

Gala Wrap-Up Meeting July 4th 2023

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Present:

Sarah Gardner, Shaun Sutton, Lisa Hayden, Ian Lawson, Helen Tomblin, Sam Hayden, Sue Hunt, Michelle Baker, Ian Coupe, Tim Nicol

Financial Review (Lisa)

A very successful year with £2,651 profit to the central pot, plus £1,000 raised by clubs themselves. After agreeing a float for next year of £500 (balance to be carried forward) each groups received a cheque for £467.

See full spreadsheet enclosed.

Discussion over whether EATS should benefit from the central pot, as they made a loss this year after paying out for a contribution to Lux costs. To be discussed by EATS. Sharing profit and loss?

What went well:

- Financially, Sponsorship, raffle, bottle stall.
- The quiz- full house
- The Pet Show – new earlier timing helped
- The theme of “Easton on the Sea”
- Arena events- enough to entertain without being too complex
- HQ tent – a proper tent from Adrian

Not so well

- Nothing!

What might we do differently next time:

- Make the Pet Show the Dog Show (as it effectively has become anyway)
- Advertise the Gala starts at 11.00am with the Dog Show
- Have more craft/artisan stalls. Trestle tables set out for local businesses. Helen has a list of possible takers

2024 Gala will be Thurs 23- Mon 27th May

First planning meeting agreed for January 15th 2024, 7.00pm at the Blue Bell

With huge thanks to everyone who took part as ever, and most especially to Alex, Cinzia, Dan, and their hard working team.

Tim Nicol