

3/3/2025 Council Meeting Summary

A minute's silence was held in respect for those members who had recently passed away.

Apologies were received from RP. CF and PR were to join on-line.

The chairman started the meeting by reminding the meeting that confidentiality – or lack of - continues to be a re-occurring issue. All too often incorrect 'facts' have been disclosed after meetings which has meant that it has been very easy for individuals to be completely misled which can lead to unnecessary ill feeling.

A meeting was to take place shortly with Plaid Cymru about a 'live' museum which the society could participate in.

The CS has now shared the WP&CS Awards for 2025 so that members can start signing up for them. She suggested, and it was agreed, that a Performance Awards presentation pack be made up for circulation. E.g. she could use it at a meeting with a forthcoming Glamorgan Area Association meeting

The 2025 Journal and Spring newsletter is to be printed and posted out by Geerings print shortly. Life Members will receive a 'one off' plastic membership card which they can retain for future use as membership numbers do not change year on year.

Enquiries have been received from a number of organisations looking forward to 2026 when the WP&CS celebrates its 125 years. The office is starting to work on the 2026 calendar which they hope will be a special publication. Printers have been sourced and quotations provided. It was suggested that an order of 250 would be appropriate.

It was noted that there appears to be some confusion over awarding WPCS medals in 2025 as individuals had not read the press release properly. To anyone that contacts the office it is confirmed that any exhibitor can enter an affiliated show, but a medal can only be awarded to a paid up member of the WPCS. When an exhibitor enters a show, they will be required to state their membership number (which stays the same year on year).

A meeting had taken place to discuss finalising the new website. At present the office are looking at different payment systems that are compliant with Xero. A meeting with the Hill Pony Associations was to be held in Brecon the following day and a few trustees confirmed that they would attend. It was confirmed that the WPCS lorry has now been sold and collected.

The CS informed council that 11 Welsh ponies had been imported from Canada fully registered with the Canadian WPCS. This means that they have certificates of breeding but do not have full 'passports' which could be overstamped. It will be investigated to see where these ponies stand as far as the WPCS Stud Book is concerned. The

organisation of /financial issues and the 2024 accounts were discussed in readiness for the forthcoming AGM.

It was agreed that the autumn Judges' Conference should be held on 27th September 2025. It was noted that dates for societies' events in the autumn get filled very quickly. Possible venues to be investigated.

It was confirmed that, after a recent online meeting of International societies that an International show would be held in Holland on 21st/22nd August 2026 to celebrate 125 years of the WPCS. The new overseas registration document was also discussed.

The 2025 WPCS Awards' Lunch has been pencilled in for Saturday 28th February 2026 - venue to be decided. The CS confirmed that two Young Ambassadors were keen to take on the Young Handler/Rider/Driver Awards and further details will follow on this.

An online meeting for the Area Associations is to take place next week. They have submitted items for discussion.

The CS commented that it has been very useful when they have attended any events to offer the service on the day of ownership transfer.eg last year's Official Sales. This is to be continue in 2025.

Finally, correspondence was looked at and replies agreed.