

EXMOOR PONY SOCIETY

Trustee Minutes from the 'Virtual' Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 17 August 2021

Nigel Hill (NH) Chairman
Geoff Bryant (GB) Vice-Chairperson/Treasurer
David Wallace (DW) Vice-Chairperson/ECHO
Sue Burger (SB) Vice-Chairperson/Articles and liaison with PR Company
Dr Sue Baker (DSBA) Projects
David Brewer (DB) Policies
Sheralee Matravers (SM)
Stephanie Poulter (SP) Conservation Grazing Officer
Rob Taylor (RT) DNA and Moorland Communications

Susan McGeever (Secretary)
Margaret Partridge-Keane (MPK) President

The Chairman, NH, opened the meeting at 10.00am and thanked everyone for their attendance. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the co-option of individuals as Trustees up to the 2022 AGM whereupon they would be eligible to stand to become a Trustee for the normal four year period.

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Vicky Lamb (VL).

2. Co-option of Trustees

Three Full Members had put themselves forward to co-option as Trustees of the Exmoor Pony Society and had each provided a statement as to why they wished to be considered for the two vacant positions.

After detailed discussion on each member, the following decisions were taken:

Mark Drummond

It was proposed by SB, seconded by SP and unanimously agreed by the Trustees that Mark Drummond should be co-opted as a Trustee up to the 2022 AGM.

Marcello Riggio

It was proposed by DSBA, seconded by GB and unanimously agreed by the Trustees that Marcello Riggio should be co-opted as a Trustee up to the 2022 AGM.

The third individual would be advised that their willingness to support and work on behalf of the Exmoor Pony Society was very much appreciated and that the Society looked forward to them standing as a candidate at the 2022 AGM when there would be four vacancies to fill.

3. The Breed Show

The Secretary had been advised that an official complaint had been lodged with HOYS as to the validity of the result of the HOYS qualifier.

HOYS would proceed to investigate the complaint and the result would be communicated to the Society within a period of fourteen days. Such result would also be open to an appeals procedure.

It was agreed that the publishing of the results of the Breed Show would be delayed until the outcome of the HOYS complaint had been conveyed to the Society.

It was noted that results had been published by members themselves on social media.

It was further noted that there was a disparity between the EPS guidelines and the HOYS guidelines with regard to time limits and this would be addressed by the Committee at its next meeting.

Whilst no official complaint had been received, it was also noted that concerns had been raised about the interpretation of the wording 'financial undertaking'. Again there appeared to be a disparity between the EPS guidelines and, in this instance, the rules of Exford Show which referred to 'a financial interest in the animals'.

Given that the rules of the Exford Show took precedence in this case as the only rule published in the schedule was that of the hosting show, it was proposed by RT, seconded by SP and agreed, with one Trustee absenting themselves from the vote, that the results of the Breed Show should stand.

4. Date of the next meeting

The date of the next meeting was Tuesday, 7 September at 10am at a venue on Exmoor. Those unable to attend in person would be able to join the meeting via Zoom.

NH closed the meeting at 11.55am.

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