

24/10/23 Council Meeting Summary

Resignations of trustees had taken place so appointments were made to fill the vacancies in chairs of committees. It was agreed that if council numbered less than ten (so were not quorate) the person who had stood from the floor at the 2023 AGM be asked before co-options be undertaken. It was agreed by all trustees that Standing Orders needed to be reviewed and updated.

The availability of apprenticeships was raised and all trustees agreed for the viability of this being pursued. From the J&S committee the date of the next Judges' Assessments was confirmed for 2026. It was agreed that an interim medal review was required in December and the new curb chain rule must be added to the rule book.

Events run for members by volunteers and their standing of these within the WP&CS was discussed.

HOYS: The WPCS stand at HOYS was a great success with about 200 people signing the visitors' book. The children's packs and care booklets were very well received. Transfers were the most popular of the queries. Thanks were given to the President for his kind sponsorship of the backdrop to the stand.

SALES: The big issue for most people appears to have been the scheduling of the weekend. General feeling was to discuss with McCartneys that lotting should go back to an A/B and C/D lotting. On Friday there had been an issue with the internet link going down. Those involved with dealing with the injury of a young man were thanked. H&S at the sale is an issue and there was a general feeling that some foals had not been handled to deal with a sale's environment. It could be discussed with McCartneys that they try and batch vendors in two sets of foals to reduce the need for so many helpers filling the rings. It was noted that there had been a lot of withdrawals of sale entries. Transfers were monitored by the office, so it was evident that some animals had been sold privately before the sale. The possibility of sanctions was discussed.

Interviews for future Young Ambassadors took place at the sale.

New prefixes, prefix extensions and new memberships were reviewed. All trustees were in favour of acceptance.