

22/4/2024 Council Meeting Summary

This was the first council meeting since the AGM so the CS and President welcomed all trustees, new and old, to the meeting.

Proposals and elections were held for the chairman of council, the vice-chairman of council, the chairman of Finance/HR, the vice chair of Finance/HR and then the chairs of all other committees together with committee members. Please see the website for the full result of these elections.

The newly appointed chair of council (E G) addressed council and proposed a Strategy for the Society 2024-5 for trustees to consider.

Owing to ill health the induction for trustees by Azets, the accountants, did not take place but a very full induction presentation by Geldards on the roles and responsibilities of trustees of a charity proved to be valuable training. Discussion by trustees on the code of conduct, the importance of confidentiality, shared responsibilities and the expectations of trustees governing their on-line and social media presence was highlighted.

Feedback from the AGM meant that, as requested, hard copies of the rule book have now been circulated to all associations. Council ratified that 50% of status fees for all 2024 affiliated shows who did not reach their target numbers would be refunded. This will be retrospective for shows which have already taken place in 2024.

In AOB the announcement by the Rare Breeds Trust that the Welsh Section B is to be put on the 'At risk' watch list was discussed, and it was decided that the relevant committee will look at ways to address this.

A variety of schemes were mooted to deal with the issue of WPCS medals following many suggestions that were made at the AGM by the area associations. The Judging and Showing committee were tasked to address this and bring back a number of options to the table as soon as possible.