

Summary of council meeting of 16th February 2024

A productive meeting on DNA was held on- line with Weatherbys. The current process for DNA profiling is called microsatellite (MS) and is being phased out and will be obsolete in 3-5 years. Single Nucleotide Polymorphism (SNPs) is its replacement. Leisure Horse Ireland who manage WPCS Irish registrations have already transitioned. SNPs tests are more accurate: they are more detailed using more markers to identify genetic differences, abnormalities etc. It was agreed that that the Society should be forward thinking and conditionally transition to SNPs sooner rather than later. Costings would be looked at.

Key dates for a calendar of WPCS events and deadlines for 2025 (which should be adhered to) were suggested.

It was decided that our Royal patronage be removed from WPCS letter headings until such time as the Palace had informed the Society of a replacement.

Area associations are to be contacted to agree a suitable date for a meeting.

It was agreed by all trustees that Geldards should attend the AGM and that the two proposed Resolutions be put before the meeting. AB abstained as she had not looked at the documents yet. There are no nominations for President-elect. The advice from Geldards is that our President can be elected at any point during the year so there is a possibility that nomination/ voting papers for a President -elect could be sent out again with the autumn newsletter.