

1/7/2024 Council Meeting Summary

A minute's silence was held in recognition of those members who, sadly, had recently passed away.

With the transition to a new way of DNA testing a discussion was held on future stallion licensing procedures. It was unanimously decided that colts' DNA will be matched to both sire and dam in future as a matter of course. Anomalies may well have occurred in the past when this was not required.

The CS reported that the office staff have been busy transferring our systems to Xero from XIS. Grassroots will continue to deal with the Society's database with the financial aspects of the business transferring to Xero. Training of staff has been taking place and will be ongoing. Consequently, some services have had to be temporarily removed from on-line eg. registrations, as the system is transferred over. Migration to the cloud can start next month when the Society is fully on Xero.

The design of the new website which is being undertaken 'in house' is in progress and will hopefully be ready by the end of August.

The Standard Operating Procedures will be reviewed after material has been fully migrated to the cloud.

A new order for Performance medals, with a change of supplier, was agreed.

Safely concerns and insurance was raised by some trustees about the proposed ridden element in this year's Young Judges' competition. It was therefore felt unwise to hold a ridden element.

The printing costs for the next stud book was discussed. The demand annually is very low which means a run is very costly to print. At the moment £215 + VAT is being quoted by the usual print company so it was agreed that the CS will pursue other quotations/size of runs with other companies.

The scheduling of meetings for Area Associations was discussed, the next is scheduled for 10th July.

The National Pony Society has invited us to nominate a junior representative. It was agreed that the Young Ambassador be invited as a junior representative for the WP&CS.

There is ongoing correspondence between the Society and the Horse and Hound magazine over what trustees regarded as a highly contentious and inaccurate article that was published earlier this year which hopefully will soon be resolved.

Potential venues were suggested for a presentation lunch for the 2024 Performance Awards in early December. Also, the International WPCS Show is due to be held in the UK in 2026 so dates and an available venue for this was discussed. Australia has been

proposed to hold the 2028 International Show by the International Show committee. It was unanimously agreed that the Royal Welsh Winter fair continues to be a Bronze medal show.

Various quotations and requirements for services such as HR and Accountancy were reviewed.

Trustees reviewed progress of the Strategy against the recommendations of the Diagnostic Report. It was agreed that a questionnaire for members and past members be devised. Negotiations are in place with St. Fagans for the Society together with the Welsh Black Cattle Society, will have displays and a footfall there.

Council were delighted that Sue Hardy has accepted the position as President Elect for 2024-5.