**SUMMARY**

**OF PROCEEDINGS AT A MEETING**

**OF THE**

**COUNCIL OF THE BRITISH CONNEMARA PONY SOCIETY**

**HELD ON 30TH SEPTEMBER 2020 ON ZOOM TELECONFERENCING**

**Minutes** of the meetings held on 8th July,26th August and 8th September were approved.

**Under Matters Arising:**

* 8th July - The new Articles had now been approved by the Charity Commission' Grass Roots had created a report which curated the database to remove any details except the ponies and their breeding. This had been sent to Sheila Ramsay to assist with her research project.
* 26th August - The Society archives have now been handed to Andrew Morrey.He has obtained an ISSN number for the Chronicle from the ISSN Centre at the British Library. The ISSN number is 2634-8470
* 8th September. 1000 colour A4 flyers had been received in the Office. D5 had charged £150 for the artwork and Warwick Printing had charged £98 for the printing. Total cost £248 inc VAT. The new Office laptop is now operational and the Secretary is delighted with it. The cost was £769.96 inc VAT.

**Under Finance and General Purposes:**

* The viability of the AGM was discussed.
* The final accounts were approved.
* M&G Investments. The latest quarterly statement to 31st July 2020 showed income of £558.83 (Charibond) and £387.98 (Charifund). No change from previous quarter in Charibond. Last quarters Charifund was £433.63.
* The annexe to the GDPR Notice had been amended to include Cato Computers.
* It was agreed that a letter should be sent to all the Regional Representatives enclosing a form asking them if they wished to continue in the role and if their contact details were correct.

**Under Registration**

* The Colt Inspection had gone ahead for on 2nd September at Moreton Morell .Four colts had been graded Class 1 out of the ten colts forward.
* GT advised that, to date, a total of 59 filles had either applied, or already been, inspected. 85 fillies had been inspected in 2019.
* The content of the Breeders Directory in the next Chronicle was discussed.
* There was a brief discussion about the inclusion of HWSD results on the online database but it was decided to visit the subject again in the New Year.
* It was agreed that a note be added to the Part Bred Registration Form stating that

if at all possible non Connemara’s pedigree can be included providing the owner provide all the detailsIt was agreed to amend the Part Bred Rules as follows: 2e) – second line: take out “if at all possible” and fourth line: replace “verified” with “included”. Wording should go in the passport to the effect that the BCPS has not verified the non-Connemara breeding in the passport by DNA.

**Under Probationary Judges matters**

* Gill Evans and Helen Horsfall had been appointed to the Colt Inspector's panel.
* Small changes to the layout of the Colt Inspector's marks sheets were agreed.
* It was also agreed that new categories "masculinity" and "temperament" be added to the marks sheet.

**Under Shows**

* Julie Somervail agreed to carry on doing the entries for the Shows.
* The order of classes in Ring One at the Ridden Show would remain as they were.
* A decision about the Shows being held on grass or surfaces would be taken by the new Council in the New Year.
* The judges for the 2021 Shows were chosen by ballot.
* £153 had been received from Horse-Events being the profit from the Virtual Foal Show. South East Connemaras has sponsored the rosettes and postage.

**Under Performance Award Scheme**

* It was reported that cards were being received and the Count would go ahead as usual.

**Under ICCPS**

* AH reported that the BCPS was now Secretary to the Executive Board and for this year would be responsible for all the secretarial work connected with the ICCPS.
* Bob Plummer (Australia) was now in charge of the website.
* The subject of PSSM (genetic tying up) was discussed at the EB meeting but ,with no reliable test, it was not felt to be a matter of urgency at the moment.