



**Cymdeithas y Merlod a'r  
Cobiau Cymreig**

**The Welsh Pony and  
Cob Society**

## **The Role of the President of the The Welsh Pony and Cob Society**

### **Organisation Overview**

The Welsh Pony and Cob Society is one of the largest Native Breed Societies in the UK, having been established in 1901 and being under the Patronage of Her Majesty the Queen.

The Society is responsible for promoting Welsh Ponies and Cobs nationally and internationally and is a registered Passport Issuing Organisation with responsibility for the registration of Welsh pure and part-bred equines. There are four sections of Pure-bred animals, these being Section A (Welsh Mountain Pony), Section B (Welsh Pony), Section C (Welsh Pony of Cob Type) and Section D (Welsh Cob). Welsh part-bred animals must have a proven 12.5% Welsh blood in their parentage to be accepted for registration.

The Society is governed by a Board of 15 Trustees (the Council), elected for a three-year period of office by the membership. Services provided to members include the registration and transfer of ownership of animals; the issuing of Stallion licences; the publication of Stud Books and Indices, annual Journals and newsletters; administration of a Judges Panel and much more.

The Society's office in Felinfach, houses a museum of archive material which is open to the public. The Society currently employs 10 members of staff managed by an appointed Company Secretary.

### **Overall Purpose of the Role**

The Welsh Pony and Cob Society appoint individuals to the roles of President-Elect and President at its Annual General Meeting, with the President-Elect progressing to become President the following year. The Society's members nominate persons for President-Elect on an annual basis.

The role of the President is an ambassadorial one and is bestowed upon persons who are held in the highest regard by members and trustees, thus ensuring that the Society is suitably represented. It is considered an honour to

be made President of the Society, and with the role comes a significant level of responsibility and the commitment of time.

The President is a figurehead who represents the Society at events across the UK and occasionally overseas, this being a public facing role which requires dedication to, and enthusiasm for, the Society and Welsh Breeds.

**Responsible to** - The Society and Council, working closely with the Company Secretary when making practical arrangements and organising the annual President's AGM.

## Role Description

The President will be required to:

- Attend Area Association and occasional overseas events when invited; to represent the Society, make presentations and give talks etc.
- Attend Council and Standing Committee meetings in order to have a clear understanding of Society business and topical items.
- Attend shows and events when invited, to represent the Society and make awards etc.
- In particular, to attend the Royal Welsh Show and represent the Society at numerous functions during the week; presenting the awards at classes sponsored by the Society (e.g., Gelding classes and Young Handler Championship), greeting the RWAS Young Ambassador
- Work with the Company Secretary to select a suitable venue for holding the AGM at the end of the Presidential year.
- Chair the Annual and other General meetings.
- Liaise with the office to arrange a President's Dinner Dance or Tea to follow the AGM. Any additional funds generated can be donated to the President's nominated charity (must be clearly declared)
- Provide any other relevant services to the Society as may be required during the Presidential year.

## Person Specification

Held in the highest regard by trustees and members, with an excellent reputation, and an honourable character.	Essential
An in-depth knowledge of The Welsh Pony and Cob Society and the Welsh breeds	Essential
Excellent communication and interpersonal skills	Essential
Willingness to travel, with own means of transport (Expenses can be claimed)	Essential
Willingness to work unsocial hours.	Desirable