

29/07/2024 Council Meeting Summary

The CS reported that the office in the pavilion had been busy during the week of the Royal Welsh show. The meeting of the international delegates held on the Monday had been positive with awards being presented to those who had not been able to attend the Awards Evening earlier in the year. During the show the Area Associations trophy was awarded to Glamorgan. It was questioned why the WPCS President had not been invited to present the Young Handler Awards at the RWAS as usual. The office has successfully trialled the new online stock sheets which can easily be transferred over to the Xero system. The June accounts have been successfully reconciled on the Xero system too. EquinePix have confirmed that they will cover HOYS on behalf of the Society. The official sale is now open for entries and will close on 23rd August. The Friday of the sale will have the performance animals, part bred and ridden entries. The Saturday will have the Welsh Section Cs and Ds, whilst on Sunday the Welsh Section As and Bs will be sold.

The 'medal review' is well under way and, hopefully, will be finalised at the next J&S committee meeting ready to be brought to the next council meeting for ratification. A complaint had been received concerning the judging of an animal at an affiliated show. It was agreed that the video produced in evidence should be viewed by the Society's vet for his observations.

HOYS awards given by the WPCS were discussed. It was unanimously agreed that there needs to be parity across all the performance classes for these awards – eg Working Hunter, LR, FR, Driving etc where winning registered Welsh animals should be rewarded.

The chairman circulated a draft of a new Complaints Procedure for trustees to consider he also requested that trustees bring their ideas to the table on a skeleton survey that might be sent to all members and past members. The possibility of membership of the WPCS by companies will be investigated as other charities appear to take advantage of this.

EP stated that council will soon be in a position to confirm the venue etc for the 2026 International Show which is scheduled to be held in the UK. He hopes to set up a committee and investigate sponsorship possibilities as soon as possible.

The Royal Welsh Show Sire/Dam ratings are rigorously produced by Sue and Janet Hardy each year at the show for which they are thanked. These are eagerly sought by members so they will email the results to the WPCS office so that they can be displayed on the WPCS website for information.

Committee meetings are set for 19th August and the next council meeting for 9th September.