

**BRITISH CONNEMARA PONY SOCIETY LTD**  
**Registered Charity No: 262765**

**SUMMARY MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON TUESDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2022**  
**AT 7PM ON ZOOM TELECONFERENCING**

**Present:-** Mrs A Harries (AH), Mrs C Caddy (CC), Ms K Seedhouse (KS), Mrs K Gibb (KG), Mrs S Gillingham (SG), Mrs S Rook (SR), Miss L Stokeld (LS), Mr S Strang (SS), Mrs K Wainwright (KW), Mrs K Walters (KateW), Mrs A Ward (AW), Mrs J Woods (JW),  
Mr A Morrey (AM)

**1. Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies.

**2. Colt Inspections 2022 Venues, and Inspectors**

AH advised that, having looked at the list geographical locations of the owners who had expressed an interest in having their colts inspected in 2022, she felt that there should be three venues – Moreton Morrell, North and Scotland. Probationer colt inspectors would be informed.

*Kate Walters joined the meeting.*

Emma James email had suggested the West Midlands Region hold a dinner after the first night of colt inspections at MM and a filly inspection on one of the days. All felt that this was not something that could be done this year. CC is organising officials accommodation and catering at MM.

**3. Minutes of the Council meetings held on 9th December**

It was proposed by CC and seconded by SS that these were a true record. All agreed.

**4. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

• **Buyer Beware Flyer**

AH advised that Emma James had produced a wonderful version of AM and Alexandra Summerfield's buyer beware flyer which can be used on Social Media

• **Pat Parker Legacy Meeting - report on second award**

£980 was paid to Rafifa Hamoudova on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Rafifa is hoping to come to the Colt Inspections as well as the Breed Show. Jessica Harvey, the last recipient, has offered to make a bridle. Sue Neville Parker requested it be given to a ridden pony.

*Katy Seedhouse joined the meeting*

- A confidential matter was discussed.

- **Website** – LS advised Louki Scott has requested a message be put on the website reminding membership is due. It was agreed this would be a news item.

The Member Portal and the Calendar are nearly ready.

LS asked if we wanted to put affiliated shows on the calendar in its own category. It was agreed to do that.

LS, AH and GT are having a meeting on Thursday for website editing training.

LS will supply photos to the website designers for the members portal.

These can be amended at a later date.

It was agreed LS will amend the photographs on the Eventing page.

The Pony Nuts blog link will go on this page.

AH advised that the final invoice to Trigger has been paid.

## 5. Finance Committee Minutes

- **Revised Chronicle print order**

Orphans have quoted £6,992 for 800 and at the end of December 2021 we had 764 members, 94 of which were Performance Members. Following the Finance Committee's request, Orphans have quoted £7,241 for 900 and £7,628 for 1000 copies.

It was proposed by KW and seconded by LS that 1000 be ordered. All agreed.

AH advised that membership cards will be produced this year and Orphans have agreed to send these out with the Chronicle for £100.

- **Connemara Pony - A History**

It had been agreed at the Finance Meeting to charge £25 per copy. This was agreed by all. It was further agreed that the books should be sold via the website shop.

These will be advertised for sale in the Newsletter first and then on Facebook at a later date. AH said that if any Council member would like a copy immediately they should send £25 + £3 postage to the Society via BACS with "Toms Book" as the reference and that she would post them out one when Geth informed her that they had been paid for.

- **BCPS Insured Events**

GT advised that she had contacted the Society's Insurance Company and been advised that we had a block cover for 25 events and she felt that this should be increased at the next renewal in June.

GT to email Regional Reps to ask for a list of events held in their area last year in order to get more accurate numbers of events to give the Insurers to quote on. All were agreed that there could be at least 50 events and that while there would be increased cost, all the events must be covered.

## 6. Registration Matters

- **Filly Inspectors Webinar - Working Group report**

AH advised that the Webinar Working Group (AH, KG, KW and AM) had agreed that this would be held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022 at 8pm via Zoom. AM will be doing the presentation.

The proposed changes to the filly inspectors mark sheet were discussed. It was agreed by a majority that the new proposed filly inspectors mark sheet be used in 2022.

- A confidential ownership dispute was discussed.

- **Weatherbys delays**

GT advised that Romy Morrin-O'Donnell had phoned her to apologies for all the delays. Weatherbys had experienced several problems including equipment issues, lack of consumables and staff leaving to work in a nearby Pfizer factory. However they were now working hard to rectify the issues and catch up with outstanding results.

