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A'R COBIAU CYMREIG  
THE WELSH PONY AND  
COB SOCIETY**

**BULLETIN MINUTES FOR THE WPCS COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT  
BRONAERON ON TUESDAY THE 15<sup>TH</sup> OF AUGUST 2023.**

Council met with apologies from Jocelyn Price. Cemaes Evans, Meirion Davies and Dewi Evans. Ed Gummery and Sharon Charlton joined the meeting online. The new Owl system for video conferencing was utilised and there are some teething problems which need to be looked at.

The following items were discussed:

The Society Complaints and Disciplinary procedure is under review. The fee to lodge a non-welfare complaint has been reduced to £150 with a £500 appeal fee.

A clarification regarding the passporting of foals prior to the Royal Welsh show was offered in a joint statement by both Societies. It is imperative that animals are recorded in the correct ownership to ensure legal compliance and to be able to receive awards won.

The Society has appointed Christina Nixon Catering as the official caterer at the WPCS Royal Welsh Pavilion. The response to the catering at the recent RWAS show was positive.

A professional company has been appointed to complete a diagnostic review of WPCS operational efficiency & effectiveness, staffing structure and the relationships and roles between Office and Council.

The Official sales will retain the same entry fees for members animals for the third year running.

Several strategic meetings were held at the RWAS show and a successful International gathering of members from overseas was held at the International pavilion with the kind support of the RWAS. There

was some feedback that a few international visitors were unaware of the gathering, however it had been posted on Facebook as an open invitation and the Online International meeting attended by daughter Societies held in May had also been informed of the event, this will be improved in future.

The Society will take one of the promotional breeds stands at this year's HOYS. It will be resourced by Trustees.

The advertising of posts to replace staff has been held back until the findings of the diagnostic review findings.

EquiCymru the Society's non pedigree passporting service has been launched. It offers the most cost-effective way of passporting non-registered animals in the UK. There are also benefits to WPCS members and it will receive some launch publicity in media publications, HOYS and direct to registered vets and welfare agencies.

Volume 104 of the Welsh Stud book including foals registered in 2022 will retail at £75 and be available at the Official sales in October.

Trustee Janice Parry and the Society will sponsor Gilets for the Welsh breed Champions at the NPS Great British in hand show.

Some price changes have been introduced for office services, these will be detailed fully in the autumn newsletter.

The Society branded merchandise launched at the RWAS show sold well. It is possible to purchase personalised items via the website.

The 'Hire the WPCS Pavilion to host an event' initiative has been well received. Members can now hire the space and caterers for a variety of purposes such as Birthday parties or meeting space.

Trustees were reminded that Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> of August was the closing date for Official Sale entries and applications for the role of WPCS Young Ambassador. It was confirmed that a Young Ambassador can apply for a second term of Office.

Sub committees updated Council on progress in their areas.

A discussion was had regarding the training of Assessors for the Appointment to the Panel of Judges process.

Breed booklets are being reviewed with consideration to include more detailed breed descriptions for Sections B and C. A working party will be

set up to facilitate the enhancement of the current descriptions for all the sections.

A list of the new prefixes, and extension of existing prefixes to additional names was approved, and new Society members accepted.

Confidential matters were also discussed but are not included in this bulletin.

The detailed Council minutes are subject to ratification.

Chair and Company Secretary 23/08/2023

**ENDS**