

SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING 7th MARCH 2023 AT BRONAERON

Confidential Items are not included in these minutes.

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.

In Attendance :- Dennis Price (President), Dewi Evans (President Elect), Meirion Davies (Company Secretary), Gemma Bassett Burr (Office manager and minute taker).

The meeting commenced at 9.40 with a welcome from the Chair.

Apologies :- David Davies (in Australia), Liz Hampson, Lottie Stephens (Covid) and Rosie Wilson (pm only).

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 24th of November 2022 were proposed, seconded and agreed as a true record of the meeting and matters arising were dealt with. It was clarified that that no other in hand gold medals apart from those awarded at the RWAS show are given by the Society. However, the Overall Supreme Champion at the WPCS Performance Event would be eligible for a Gold Performance Medal, in line with those that are awarded at HOYS and RWAS show for the top performance animals.

The Society Awards night and Presidents Dinner had been a great success with in excess of 300 members attending and the Office had sourced prizes in excess of £2000 in value as sponsorship for the awards. The President as one of his fundraising activities had organised a charity auction in Builth market and raised £2040 for his chosen charity the Wales Air Ambulance.

Ed Gummery volunteered to be the designated link between the Hill Pony Societies and the WPCS Office. The Hill Ponies of Wales magazine is going to be produced on line and the WPCS welcomes and supports this innovation.

Obesity in the show ring was discussed by Council following its raising as

a topic within the Education and Welfare committee from which it was passed to the Judging and Showing committee for further scrutiny. WPCS panel Judges are reminded to take Obesity and its detrimental effects into account when forming their judgement.

The Company Secretary has liaised with the RW Spring Festival and classes for all sections of the stud book are to be held there for the first time this year. Tanya Baldwin is organising a breed representative from each section to be on display at the festival and there will be a display in the main ring highlighting the versatility and suitability of the Welsh breeds for all the family.

The verbatim minutes of the 2022 AGM were gone through page by page and agreed as a true record of the meeting.

Following a lapse during Covid it was agreed that the random parentage tasting of foals should re-commence. A total of 5 foals will be selected annually for DNA profiling and parentage testing at the Society's expense. Those selected will be the 300th applications for registration received annually.

7 new Prefixes were accepted along with 11 extensions to prefixes and all new member applications from the period since the last Council meeting were approved by Trustees.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 18.14.