

### 3/6/2024 Council Meeting Summary

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

It was discussed that Cemaes Evans had resigned from Council with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> May. Leaving 14 trustees remaining and under the articles Council could continue to run at this number until the next AGM.

The news of HRH King Charles III being appointed as the new Patron was well received.

The Spring sale had gone well with the top price going to a WMP gelding at £3,300 and a Welsh Cob at £3,000. Further sales were discussed and that efforts would now turn to the Autumn sale.

Congratulations were given to Amelia Ward who was supreme champion at the NPS Dressage Championship with Tیرهه What's Wanted for the second year.

Frustration was raised over the online conferencing system and the quality of the equipment purchased. CS suggested using a different online meeting provider in the first instance to see if any improvement, before we look at the equipment.

The Societies presence at HOYS was discussed and how to get the best from the stand while there to attract new members and engage with those who own Welsh Ponies, Cobs and Part Breds. The options available to capture photos of the breed winners was also discussed, with some options to look at and consider.

2026 International show in the UK was discussed and venues are being considered and costed. Along with the development of an international committee to run the event.

Membership and the way in which it is processed was discussed as the current procedure is not working effectively. Members are waiting weeks for their cards, and this causes additional pressure on the office with telephone calls and emails. It was agreed moving forward that membership would not go to Council for approval and would be monitored by the office and flagged with trustees if any issues were to come to light.

Welsh language champions were discussed, and it was decided that this was not something that Council wished to progress with at present, it was felt that everyone has this at the forefront of their mind when making decisions.

A draft DNA statement was shared with the trustees, this is to be updated and reworded with the suggestions before sharing again. It was discussed that the samples that come into the office from now on should be processed as a SNPs sample with our DNA provider to prevent further delays with the transition. Stallions will also require two kits one to obtain a SNPs profile and the other a MS profile. All in agreement.

The development of promotional videos was discussed and it was felt that we could not progress until we had a better picture of the finances and that this is to be re visited at the end of the year when we know more. All in favour except JVP who abstained.

Committee meeting points for ratification were brought to Council and discussed.

General maintenance work that is required on the pavilion at the Royal Welsh showground was mentioned.