

EXMOOR PONY SOCIETY

'Virtual' Committee Meeting, Tuesday 13 September 2022

Nigel Hill (Chairman) - NH
Geoff Bryant (Vice-Chairman) - GB
David Wallace (Vice-Chairman) – DW
Sue Burger – SBU
Mark Drummond - MD
Portly French - PF
Vicky Lamb - VL
Sheralee Matravers – SM
Margaret Partridge Keane - MPK
Stephanie Poulter - SP
Rob Taylor – RT
Vivien Taylor – VT

Also:

Liz Barker (LB, President)
Sue Baker (SBA, SAP Representative)
Jay Gee (secretary)

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received:
Marcello Riggio

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 12 July 2022

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

Show Affiliation Secretary's Report and Judge Training (NH)

PF enquired as to whether there was a formal rule around how many shows a judge can do or around judging several shows within a certain geographical area. NH explained that there was not and this is why we ought to write to all judges explaining that the recommendation of the trustees is that our judges accept no more than one area show per year and ought to spread other appointments out geographically.

Breed Show

It was proposed by DW and seconded by SP that prize money will be presented at the next breed show with the caveat that the entry fees will go up by £2 per class.

For: 8

Against: 2

Gene Bank Campaign

It was proposed by VT, seconded by SP and unanimously agreed that the EPS would accept Stallion AI Services' tender and undertake the pilot two or three stallions as soon as possible, acknowledging that accepting this tender will mean sending them a total of ten stallions.

Area Report

PF had written a list of responsibilities for area representatives including running one show a year, collating information from their area for the Yearbook and running a Facebook group for their area.

Inspections/DNA

DW noted that, in previous years, many inspectors have been incredibly generous and not charged expenses to the EPS. However, with the increased cost of fuel, this will most likely need to change.

GB stated that inspectors should be able to claim 45p per mile or provide a fuel receipt for any amount up to that.

Resignation and Renewal of Unpaid Memberships

It was proposed that a letter should be sent to those whose subscription payments were due in 2021 or 2022.

For: 9

Against: 1

Anybody who re-joins following receipt of the letter will not need to pay a rejoining fee.

Microchip Administration Form

VT and RT agreed that the information in the form was duplicated and therefore not necessary.

The form is therefore surplus to requirement.

Drafting Guidance on the Advantages, Suitability and Use of Exmoor Ponies for Conservation, Re-wilding and Other Similar Uses

GB suggested the formation of a subcommittee for this purpose. SBU suggested that a committee of three or four ought to be enough.

GB, SBU, SP and VT volunteered, with VT appointed as co-ordinator.

Revised EPS Showing Rules

NH suggested that MD send to sub-group for feedback and this item be carried forward to the next meeting.

Any Other Business

SBU volunteered to run the Spring Show again.