

EXMOOR PONY SOCIETY

'Virtual' Committee Meeting, Tuesday 15 November 2022

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

Also:

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

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from:
Portly French

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 13 September 2022

It was proposed by MPK, 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

It was proposed by GB, seconded by MD, and unanimously agreed that the proposed wording sent by the Show Affiliations Secretary should be sent to organisers of affiliated shows.

Breed Show Secretary's Report

It was proposed by RT, seconded by MD, and unanimously agreed that the trustees rescind the decision made at the meeting on 13 September 2022 and refer the subject of prize money back to the breed show sub-committee.

It was proposed by SBU, seconded by SP, and unanimously agreed that Under 18's no longer need to be EPS members to participate in the Breed Show.

It was proposed by GB, seconded by SBU and unanimously agreed that, given the changes to the wording discussed, Portly French's proposal should be accepted and the wording sent to current area representatives as guidance.

It was proposed by DB, seconded by VL and unanimously agreed that the contact details for area representatives should be removed from the website and replaced with the contact form.

Project/SAP Report

The trustees were happy for SBA to continue in the role of SAP Chairman after the resignation of Marcello Riggio.

Gene Bank Campaign

SBA intended to write to the owners of the first three stallions by the end of the week.

Conservation grazing

VT explained that the guidelines written by herself and SBU were not prescriptive. VT suggested the information could be presented on the website, as a PDF, with an accompanying photograph. This was agreed.

Strapline

*It was proposed by GB, seconded by SBU and unanimously agreed that the strapline should be:
Guardians of the breed since 1921*

Securing the future of the Exmoor pony

The strapline would be trialled for three months and, if necessary, revisited at the trustee meeting in March 2023.

Judge and Inspector Membership

It was proposed by SBU, seconded by GB and unanimously agreed that judges must become a member of the EPS in order to become a judge, and must remain a member if they wish to remain on the judging panel.

SBU stated that inspectors are allocated to inspections at the secretary's discretion and there was currently no requirement for inspectors to be members. She stated that the secretary can appoint a knowledgeable, non-inspector who is a member to do the inspections if needed.

It was decided that, wherever possible, inspectors ought to be members of the society. However, this can be altered at the discretion of the secretary and the Chairman.

Half Price Fees for Members of Other Exmoor Pony Societies (Secretary)

It was proposed by GB, seconded by VL and unanimously agreed that members of overseas daughter societies should be eligible for our member rates for services such as foal registrations, subject to the secretary receiving confirmation of their membership from the daughter society.

SP suggested that the cost of printing and producing could come out of Gill Langdon's legacy donation and asked for this to be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

2023 AGM and Spring Show

It was proposed by SBU, seconded by RT and unanimously decided that the AGM and Spring Show should be held on the weekend of the 13th and 14th May 2023.