

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

**Summary of minutes of the Council meeting held at 3.00pm on Monday
5th August 2019 at Bronaeron, Felinfach, Lampeter, SA48 8AG**

Present: Colin Thomas (Chair), Wyn Jones (Vice Chair), Daniel Morgan, Gwyn Jones, Dilwyn Roberts, John Welsh, Barry Hall, Deborah Jones, Sharon Charlton, Elgan Evans, Daydre Chambers, Roger Davies and Elizabeth Hampson.

Apologies: Brian Foster (President)

In Attendance: C R Davies (President-Elect), Gemma Bassett-Burr (Deputy Company Secretary)

Minute Taker: Rob Allen (Consultant Administrator)

Welcome and Apologies

Trustees held a minute's silence for the late Mrs Kathleen James of the Highland Stud.

Declarations and Items for Any Other Business

There were no declarations.

Recommendations from Member Services to increase the age of the Young Ambassador: to create an extra Young Judges class; to link the open day with young people; a Gold medal for the Champion Young Handler; and Journal 2020 procurement.

Chairs promotions update.

Recommendations from Chair of Judging & Showing.

Trustee brought forward a member's suggestion for the Pavilion.

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 1st July 2019 and Matters Arising

Corrections

Page 3 2342 correction of surname to Interim Deputy Company secretary

Page 6 2344 this was updated to read as "the President and President-Elect will interview the applicants"

Page 7 2345 change "interrogate" to "analyse"

Page 9 2346 change “flooding” to “flaking” and correct spelling of “toilet”

Matters Arising

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It was reported by the Chair of the International Meeting went well. Chair of Council thanked the Chair for holding a very productive meeting. There will be another meeting in the autumn to continue discussing the EU Exit. Trustees agreed that the Honorary vet be invited and a transporter.

Trustee reported that he has spoken with the AM Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs and is waiting for a date for a meeting with a delegation from the equine sector. Trustee felt that the Minister is aware of the Society’s concerns and will take them to other meetings with her.

Page 7 2345 It was reported that trustees had agreed that the Society will honour the bronze medal for 2019 if the additional cost is paid. However, this does not guarantee a bronze medal for 2020.

Page 8 2345 Trustee reported that the stud book is on hold until the new IT system is installed.

Page 9 2346 Trustee confirmed that he repaired the manhole and organised the plumber. The builder did not do this work.

It was proposed and seconded, that the minutes from the 1st of July be accepted as a true record of the meeting. All in favour, motion carried.

Confidential minute raised

2019 AGM Draft Minutes for Approval

Trustees discussed the loss of the attendance book and agreed the wording to be used on the minutes. It was clarified that there were approximately 300 people in the hall as there were additional family, friends and proxy votes present. The DCS confirmed that members will be asked to sign the attendance books as they enter the hall and the books will no longer be circulated.

It was proposed and seconded that the AGM 2019 draft minutes are approved for the autumn mailing. All in favour, motion carried.

Autumn Mailing Papers

Trustees reviewed and updated the draft papers for the autumn mailing. The DCS confirmed that once the papers have been approved the mailing can progress.

In relation to an additional paper asking members to update the Society with their contact details, the DCS explained that the aim is to update the database with e-mail addresses and telephone numbers in order to reduce postal costs.

Also, if the Society decides to invite members to confirm which horses and ponies are in their ownership then e-mails can be used.

The dates need to be checked across all papers and updates made

Subject to this action, the autumn mailing papers were agreed by trustees.

Proposal to hold an autumn Area Association Meeting

The Chair recommended a second meeting be held with the area associations.

It was proposed and seconded that an Area Association Meeting is held at Bronaeron with a maximum of two representatives per association.

Correspondence

- a) The letter from a member was noted
- b) Trustees confirmed they had all received a copy of the members letter dated 1st of July 2019. It was queried if the Society had followed its procedures in this matter as the correspondent continues to write to trustees. The Chair clarified that the Society has followed due process in this matter and has taken legal advice. He offered trustees the opportunity to see the file. A Trustee asked to see the file.
- c) *Confidential minute raised*

Any Other Business

Chair of Member Services spoke on action points for Member Services to action.

It was proposed and seconded that there is a Champion Young Handlers Gold medal awarded from 2020. **All in favour, motion carried.**

This is an action point to table at the RWAS meeting.

It was proposed and seconded that the maximum age for the Young Persons Ambassador be raised from 25 to 30. **All in favour, motion carried.**

It was proposed and seconded that the maximum age for the Young judges increases from 21 to 25 and that there is an additional class for 21 to 25 at the Young Judges competition. **All in favour, motion carried.**

In a follow up discussion, **it was proposed and seconded** that there is the prize for the Young judges aged 21 to 25 is £100 for their formal judges assessment to go on

panel but not for their probation. **12 in favour, 1 abstention, motion carried.** It was clarified that this £100 is for the initial assessment application.

Trustee and Young people's mentor spoke on ideas from the Young people to design a sign for Bronaeron to be approved by Council. This had been discussed in Member Services and agreed that this will be paid for by the Young people's fund. In addition, that the Young people could be involved with the planned Open Day and could stream the event for those unable to attend.

It was proposed and seconded that the Young people design a sign. **All in favour, motion carried.**

It was proposed and seconded that the Society Open Day is hosted by both Young people and the staff. **All in favour, motion carried.**

Letter to be sent to the Young Ambassador. **Action point**

Chair of Judging and Showing made recommendations from the Judging & Showing committee

There was a discussion on the support for the geldings.

It was proposed and seconded that there is one Gold medal awarded for the 2020 Champion gelding. **9 in favour, 4 against, motion carried.**

The motion will need to be discussed at the Royal Welsh meeting. As the RWAS does not officially recognise the WPCS panel judges, this will be subject to them using a panel judge.

Confidential minute

Chair of Promotions. The standing committee has been receiving estimates from a member of the Society on the Journal, an online magazine, merchandising and also updating the website and social media.

Trustee advised that Member Services had approved a specification for the Journal 2020 and recommended that the Society should seek tender responses from printing companies. Any individual contractors should seek a partnership with a printing company. Chair of FHR confirmed that the Society is seeking to reduce from two contracts to one for the next journal. Chair of FHR will speak to the member to signpost to the Journal 2020 tender. **Action point**

Confidential minute raised

With no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 5.30pm.

ENDS

