

20/1/2025 Council Meeting Summary

A minute's silence was held in recognition of those members who, sadly, had recently passed away. The chairman welcomed trustees and commented that council had fallen slightly behind in their work owing to the storms and bad weather which had necessitated the cancellation of meetings. Consequently, Standing Orders were stood down so that some urgent matters could be dealt with on the day.

The chairman reported that matters are ongoing as the WPCS strive to get monies potentially owed to the society following the sale of Thelma Carter's estate. The production of the 2025 Journal is on track. The chairman and CS had attended a meeting with the Welsh government concerning the possibility of the society issuing green registration documents for EU WPCS societies who are very keen to pursue this.

A meeting had taken place with ASAO which had proved fruitful as they will give us an opportunity to promote Welsh ponies and cobs within their remit. Three MEPs had agreed to support a WPCS presence at St Fagans which the society, together with the Welsh Black Cattle society, are pursuing.

The CS had drafted an advert in readiness to sell the WPCS vehicle by sealed tender. Council thanked JK and MD for their efforts in getting the vehicle ready for sale. A viewing day will be advertised for potential buyers and a final day for tenders will be set.

A discussion was held about a potential webinar for members to attend online. It was anticipated to be held on an evening in February/March and might cover topics based on breeding and youngstock.

The CS confirmed that 2025 J&S Handbook is about to go to print that week. As the Derogation Day had not taken place (because of the weather) it was unanimously agreed that, just for this year, the vet will now visit each of the studs who had an entry to take hair samples etc for DNA sampling purposes. There are three.

McCartneys have approached the society to revert and hold the Official sale over 3 days this year, rather than the 2 days which had been agreed with the society previously. After a full discussion it was unanimously agreed by trustees that the Official Autumn sale should keep to the 2 days this autumn.

Urgent committee matters were then discussed as a set of such meetings had been abandoned during weather problems before Christmas. In the next J&S committee meeting a new Judges' Assessment procedure will have to be finalised as a matter of urgency. The CS said that not much progress had been possible on the new website because of work on the journal and registrations but that should be dealt with soon. The phones (BT) were still proving problematic. It was agreed that applications for funding requests are now to be invited.

One nomination was received for an Honorary Life Vice President and voted upon.

The April 2025 AGM is to be held in Newport. The President (Mrs Jocelyn Price) is to hold a Dinner/Dance for members and this has now been advertised. Her charities are to be the West Midland Air Ambulance and the Bronllys Hospital League of Friends.

Correspondence and confidential matters were then approached before the meeting closed. Committee meetings are scheduled to take place on Monday 10th February 2025.