

**THE WELSH PONY AND COB SOCIETY**  
**CYMDEITHAS Y MERLOD A'R COBIAU CYMREIG**

**Summary minutes of the Council meeting held at 9:00am on Monday  
4<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at Bronaeron, Felinfach, Lampeter, SA48 8AG**

**Present:** Colin Thomas (Chair), Wyn Jones (Vice Chair), Daniel Morgan, Gwyn Jones, Dilwyn Roberts, Barry Hall, Deborah Jones, Sharon Charlton, Elgan Evans, Daydre Chambers, Roger Davies and Geraint Davies, Brian Foster (President), C R Davies (President-Elect), Elizabeth Hampson and John Welsh

**Apologies:** None

**In Attendance:** Gemma Bassett-Burr (Deputy Company Secretary) Meirion Davies (Company Secretary)

**Minute Taker:** Gemma Bassett-Burr (Deputy Company Secretary)

**Welcome and Apologies**

**Declarations and Items for any Other Business**

- Finances
- Tenders
- Remembrance service for Animals at War
- Legacy

**Minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019 corrections**

Page 1 £50 should be £150

Page 3 Part bred judge should read MR XXX

**Matters arising**

The Company under consideration for providing the Database's reviewed contract was submitted to the society, the contract appears to be moving backwards rather than forwards. The office has started to look into the suitability of another experienced provider and their standard contract is currently with Geldards for review. A concern was raised over an e-mail received from a previous supplier regarding historical data.

Company secretary has asked to approach a member as a consultant to look over both IT specifications to make sure these are suitable.

**Proposed and seconded. All in favour**

**Proposed and seconded** and all agreed that we approach another provider. **All in favour**

## **Confidential minute**

### **Confidential matter - DNA dispute**

**Remembrance day wreath** – A member has very kindly supplied the wreath and will be attending on the Friday with the Company Secretary to represent the society. A letter of thanks to be sent to the member for supplying the wreath.

**Proposed and seconded that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting. All in favour**

### **Chair/Vice Chair of Council Update**

#### **Confidential matter removed**

It was confirmed that the Interim Deputy Company secretary's new role in the office was as the permanent Office Manager.

### **Judging and Showing report**

Slight amendment to the Judges agreement form was suggested by the Company secretary These were reviewed by council and agreed with the addition of Driving added to the top of the form.

#### **Proposed and Seconded. All in favour**

The current queries regarding the asterisk for those who applied was discussed. Everyone who does not meet the current criteria is to be written to and also made aware of the rule change for 2020 should they wish to re-apply.

Two members are also to receive a letter to confirm the details of the new rule and asked to submit new forms in 2020 ready for 2021.

It was discussed how overseas Judges struggle to achieve an asterisk and if we are able to think about options that could make this more accessible for them. To be added to the next Judging and Showing agenda.

### **Young Ambassador**

The best time to launch the news regarding the appointment of the new young ambassador was discussed and Olympia time was suggested. This is a positive news story as we have attracted someone from outside of Wales. It has also been discussed about linking in with the Young people involved in the Hill Ponies during her year.

#### **Proposed and seconded. All in favour**

Trustee asked to leave the room

## **Confidential minute**

Trustee returned to the room and another trustee left the room

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Trustee returned to the room

The C/D judge to be put forward for Germany

### **Journal Update**

To be reported after tomorrow's meeting

### **General Meeting Minutes**

The minutes provided by the minute taker have been looked over and any blank sections have been completed and names amended where required. It was agreed that sections of the meeting were missing from the minutes and that the tape needs to be listened to and the minutes updated accordingly.

### **Young Ambassador Report**

The current Young Ambassador attended the council meeting to give an update on what she had been doing to date and what is coming up.

- Ynys Mon WPCS in hand tutorial
- Royal Welsh Statue
- Young people's meeting at the Royal Welsh
- Young judges
- Mid Wales summer show supreme judge
- Fashion show (40 young members and a profit exceeding £6,000)
- Performance awards/ young people's meeting
- Concert on 24<sup>th</sup> January

The Company Secretary congratulated the Young Ambassador on how she has worked with the children.

Young Ambassador asked if it could be considered if we could bring it back to 1 year as elect and 1 year in post for the young ambassador position.

*President and President Elect left the meeting.*

### **Judges Handbook**

A page is to be added to include how to apply to be a judge and how to apply for an asterisk

Two proposals were put forward - the first to not include a rule to allow trustees not to show under other trustees. **Proposed and seconded. 8 in favour 1 abstained.**

Second proposal was that trustees cannot show under another trustee. **Proposed and seconded. 3 in favour 1 abstained.**

**Rule not included in the handbook.**

Rule 9.6a regarding whisker trimming is to be removed

**Proposed and seconded. All in favour**

**Confidential minute**

*Trustee left*

**Fayre Oaks sale update**

Company secretary reported that the sale had gone well with lots of contact with members and that there was a good working relationship with Brightwell's. There were some issues which have arisen following the conversations with the members and the Company secretary asked if council with give discretion for him to deal with the majority and then a report is given on the matters so that everyone is aware of them.

**Member**

Unlicensed colt has covered a mare and has been gelded. She felt that there were anomalies in there being no breeding rules online. These were on our website prior to October 2018 when the covering would have taken place before our website was transferred over. As well as in the stud books. Company secretary feels that part bred status is setting precedence. Could the trustees help to go through the breeding rules to help get them together quickly? Three trustees all offered to support through e-mail.

**ESA Meeting Update**

There was lots of talk on Brexit and a bulletin is to be created and shared with everyone. There were also talks regarding African Horse sickness and West Nile Virus and the importance of Equine influenza vaccine.

With Brexit it has raised a concern that a WPCS overseas Society could claim the mother status in Europe and a charter is to be drafted for all to sign to prove that we are the mother society. A few of the Daughter Societies have expressed an interest in being the collector of information in Europe if required following the international meeting. The charter needs to be linked in with our articles of association and sent off for signature.

**Proposed and seconded. All in favour**

## **International Meeting**

This went well, there was discussion about thinking of ways to encourage overseas young members, multilingual forms and if the Daughter Societies would be happy to translate these for us. Company secretary also fed back on the ESA Brexit talks.

Co-option of members – to be discussed at the next meeting.

Council meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December to be re scheduled to the 16<sup>th</sup> December due to the annual leave of the Office manager and the prior commitments of the Company secretary.

**With no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 7:10pm.**

**ENDS**