

EXMOOR PONY SOCIETY

Report from the Committee Meeting held on held on Monday, 3rd June at the RBST Offices, Stoneleigh

Present:

Mr T Hickman, Mr N Hill, Dr S Baker, Mr G Bryant, Mrs F Dickson, 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.

Mr Mark Lewis from the Society's solicitors (Lodders) was also in attendance to carry out the certification of documentation for the bank accounts and PayPal and provide a refresher course of Trustee Training given that the last official training took place in June 2012 and only four of those present had attended that training session.

In the absence of Mr D Brewer, Mr N Hill took the Chair and welcomed the new committee members who had been elected to act as Trustees for the Society. Mr Hill also welcomed the Society's new President, Mrs Ann Nicholls.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Mr D Brewer and Mrs V Lamb.

2. Declaration of Interests and Loyalties/Confidentiality

In accordance with meeting protocol, the Trustees noted that they were obliged to make a declaration of interest should any matter discussed potentially affect them directly. It was also noted that under the Data Protection Act certain items discussed should remain confidential.

The following items were discussed:

The Minutes of the meetings on 25th February and 1st May 2019 were approved as an accurate reflection of the discussions and were duly signed by Mr Hill who had taken the Chair.

Mr Brewer was re-elected as Chairman in his absence and Mr Hickman and Mr Hill were re-elected as Vice-Chairman. Mr Bryant was also elected to the position of Vice-Chairman to expand the management committee.

A review of meeting protocol was undertaken.

The Society continued to comply with the Minimum Operating Procedures for Passport Issuing Offices and the requirement to upload data to the Central Equine Database as well as complete all the necessary paperwork required if the UK became a third party country.

The Society continued to review its practices to ensure compliance with GDPR, Company Law and Charity Law and all appropriate filings had been carried out with due diligence.

A review of the 2019 Annual General Meeting took place and further changes would be put in place for 2020 to ensure the smooth running of the next meeting. In light of the tied vote, it was agreed that Mrs Jenna Payne would be co-opted as a Trustee until the next AGM in accordance with the Articles of Association.

Society and joint initiatives such as the Genome Project, Young Judge's Competition, Exmoor Pony Festival, Show Affiliations and Pony of the Year continued to be progressed as well as the Centenary Celebrations.

The Trustees continued to monitor accounts and the use of legacy monies and donations to ensure that such funds were used to benefit the Society core aims and objectives.

In this regard, it was agreed that a meeting would be held to discuss the EPS's Future Strategy.