

## **SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING AT BRONAERON ON 25th OCT 2022**

*(Confidential items are not included)*

Present :- Daniel Morgan (Chairman), Wyn Jones, Debbie Jones, Steve Everitt, Lottie Stephens, Angela Kember, Ed Gummery, Sharon Charlton (vice-chairman), Liz Hampson, Tanya Baldwin, David Davies, Rosie Wilson.

By Video conference :- Dilwyn Roberts, Martin Waters (latter part of meeting only)

In attendance :- Dennis Price (President), Meirion Davies (Company Secretary), Gemma Basset Burr (Office Manager)

The meeting started at 9.40am with apologies from Martin Waters whose car had broken down. The Chairman referred to the recent Official Sales as a success and hoped members were pleased with the results.

The minutes of the Council Meeting of 12th September were ratified and matters arising discussed.

David Davies spoke about the cabinets needed for the Council room to accommodate some of the Society's most important trophies, sculptures and other assets. It was resolved that quotes for cabinets to match the existing cabinets be sought and brought back to Council.

Interviews for the role of Young Ambassador were scheduled for the week commencing 6/12/22.

The Vice-chair reported that the nightly sales report on Facebook had been well received and kept the momentum of the sale going. Vol 102 of the Stud book had been available at the sales which brings us almost up to date after falling 7 years behind. Vol 103 will be ready in the spring next year and 104 (2022 registrations) will be out in autumn 2023. A major achievement in catching up on the Society's key role.

The RWAS had reported good entries for the Winter Fair which the office was checking for correctness of ownership.

The Company Secretary reported invitations for the display unit to visit the BSPS championships and Bucks County Spectacular and was seeking quotes for attending HOYS.

The Office was under pressure to provide passports for animals entered for the Clee Tompkinson sale in Llandovery 30th October. Applications for these had been received as late as 17th, 21st and 24th of this month. The Office was doing all it could to expedite the passports but could not guarantee to make them available in time.

Angela Kember and Lottie Stephens confirmed they would be attending the memorial service for former Council member and President Laura Hutchins.

The annual meeting with the RWAS had been held on 21st October. RWAS confirmed flu vaccinations will continue to be a requirement and also thanked all Welsh breeds judges for their time-keeping and diligence at the 2022 show. The Society presented the Associations request regarding a part bred ridden class which is under consideration by the RWAS.

RWAS are requesting Silver medals for the Winter Fair, however the Royal Welsh Winter Fair does not currently hold sufficient classes to qualify for Silver medals. It was agreed in Council that the Judging and Showing committee look at this request and see if some kind of medal specific to the Winter Fair might be offered as a reflection of the consistently high number of entries forward.

The Company Secretary reported that the journal compilation was proceeding and also that methods of distributing the journal overseas were being looked into. The meeting decided not to carry advertorials in 2023 but that advertising rates should remain static.

The Company Secretary reported on the meeting with the Hill Pony Societies. There had been discussion about the rules regarding trimming of foals and all present agreed to follow the WPCS rules. Hill Society members were disappointed that more Council members had not attended the meeting. Colin Thomas as Secretary raised the point raised in July, he

was hoping for a 6-point plan and seeking advice on what others do regarding clearing the hills of non-registered entires. Hill breeders again requested consideration be given by the WPCS regarding the registration fees for ponies bred on registered hills.

Council approved 5 new prefixes, 4 extensions to existing prefixes and accepted the list of new members presented for their approval.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.17pm.