- **Welfare matter**

SG reported on a confidential, potential welfare matter.

- Showing World online have advised that in France all showing exhibitors to have a certificate of competence.

## 7. Shows Committee Minutes and Report

- **2022 Schedule**

GE is organising the Schedule.

AH had heard from Sophie James who was delighted that both an In Hand and Ridden Final would take place. The Finals would be called The James Family Ridden Championship and The James Family In Hand Championship. All recipients of the Society rosettes at affiliated shows would qualify.

- **Judges & Stewards**

GE and DN had reported at the Show Committee Meeting that the judges and stewards were being invited/booked.

- **Trophies**

CC has agreed to take charge of the trophies for one further year as it is the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. There will be a notice in the newsletter to ask for a volunteer to take this task on, however, if no one volunteers, 2022 will be the last year the trophies will be presented.

- **Ground Preparation/Layout**

AH has written to Wayne at MM and is awaiting a reply.

- **PA & Catering**

CC reported that Amplified Sound has sent a quote and it will be an additional £200 to get sound to the stables and parking.

The total bill will be in the region of £800. This will include the roving mic. and more radios. All agreed this was very reasonable. CC advised Farriers Fayre will be providing the catering again. SR has a quote of £120 for a 12” cake which will have the round Society logo and “75” on it, an 8” cutting cake and an 8” gluten free cake. It was agreed butter icing and sponge be requested. The logo will be the round version and in blue.

- **Stabling, Accommodation & Parking**

AH has written to Wayne at MM and is awaiting a reply.

- **75th Anniversary – stable plaques for Breed & Northern Show exhibitors**

It was agreed at Show Committee Meeting to give stable plaques to all exhibitors at the Breed Show. AH advised that she thought that these plaques should also be given to exhibitors at the Northern Show and other Society events, eg, Performance Day and Eventing Final. After discussion it was agreed to give plaques to all exhibitors regardless of whether they were Society members or not. AH will give some thought to be given to numbers to be ordered. The quote was for £1.98 for 200 plaques plus a one off artwork fee of £35.00.

The Show Committee had agreed a gazebo be purchased for £529. It will be navy with white lettering. All agreed to go ahead with this.

GE, who is organising the schedule, advises that we need a judge for the Ridden Supreme.

## **8 Eventing Championships Finals**

- **Horse Events Contract**

KateW advised that Fran Corkhill is in the process of producing the contract which she will then send to KS for consideration.

KateW is awaiting an answer from Saracens regarding sponsorship.

Kate W is hoping to run 7 sections.

- **Stabling**

Swalcliffe agreed the same terms as last year.

- **Q. Cards and rosettes**

KateW advised that there will be no qualifying rosettes but there will be Finalist rosettes

Qualifying cards are ready to send out once an answer is received from Saracens.

Over 50 qualifiers have already signed up.

HorseEvents have agreed to do a lot more marketing for the event this year and we will have our own entry page on their website. AH said that we would need a box on the entry form for the Membership Number.

## **9. Plans for 75th Anniversary Celebration Weekend.**

- **Speaker on Saturday afternoon** - this was discussed
- **Tea and Cake**  
CC advised that Amy Smith makes very good cakes. KS agreed to contact her. Cake must include a gluten free option.
- **After dinner speaker**  
SR had suggested Alan Davies. All agreed he would be excellent. He will talk about being a travelling groom.

## **10. Performance Award Scheme**

- JW advised she would send an email round to Council with the PAS Committee's decisions.  
JW reported that the PAS Committee have agreed that the prices be changed to £12 for BCPS Members and £18 for non members. This is to come into effect immediately. Website and forms to be updated. All agreed.  
Some of the older trophies need new bases. All agreed this needs to be done.

## **11. Any Other Business**

- **Think Like A Pony**  
All agreed not to progress this.
- **Newsletter**

AH advised that this will be going out hopefully in the next two weeks and asked Kay Gibb if she could source News from the Regions along with dates of their events this year for the Chronicle. KG agreed to this and also suggested she had Zoom meetings with Regional Reps. All agreed this was an excellent idea.

The newsletter to include a report about the pitfalls of loaning a pony and necessity to have a proper loan agreement in place. SG suggested that a link to the excellent loan agreement on the BHS website be included.

## **12. Date of next Council meeting - 5th April 2022**

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm**