

The Council meeting Friday 27th April 2018 was the first after the AGM where two new members were voted on Council. The Chair and Vice Chair of Council congratulated returning Council members and the newly elected ones.

MEETING COMMENCED:

Declarations and Items for AOB

A vote was taken to remove standing orders to discuss pressing issues.

The Chair and Vice-Chair of Council clarified the situation regarding:

- Staffing
- Membership
- Risk Assessments
- Gift Aid

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9th MARCH 2018 AND MATTERS ARISING.

- The Welfare Officer had informed Council that WPCS members in Spain would provide a market for older stud books and it was agreed to liaise with him to do proceed with this.
- Correspondence with the WPCS pavilion caterer was discussed.
- Staff attending the Brightwells' sale at Malvern was confirmed.
- The possibility of a WPCS pony or cob on exhibition at HOYS was discussed with a Council member confirming that liaising with the WM WPCA who were willing to present themselves as representatives of the breed was under way.
- Harmonization was considered with the Chair of Council explaining that the letters approved by Council and the society's legal advisers had been sent to the appropriate recipients.
- Council was informed that a letter had been sent acknowledging Council's confirmation that the 2021 International Show status had been granted to Germany to the appropriate recipients.
- ICO issues discussed with new trustee needing updating.
- The Welsh Government and DEFRA's Consultation Document regarding the microchipping of all equines was discussed. The Deputy Company Secretary is urgently attempting to set up a meeting with Native Breeds of the UK. The WPCS are declaring that the society is prepared to host a meeting. Other societies are holding meetings independently of each other and are not responding to the WPCS's attempt to create a united front.
- A discussion followed regarding the visitation sites of the society's exhibition unit.
- The need for a Publicity Officer was also raised with various suggestions and names being put forward.
- The need for minute summaries on the website was discussed as a priority but the resignation of the Company Secretary was hindering the progress. It should be addressed with urgency by the new Company Secretary.

It was proposed and seconded, that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting. All in favour. Motion carried.

SELECTION OF TRUSTEES ON STANDING COMMITTEES

- It was decided that E & W and J & S committees having the most work to do were to hold their meetings at 9am. It was also decided that there should be no overlap of trustees on these two committees as this holds up business and smooth running of the committee system. This would ensure that the Honorary Vet would not have to wait for the E & W meeting. The Chair forecast this committee being very busy due to welfare issues following the severe winter.
- Chairs and Vice Chairs and members of the 5 standing committees were voted upon.
- Members of External Committees and Honorary Positions were voted upon.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A letter regarding procedure at a show was discussed – CONFIDENTIAL.
- Correspondence regarding the Young Judges competition was discussed regarding their age groups and the appropriate date of age qualification in the categories. Also the WPCS membership status of the competitors.
- A letter regarding judging procedure was discussed – CONFIDENTIAL.
- A query regarding the registration of a WP-BR equine of deceased parentage was explored.

WPCS WEBSITE.

Tenders had been received and recommendations followed by trustees charged with upgrading the society's on-line presence. Their recommendations were approved by Council.

YOUNG JUDGES COMPETITION.

Chair of Council and the trustees were eager to support this competition. A group of trustees volunteered to assist the new administrators of this competition. There are no changes to the basic running of the said competition.

YOUNG AMBASSADOR.

A previous Young Ambassador is to make a presentation to the Young People's Group at Glanusk show.

HONORARY PRESENTATION.

A painting presentation to be made, also at Glanusk show to a revered elder-statesman of the WPCS was arranged alongside the attendance of professional photographers.

AOB

- Questions from the floor of the AGM were addressed at length.
- Dates for the next meetings were agreed upon.
- The date was set for the 2020 AGM – 4th and 5th of April.
- CRB checks where relevant were discussed.
- Implications of GDPR were reviewed.
- Confidential matter.

WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING WAS CLOSED BY THE CHAIR.

