

EXMOOR PONY SOCIETY

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 1st May 2019 at Raleghs Cross, Exmoor

Present:

Mr D Brewer, Mr T Hickman, Mr N Hill, Mr G Bryant, Mrs V Lamb, Mrs G Langdon, Miss J McLaren, Mrs C Phillips, Mr R Taylor and Mr D Wallace.

Mrs A Nicholls (President), Mrs S Mansell (Treasurer) and Mrs S McGeever (Secretary) were also in attendance.

Mrs Nicholls asked to say a few words before the meeting as follows:

I will endeavour to attend all committee meetings, where I know that I am there to listen and not to comment. However, I would like to remind all committee members whether past or newly elected that they have been put in this position by the membership of the Society and it is those members that they are to serve, listen to and act for the benefit of the Society and the ponies. All personal issues, prejudices and ideas for any personal gain should be left at the door and an open mind must always be brought forward to the meetings. I look forward to an interesting and informative year.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Mrs F Dickson and Dr S Baker.

2. Declaration of Interest/Confirmation of Confidentiality

It was noted that should anyone feel that they should declare an interest in any topic being discussed they would do so and that the business carried out during the meeting would remain confidential unless otherwise decided upon during the meeting.

The Chairman advised that it was again of the utmost importance that all members of the committee respected the confidentiality of the meeting.

3. Election of Chairman

Given that there were sufficient Trustees present, Mrs S McGeever as Secretary called for nominations for Chairman.

Mr Brewer indicated that he was willing to continue as Chairman until the June meeting when he would stand down. Mr N Hill felt that Mr Brewer had been a cracking Chairman and had done a great job and would support him in situ. Mr Hill's proposal was supported by Mr Hickman and Mrs Langdon and there being no other candidates, Mr Brewer was unanimously elected Chairman by those present.

It was also unanimously agreed by those present that Mr Hill and Mr Hickman continue in their roles as Vice-Chairmen until the June meeting.

Mr David Wallace asked for clarity that anyone was able to take the chair and it was confirmed that this was the case and full elections would take place on 3rd June.

4. Any Other Business

Mrs Phillips had received a request that a rider be allowed to compete when the judge had been involved with the pony and it was confirmed that a rider could not compete under a judge in such circumstances.

Mr Bryant asked if he could have the minutes from the previous year so that he was up to speed with current committee matters and it was agreed that both new Trustees would receive the minutes as circulated by the Secretary to all Trustees.

Mr Taylor requested that the wording for the stallion parade be brought forward to the June meeting.

Mrs McGeever reminded all Trustees that they should sign the GDPR Agreement and that there was also a new Trustee Declaration form that needed to be signed by all Trustees. Copies were handed out at the meeting and all Trustees undertook to bring the documentation to the June meeting.

Miss McLaren expressed her disappointment that an email circulated to Trustees only had been shared outside the appropriate group and was now in the domain of the wider membership. She was disappointed that Trustees had not been able to afford the email the confidentiality it required.

There being no other business, Mr Brewer closed the meeting at 4.50pm.