, so too was the puppy maidens. It was between Persian Prince and Eden Rossi and when they finished first and fourth respectively that meant they had the same number of points.

No such tie in the veterans where the new champion Da Look came home strongly to win well from Tiagress and Thorn Girl, the race that brought the curtain down on the 2015 season.

Not for the first time in the closing weeks of the season, the contenders for the puppy championship had been unable to get their noses in front at Seaton on Thursday.

All four were slipped but the joint leaders Persian Bay and Huntsman's Krka were out of the tickets while Daisy Dream finished third and Arizona was back in sixth. Bracelet finished really well to win by ten yards from Bluebond.

There were only three runners in each of the other two trails with Try Again winning easily in the seniors from Night Vision and Flashdance while veteran Da Look took the open restricted from Night Shadow with the third entrant Jimmy Choo failing to finish.

Disappointingly, at such a crucial stage of the season, Wednesday's trail at Grange in Borrowdale was abandoned after the trailer could not get round in the thick mist.

So done and dusted for another season and we complete the results section with the various team and grade winners.

Team Competition, Result: Division One: 1, Persian Runners 251; 2, Troubadors 143; 3= Muttley Crew and Dearham Wanderers 130; 5= Reivers and Huntsman's Pack 128, Division Two – 1, Eden Rascals 112; 2, Reivers 93; 3, Dearham Wanderers 88; 4, Just for Fun 83; 5, Fred and Gingers 81; 6, Dolly Birds 72.

Top Tipster Competition, Result: 1, Stephen Irving 85, 2 = Joe Simpson, Lucy/Dean Pepper and Lee Wall 83, 5, Dean Pepper 81, 6, Jayne Petersen 72.

HTA CHAMPIONSHIPS: Seniors – Champion – Prudence. Joint runners-up – Overwater Arnie and Tan Ted. Pups – Joint Champions – Huntsman's Krka and Persian Bay. Open Maidens – Champion – Doll. Runner-up - Sunset Ridge. Open Restricted – Champion - Mrs McGregor. Runner-up - Carrick. ONW – Joint Champions - Miterdale Force and Eden Rocco. Veterans – Champion - Da Look. Runner-up - Thorn Girl. Senior Maiden – Champion - Foxparke So Be It. Runner-up - Trooper Thorn. Puppy Maiden – Joint Champions - Eden Rossi and Persian Prince. Bert Sowden cup (most points in tables) – Daisy Dream. Tot Kelso cup (most points in major trails) – Persian Sky. Philip Potter cup (opposite sex to puppy champions) – Arizona. Puppy with most tickets – Daisy Dream.