

Council Meeting Summary 7th February 2024

Arrangements for the council meeting and AGM in Ruthin were agreed. The Young Ambassador will attend and the new YA, who is unable to attend, will provide a video.

The CS raised the cost to administration of errors in registration application forms, trustees agree to the admin fee of £10 to apply to 3 or more errors or a microchip missing. The variety of forms in existence for passport amendments and varying fees was also discussed, for consistency it was agreed, that forms be amalgamated with a standard fee - £20 for members and £30 for non-members.

The CS had reviewed the mobile telephone contracts and hopefully has made the society a saving of £4000 over the year. There have been errors with queueing system so BT will be contacted to resolve this.

The CS reported on a positive meeting with the society's Database provider about increasing the facilities for members to enable them to have more input in to their data and record keeping and the development of the stallion covering notifications and birth notifications. A pilot group is to be formed to test online registration. There is also the facility to offer online pedigrees in Welsh and English. DR has very kindly offered to provide translation. Trustees were in favour of pursuing these services with the cost to be ascertained (MW abstained). Migration to the cloud is on-going and the members' screen will be transferred to the cloud on-line. Within a year animal record will be transferred as well.

All trustees agreed that the society's logo and name should not be used for unofficial events as the logo is copyright. Moreover, the society has no control over third party events. It therefore needs to be published in the next newsletter.

The CS was concerned that the society's display vehicle is proving costly and very unreliable, an issue that will have to be resolved long term – whether to sell it and instead hire vehicles when required.

The CS had had a meeting with Weatherbys re DNA about the migration to SNPs (Single Nucleotide Polymorphism) as a means of testing. A meeting of council with Weatherbys is to be set up to discuss the best way forward for the society.

A collaboration with Cardiff university to design and build a new WPCS website, with VR experience, was proposed. MW and CS were to visit Cardiff to sound out the possibilities. It was agreed that on-going support would be essential for the project to be viable. A representative from the university is to be invited to give us a short presentation to members at the AGM.