

## **Summary of Minutes of Council Meeting held on 7th April 2023 at Metropole Hotel**

Present:- Daniel Morgan (Chair), Debbie Jones, Steve Everitt, Sharon Charlton (Vice Chair), Tanya Baldwin, Martin Waters, Rosie Wilson, Dilwyn Roberts, Wyn Jones, Angela Kember, Ed Gummery, David Davies, Lottie Stephens, Liz Hampson, Cemaes Evans.

In Attendance :\_ Dennis Price (President), Dewi Evans (President Elect), Meirion Davies (Company Secretary), Gemma Bassett Burr (Office Manager)

Minutes taken by GBB

*(Confidential matters from the minutes are not included in this summary)*

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and the AGM tomorrow over the Easter weekend.

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> March were passed as a true and accurate record of the meeting by all those present on the 7<sup>th</sup> March with 4 members not present on that day abstaining from voting.

The office confirmed that the framed 'Breeders awards' had been produced in house to a high standard including monogrammed wax seals. The Society was also supporting and promoting the Hill Pony Societies e-magazine being launched at Glanusk Stallion show.

In total 15 responses had been received to the Society following an open request to WPCS Associations and members for ideas and comments regarding a review of the method of appointing members to the panel of judges and these will be passed to the new Judging and Showing Committee.

The Society's presence at the RWAS Spring Festival organised by trustee Tanya Baldwin will include representative animals from all five sections plus a display in the main ring each day . Debbie Jones volunteered to help on both days. The Society Shop and pavilion would also be open to welcome members and enthusiasts.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of April (yesterday) the first Welsh / English Welsh Government passport had been produced following Brexit regulations rather than the previous EU requirements of English / French lingual versions.

Chairman Daniel Morgan shared that this would be his final Council Meeting of his six year tenure as a trustee which expires at the conclusion of the AGM tomorrow. He urged the Council to continue working together and thanked the other retiring Trustees, Liz Hampson and Rosie Wilson and praised the office for bringing the Stud books up to date which were seven years behind when the current Company Secretary came into post. David Davies gave a vote of thanks to Mr Morgan for his service to the Society.

Trustees were reminded of the Association meeting the following morning and it was expected that all trustees would contribute and answer questions.

Discussion ensued regarding keeping the WPCS awards night and President's dinner as a separate event from the business meeting of the Society's AGM, with arguments put forward for both propositions and it was agreed the format of these events be in consultation with and appropriate requirements of the wishes of each President at the time.

One new prefix and 3 extensions of prefixes were considered and approved together with the list of new members supplied by the office. The Company Secretary informed trustees that no items had been received for AOB at the AGM by the deadline of the 31<sup>st</sup> of March. The CS further explained this deadline is set so that Trustees can research and answer fully items under AOB, although questions could still be asked on the day but it was unlikely that trustees would always be able to fully answer these at short notice, but the questioners would be replied to after the AGM in writing. This had been noted in the Society's spring newsletter sent to all members.

The Royal Welsh Livestock Committee had conveyed to the Society that they had very few judges to choose from the panel for the Welsh driving classes at the RWAS show. This is to be examined by the Judging and

Showing committee to see how the panel could be expanded.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 17.15.