

1st April 2017 Council Report

Meeting held at 5.00 pm following the AGM on Saturday 1st April 2017 in the Dean Suite at Double Tree by Hilton, Lydiard Field, Great Western Way, Swindon, SN5 8UZ

TO APPOINT THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF COUNCIL AND THE CHAIR OF FINANCE AND HR

- The President asked Council whether they wished to vote by show of hands or by ballot. Council agreed to vote by show of hands.
- The President called for nominations for the Chair of the Council:

John Kirk elected - there were no other nominations.

- The President called for nominations for the Vice-chair of the Council:

Colin Thomas - elected there were no other nominations

- The President called for nominations for the Chair of Finance and HR:

Peter Morgan - elected there were no other nominations.

TO CONFIRM MEETING TO TAKE PLACE AT THE OFFICES OF THE SOCIETY'S ACCOUNTANTS, BROOMFIELD ALEXANDER, SWANSEA

- The venue has changed. The meeting will now take place at 9.00 am on Monday 10 April 2017 at Bronaeron.
- CEO circulated information packs for the meeting. The day will take the form of trustee training and induction and a planning event. The meeting dates for Council and Standing Committee meeting dates for the coming year will be set. A formal Council meeting will follow which will cover nominations to the Standing Committees. Council will look at the decisions made by Standing Committees and Council to see how it worked in the last year to see where improvements can be made. This will steer the Council's work going forward.
- The Chair of Council thanked Council for their continued support and thanked new Trustees for voting him in as Chair of Council. The Chair welcomed the new Trustees to Council.

Judging and Showing Standing Committee

- It was clear from the AGM that the Society's members are mainly unhappy due to Judging and Showing matters. It was suggested that going forward the whole of Council covers the Judging and Showing Standing Committee.
- The President said this could be discussed at the meeting on 10 April 2017.
- It was noted at present Council struggles to fit meetings into one day, if all of

Council attends the Judging and Showing meeting the meetings may need to go to two or more days.

- It was stated that previously the Standing Committees discussed matters but brought the matter to Council and Council made the final decision.
- It was noted that it had been a difficult year for Judging & Showing and the committee had to work with the bits and pieces they had been given. With what was put together in the past year then it should be easier during the next year.
- It was noted that when Council passes matters Council should make it clear to the office staff not to send out any communications until the matter has gone to Council. When a proposal is made to send out a communication it should be sent out immediately, not take up to six weeks to send out.
- Letter of appreciation to be sent to a previous serving Council member.

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- CEO informed Council the best price for room bookings is £120 for a double room and £90 or £95 for a single room per night. Council agreed £120 for a double room is too expensive and agreed to going to a hotel with fewer stars.

FHR Standing Committee meeting Friday 24 April 2017

- CEO circulated the draft agenda to the three Trustees. The aim of the meeting is to look at the financial management report for the first quarter (January to March 2017) and to review the CEO's probation extension. *(NB: the date on the agenda was in error. It is Thursday 27th of April).*

All confidential items removed.