BRITISH CONNEMARA PONY SOCIETY LTD

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# MINTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

 **HELD ON Tuesday 2nd November 2021**

**AT 7pm ON ZOOM TELECONFERNCING**

**Present :-** Anne Harries (AH) - Chair, Gill Evans (GE) Debbie Nickson (DN),

Rebecca Bond (RB), Cherry Caddy (CC), Sue Gillingham (SG), Lauren Stokeld (LS), Kerry Wainwright (KW), Kate Walters (KateW), Anne Ward (AW), Julia Woods (JW)

Andrew Morrey (AM) - (President)

**Apologies for absence** were received from Katy Seedhouse

**Under Matters Arising from the Minutes**

1. **Lesar card printer**

This is now installed and GT has had trainingThe net cost of the printer was £595. With all consumables the total invoice was £939.83 (£783.19 net). At discount of £199.90 (net) had been received from Lesar.

**(ii) Appointment of three Council members**

There were three applications for the four possible posts on Council, therefore Anne Ward is re-elected and Mrs Kay Gibb, Mrs Sarah Rook and Mr Steven Strang are all elected.

**(iii) AGM/PAS Prizegiving arrangements**

AH said that the arrangements for the AGM/PAS Prizegiving were in hand

**(iv) Expenses Claim Form Policy** – KS is working on this.

**Under Finance Committee Matters (Minutes of meeting on 7th October -**

 **(i) Third bank account- Natwest**

GT has emailed regarding Lauren Stokeld’s details. No reply has been received as yet.

**(ii) Online business account access**

AH advised that she has received a code from NatWest but is still awaiting her customer number. Once she received this she will be able to log on to Society bank accounts.

**(iii) Nationwide account**A Mandate is being completed and will be returned later this week. CC will be a signatory on the account along with AH and GT.

**(iv) Transition to Xero**

The Office was closed 25th - 29th October whilst the transition was completed. All accounts are now processed through Xero.

AH advised once Ros had added all the figures to Xero it became apparent the Society will have to re-register for VAT. Ros is in talks with Peter Edwards about this. Once re-registered the Society cannot then de-register again for another year.

**(v) 40 years plus Members Badges**

CC showed the badges for the 40 year members. CC advised she had found 15 members who had been members for 40 years. It was agreed these be presented and the presentation of these badges be carried forward on an annual basis.

All recipients will be written to inviting them to the AGM for presentation. If they are unable to attend the badges will be posted to them.

They will all be mentioned in the next newsletter.

1. **Report on progress of new website**

LS reported that Trigger have now got everything they need and the technical side of the website is complete. Trigger have liaised with AH, the Office and Grassroots. LS would like to share the workload. AM offered to help. There will be a members log in, behind which will be a welcome from the Chairman. (AH to write).

Shop – AH to advise LS which items are no longer available. There will be links to external suppliers too.

AH advised that there will be no dates available for filly/colt inspections to be put on the website until next year.

FAQ – LS doesn’t have enough at the moment to fill the allocated space so this feature will be paused for the moment.

Membership/Fees page – LS asked what Council would suggest the name “Performance Membership” be changed to, as this wasn’t a level of membership. It was agreed that this would now be called “Performance Championship Fee”.

Email addresses are to be discussed at a later date.

Images – LS has been sent a lot of photos by members. It was agreed that LS would choose the images.

**Under Registration Matters**

 **(i) Dates for MM Colt Inspection/s**

AH reported Moreton Morrell has been booked for Wed/Thurs 20/21 April 2022. Further dates/venues may be added once a comprehensive list of owners interested in having their colts inspected in 2022 has been compiled.

**(ii) Filly Inspectors - possible plans for online seminar**

AH advised that this will be decided by the new Council but hopes this will be held by the beginning of March 2022.

**(iii) Printing of Buyers Beware flyer (invoice attached).**

Warwick Printers had provided a quote for the Buyers Beware flyer – 100 - £39 or 500 - £55. AM explained the flyer is too big to go on Facebook. It was agreed it would go on the new website and a link be put on FB directing people to this. AM to send the file to LS and KW so that it, if possible, could be made into a digital image suitable for FB.

After discussion it was agreed not to have the flyers printed

**iv) Foal Ownership dispute.** There was a confidential discussion.

**v) Private Filly Inspection request** All voted against acceptance of this request.

**Under Show Committee Matters**

**(i) Performance Day report**

JW advised that this went very well and it was a social, fun event.

**(ii) Performance Day & Eventing Championships income/expenditure**

AH congratulated KateW on the income for the stabling at the Eventing Championships. The event did not lose money which was to be commended. It was agreed that the Society would ask Horse-Events to run the 2022 Finals.

AH feels that the Eventing Series and Performance Day would not work together as they were “chalk and cheese”. All agreed. AH asked KateW if she would like to continue as organiser of the Eventing Series and KateW confirmed she would but just to run the Eventing Series rather than the Dressage as well. It was agreed a group be formed to help KateW with this – KateW to form this group. AM suggested KS be asked to be part of this group in order to ensure a comprehensive contract with Horse-Events was in place.

**7. Probationary Judges Committee report**

**(i) Price of judges badges – approx. 60 needed.**

 It was agreed by all that the judges should have badges. Quotes were

 being sought.

 **(ii) BCPS Judges**

Fiona Byford has resigned. Amie Fitzsimons has never responded to either the Return or to follow up emails her name has been removed from the Judges list for 2022.

**(iii) Pony Tales podcast**

AH explained that a message had been received on the Society's FB Messenger from Lucinda Kelly saying that she would like to record a Pony Tales podcast on the BCPS. Her suggestion was that there would be a representative from the Society and two breeders on the call. AH said that she had thought about it and suggested that we ask Andrew Morrey to represent the Society and that Kerry Wainwright and Dianna Staveley should be the breeders. This was thought to be a good idea by the PJ Committee so AH had agreed to ask the above and liaise with Lucinda Kelly. All three had agreed and the recording is to take place on Thursday this week.

**(iv) Social Media**

There had been some difficulty with social media posts containing inaccurate information pertaining to the BCPS.

LS felt that social media posts should be run past the social media sub-committee first.

**8. Regional Representatives -Confirmation and Appointments**

GE reported thatshe has sent round the up to date list to all Council members.

The NE now having three reps – Val Williams and Tango Fawcett will join Ann Escritt.

The only other change is Scotland South – the regional rep for this is now Emma Jane Murray.

**9. ICCPS AGM**

AH reported that the AGM had taken place on 17th October 2021 via Zoom.

**10. AOB**

KW had been to the Welsh Pony sales at Builth Wells and asked if there was a possibility of having a Connemara sale there. KW feels breed sales are important and would be happy to organise one. A vote was taken and the majority voted in favour. KW to report back to Council at the next meeting.

AH thanked Debbie, Gill and Rebecca for all their help during their time on Council.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm