

EXMOOR PONY SOCIETY

'Virtual' Committee Meeting, Tuesday 11 July 2023

Nigel Hill (NH)
Geoff Bryant (GB)
Sue Burger (SBU)
Mark Drummond (MDR)
Portly French (PF)
Sheralee Matravers (SM)
Margaret Partridge Keane (MPK)
Stephanie Poulter (SP)
Rob Taylor (RT)
Vivien Taylor (VT)

Also:

Michael Dewhurst (MDE, President)
Sue Baker (SBA, SAP Representative)
Jay Gee (secretary)

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from:
David Wallace

Approval of the Minutes of the Meetings held on Monday 20 February 2023 and Tuesday 2 May 2023

It was proposed by SP, seconded by MDR and unanimously agreed that the minutes of Monday 20 February 2023 were a true record of the meeting and would be duly signed by the Chairman as and when possible.

It was proposed by SB, seconded by GB and unanimously agreed that the minutes of Tuesday 2 May 2023 were a true record of the meeting and would be duly signed by the Chairman as and when possible.

Treasurer's Report

GB emphasised that there was no specific date proposed for Deborah Drummond to be appointed as Treasurer, to ensure there was a suitable handover period. GB intended to organise a face-to-face handover day, before which he would need to organise Deborah's access to all relevant online systems and accounts.

It was proposed by GB, seconded by SP and agreed that Deborah Drummond should be appointed as Treasurer.

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1 (MDR)

It was proposed by GB, seconded by SP and agreed that the Trustees instruct the current Treasurer, Geoffrey Bryant, to amend mandates with Natwest, Virgin Money, Paypal and Stripe to include Deborah Drummond as a signatory and update mandates to refer to those Trustees appointed at the 2023 AGM.

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1 (MDR)

Website/Facebook

The secretary stated that another trustee, besides the Chairman, ought to have access to the Facebook page. This would allow it to be more closely monitored for important messages, such as those about welfare that may need to be addressed more urgently. PF volunteered.

Conservation Grazing

It was proposed by VT, seconded by GB and unanimously agreed that, pending amendments by GB and addition of a suitable photograph, the Conservation Grazing PDF could be uploaded to the EPS website.

There is So Much More to an Exmoor Leaflet

It was proposed by PF, seconded by SBU and unanimously agreed that, once proofread and amended by GB, the leaflet could be printed.

Sole Trader Review

It was proposed by RT, seconded by MDR and unanimously agreed that the EPS would continue to employ the services of Sole Trader.

This would be reviewed yearly from now on.

Insurance Review

It was proposed by GB, seconded by MDR and unanimously agreed that:

1) Insurance arrangements are reviewed and reported on at renewal time in March and documented at Trustee meeting

2) An annual event calendar is required by the Secretary by 10 March from all those organising events under the auspices of the Society to include event, date, location, nature of event, presence of animals (organisers include, but are not limited to, EPS Areas, Friends of Exmoor Ponies, sub groups organising ad hoc events as well as EPS events e.g. Breed Show, Society in-person meetings/events)

3) Additional events added to the calendar must be informed to the Secretary promptly and in any case at least 6 weeks in advance of the event so that the Insurer can be notified

4) Risk Assessments are required for all events and must be forwarded to the Secretary in advance of the event. The standard Risk Assessment Template may require customisation from time to time.

Working Hunter Jumps

It was proposed by GB, seconded by SP and unanimously agreed that the Working Hunter jumps should now remain the property of the Exford Show Committee, with the agreement from them that the EPS, or any person or organisation nominated by the EPS, could use the jumps at any time in the future.

Great British In Hand Show

GB suggested we offer the same financial assistance to the Great British In Hand Show as last year. There were no alternative opinions offered.

Exmoor Area Representatives

It was proposed by SB, seconded by RT and agreed that Charlotte Matravers was appointed as joint Exmoor Area Representative.

For: 8
Against: 0
Abstentions: 1 (SM)