

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Education & Welfare Standing Committee

1. PURPOSE

- To foster and further encourage the acquisition of knowledge and dissemination of best practise regarding the management and welfare of Welsh Ponies and Cobs and their Part-Breds in particular and of equines in general
- To publicise and communicate the education and welfare of Welsh Ponies and Cobs and their Part-Breds by all means possible

2. RESPONSIBLE FOR

- Organising appropriate seminars/discussion groups/visits/demonstrations
- Setting out requirements to be met and coordinating the award of bursaries
- Liaising with equine colleges and course/professional instruction providers
- If requested by Council, and under guidance from the Society's Welfare Officer, making enquiries about court cases involving welfare in relation to a member of the Society
- The appointment of and liaison with the National Welfare Officer
- Oversight of the network of Local Liaison Officers
- Working with Society's Welfare Officer and Veterinary Officer in respect to furthering the knowledge of keeping equines and their care, and providing support should they request it
- Liaison with other equine education and welfare groups as necessary
- Organising and appointing the Welfare Award on an annual basis
- Ensuring contacts are maintained with the media and opportunities to promote the Welsh breeds are maximised
- Agreeing the strategy for the exhibition unit and recommending to Council on an annual basis a list of educational events/exhibitions/equine events that the unit should attend
- Production and update content of publications relevant to the Welsh breeds and the Society
- Management and reporting of budgets relevant to the business of the committee

3. MEMBERSHIP

- The Education and Welfare Committee shall consist of members of Council elected by Council from amongst their number at the first Council Meeting after an AGM
- The Society President and President-Elect are invited to attend the committee meetings in an Ex-officio capacity, with no voting rights
- Subject matter expert advisors may be co-opted as required for advice on specific subjects for a period of one year subject to the approval of Council, prior to being invited. However they may not vote.
- The Society Publicity Officer and Journal Editor are invited to attend when relevant matters are discussed, with no voting powers
- A quorum shall be 3 members with voting rights

4. FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

- The Committee will meet between Council meetings.
- Additional meetings may be scheduled if necessary
- Council may ask the Committee to meet to consider specific proposals