

The Council meeting held on 9th March 2018 was an additional one to deal with matters that had arisen before the AGM and there was a number of apologies from trustees and honorary officials.

MEETING COMMENCED:

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12th FEBRUARY 2018 AND MATTERS ARISING.

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes were a true record of the meeting with all in favour.

COMPLAINTS

3 highly confidential complaints were discussed; one involving an incident by a member, the others regarding misuse of social media by a very small section of the membership in general and one specific case. All cases to be investigated by independent panels.

STAFF BONUS

It was unanimously agreed that all staff receive a bonus for their recent hard work.

UPGRADING OF THE WEBSITE.

This was facing a slight delay due to legalities in the new contract.

BRIGHTWELLS SPRING SALE

The meeting sought with Brightwells regarding holding WPCS official sales at the Royal Welsh showground was discussed. It was noted that the Spring Sale held at Malvern was not an official WPCS Sale and that the exhibition unit would not be present. All in agreement.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. A prefix issue.
2. An advertisement in a magazine was rejected.
3. A membership issue.
4. DVDs for the Society's use for promotions and the exhibition unit were discussed with various ideas under consideration. The general consensus being that the Society was to search for videos promoting Welsh ponies and cobs in the discipline of driving.
5. Correspondence from a member regarding representation at the AGM was decided in favour of the member.
6. An open letter to Council was to be given the written response that the democratic process followed by the Society was unchanged for many years and the member responsible for the letter would receive the same answer at the AGM.

BROADBAND CYMRU.

The Chair thanked the Vice Chair for acquiring a grant for the Society.

JUDGES ASSESSMENT

In response to correspondence from a member, Council proposed to respond by writing to thank the member and inform them that their opinions would be given serious consideration when the criteria was under review in 2019.

THE HOYS DISPLAY STAND

Referred to the next Council on April 6th.

WELSH MOUNTAIN PONY BOOK

It was decided not to re-order as there are plenty in stock.

WPCS FORUMS – a site on social media.

Complaints regarding comment on this site were to be referred to an independent investigating panel as Council had duty of care to staff.

GDPR

Had caused additional work and problems for the staff and a statement was requires on the WPCS website for the members' information.

RWAS GELDING SPONSORSHIP

The Society was to continue to sponsor the gelding classes at the RWAS but at a reduced rate to protect the members' money as these classes were by now making the RWAS a profit and did not need subsidising to the same extent.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONCERT

The Young Ambassador and the Young People were congratulated for the success of their concert.

A small group of trustees were to meet with the Young Ambassador at his request to arrange their activities at the upcoming AGM.

HARMONIZATION

This is proving difficult because of the lack of co-operation between daughter societies in the same countries. It was felt that this matter should be closed because of this and all monies involved returned. The matter was deferred to the next Council meeting.

MEMBER'S BEQUEST.

A member is proposing to bequeath a fund on her passing to care for the welfare of the Welsh breeds. This fund to be gratefully set up and arranged by the Welfare and Education Committee and named in honour of the member making the bequest.

REGISTRATION FEES

This was to be added to the next Council agenda and involves discouraging late registrations and causing backlogs for members who send in their forms in a more timely fashion before the end of December.

DIRECT DEBIT

This needed more in-house investigation with the staff responsible.

PASSPORT SIGNATURE

It was proposed that the Deputy Company Secretary should sign the passport in the interim period before a new Company Secretary was appointed.

AOB

RADNORSHIRE HILL PROJECT – the Vice Chair was working on behalf of HPIS on this.

JUDGES ASSESSMENT

The Deputy Company Secretary updated the meeting on the applicants. Criteria and costs were discussed. Applications to be scrutinized by four trustees at the close of the meeting.

INDUCTION FOR NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

It was decided that an induction day would not be needed but information packs were to be supplied.

AGM AWARD

Complimentary tickets were assigned at the AGM Dinner Dance for persons who had raised £526,000 for the Royal Welsh Equine Complex. All in favour.

Trustees agreed to personally contribute towards an AGM trophy and an annual complimentary membership of the WPCS was also to be awarded.

WINTER FAIR

An issue regarding the awarding of a medal at this show had been resolved by the office staff. All Winter Fair medals needed to be recalled for correction.

RARE BREEDS SOCIETY MEETING

A meeting to be held at Stonleigh which would be attended by the Vice Chair of Council. The RBST would be sent an email update by the Deputy Company Secretary.

WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING.

