

**Summary of the Non-Confidential
Minutes of the Council meeting held at 9.00 a.m.
on Monday 14th January 2019
at Bronaeron, Felinfach, Lampeter, SA48 8AG**

Present: John Kirk (Chair), Colin Thomas (Vice-Chair), Elgan Evans, Roger Davies, Daydre Chambers, Gwyn Jones, Wyn Jones, Jeff Parry, Tracy Hook, Daniel Morgan, Peter Morgan, Geraint Davies

Apologies:

In Attendance: Elizabeth Russell (President)

Minute Taker: Staff member

Welcome & Apologies

A minute's silence was held in respect of Brian Hughes, Frank Morgan and Teify Jones.

The Chair spoke to the trustees on how he is planning to stand down from Council at the 2019 AGM. Trustees confirmed that they wish him to continue as Chair until the AGM.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3RD DECEMBER

It was proposed, seconded and carried that the minutes were a true record of the meeting.

Matters Arising

The meeting with Elin Jones AM had gone well, she was pleased and will help the Society as a breed society. The Society had given her a journal.

The minutes from the meeting with the Royal Welsh Agricultural Society were tabled.

It was confirmed that two trustees presented the Kentchurch Trophy to the 2019 winner.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10th DECEMBER

It was proposed, seconded and carried that the minutes were a true record of the meeting.

Matters Arising

It was agreed that letters need to be sent out to 2018 prizewinners to request the return of trophies for 2019.

A vote of thanks was passed to the member of staff for their hard work in preparing the minutes.

Kentchurch Trophy

Trustees reported how the trophy was presented to the 2019 winner, as he is unable to attend the 2019 AGM, as it was a unique thing to swim in the water with how deep it was to rescue the horse. A discussion ensued on how the 2018 winner and the 2019 winner will be presented in the 2019 Journal. It was identified that usually the winners are not included in the Society Journal.

Office Update

It was reported that the Society is meeting regulations and is up to date with transfers and corrections, the issue being the Central Equine Database updating of Society records. Staff are uploading outstanding records and the staff are making progress.

The Young Ambassador (YA) Addressed the Council

YA asked if it would be possible for the Society to help support the young people in their journey up to Scotland for the AGM as it is a long way to travel plus hotel costs and a lot of young people want to attend only the costs are putting them off going. A request for £50 per young person was made. It was confirmed that to date there are two, including YA himself. Trustees discussed that £50 was not enough as it is unique to hold the AGM in Scotland and young people should be encouraged to attend. It was proposed, seconded and carried that £100 per young person would be funded by the Society.

The 2019 AGM was discussed and a plan to enjoy both Welsh and Scottish traditions. Once the numbers of people attending are known then a room can be booked and tickets will soon be available.

The Chair thanked the YA for all of his hard work at the performance awards. The goody bags went well. The YA reported on a talk he had done for the Severn Valleys WPCA.

Standing Committee Reports

Education and Welfare

The Chair of E&W had not attended the last meeting, so the Vice Chair presented the report.

- An educational bursary application has been awarded £1000 as a contribution towards the applicant's course books.

Judging and Showing

The Chair of J&S presented the report.

- There is to be a review of the overseas asterisk to be put on the agenda for the next Council (following the 2019 AGM). It was proposed, seconded and carried that UK rules for the asterisk should be kept.
- The date of the 2019 Judges Conference has been changed to the 21st of September to avoid a clash with the Hay on Wye Sale.
- The 2019 Handbook has gone to print and is due to arrive on the 29th of January.

Members Services

The Chair presented a report. The meeting was combined with Promotions on the 10th December 2018.

- The cost of the Journal could be reduced if quoted for three years, with two printers being asked to quote to comply with the Society financial procedures.
- The Society should put on the website a notice asking family and friends to inform the Society of members passing on
- The Spring Sales are now at Malvern and the official sale status was removed last year. For the next Members Services meeting an agenda item will be amending the regulations.

Promotions

The Chair presented a report.

- The website will be used to promote the Society more
- Many animals are going through one member to Russia and Korea, the Society has requested a report of names and where they are going.
- The Antiques roadshow is coming to this end of the county sometime in March and have wanted to speak to someone, they have been provided with a members contact details.
- The trophies need to be re-valued

Working groups

No Reports

Representative reports

No reports

Journal 2019 Progress

It was reported that the Journal may not be ready to go with the Spring mailing. It is due to be completed in the first week of February.

Exhibition Unit

The vehicle will be going to the garage as the dashboard lights are continuously coming on.

Correspondence

Replacement Gold medal

The Chair of Finance and Human Resources will find out the cost of purchasing the Gold medal plus the recorded delivery postage fee. Added to this will be 20% to cover Society overheads.

Funding applications

Differed to the Finance and HR standing committee meeting.

AGM Reservation's

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The President has provisionally booked hotel rooms and is waiting for confirmation of the staff who will be attending. Trustees gave provisional numbers of the trustees requiring accommodation to be reserved. It was discussed that the cups need to be returned to the Society for engraving and will need to be transported by courier.

Enrolment Of New Members & Renewal Of Memberships

It was proposed, seconded and carried to accept the tabled applications and renewal of memberships subject to some queries being checked.

Any Other Business

Gelding classes were discussed at the RWAS meeting without prior discussion in Council.

The Chair closed the meeting.

The next Council meeting will be Monday 4th of February 2019.