

EXMOOR PONY SOCIETY

'Virtual' Committee Meeting, Tuesday 16 January 2024

Nigel Hill (NH) - Chairperson
Geoff Bryant (GB) – Vice Chairperson
David Wallace (DW) – Vice Chairperson
Sue Burger (SBU)
Mark Drummond (MDR)
Portly French (PF)
Margaret Partridge Keane (MPK)
Stephanie Poulter (SP)
Rob Taylor (RT)
Vivien Taylor (VT)

Also:

Dr Sue Baker (SBA) – Scientific Advisory Panel Chairperson
Deborah Drummond (DD) – Honorary Treasurer
Jay Gee (JG) – Secretary

Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from:

Michael Dewhurst (President)
Sheralee Matravers

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 14 November 2023

The formal minutes of Tuesday 14 November 2023 had been circulated.

It was proposed by GP, seconded by SP and agreed that, once the member surname under Item 15 had been corrected, the minutes of Tuesday 14 November 2023 were a true record of the meeting and would be duly signed by the Chairman as and when possible.

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1 (DW, who had been absent from the previous meeting)

Medal Rosettes

It was proposed by SBU, seconded by SP and unanimously agreed that a rule should be added to the Medal Rosette Rules detailed in the Reports, allowing medal rosettes to be passed to the Reserve if the Champion has already won a medal rosette of the same colour in the same year.

Probationer Judges Scheme

A discussion took place over whether Probationer Judge reports submitted by different judges, for the same probationer and from the same show, should be allowed to count towards the current Probationers' requirement to complete nine shows in four years.

SBU, MPK and VT felt it was important to be flexible on this issue. NH suggested that probationers be informed that the committee would not look unfavourably on them probationing with two judges at one show.

Overall, it was felt that this issue should be considered by the committee on a case-by-case basis.

Appointment of Temporary Inspectors

It was proposed by RT, seconded by SP and unanimously agreed that a temporary inspector could be appointed by the Secretary with the approval of two EPS trustee inspectors, where either a) a second EPS inspector has not volunteered to carry out the inspection or b) to reduce travel expenses.

Amendments to Probationer Inspectors application document

It was proposed by SBU, seconded by RT, and unanimously agreed that, after the addition of the word 'Guidelines' to the title of the first page and the amendment of 'A maximum of three trainees will be in the scheme at any time' to 'A maximum of three trainees will be admitted onto the scheme in any one year', the Trainee Inspectors Scheme documentation, circulated in the Reports ahead of the meeting, could be implemented.

Treasurer's Report

DD had looked into suitable savings accounts for the society's reserve funds, as agreed at a previous meeting. DD and GB had discussed this with Dan Stone and the report circulated by GB ahead of the meeting gave details of the savings accounts that had been identified. DD stated that all three savings accounts could be applied for online.

There were four signatories on the Virgin Money account but only two (GB and DD) on the online banking for this account. This was sufficient, as the other signatories could be set up on the online banking if, for some reason, GB or DD was unable to act as signatory.

SBU and NH felt that further Facebook pages were not needed. The Secretary explained that the Breed Show had its own Facebook page, run entirely by the Show Secretary, but that, until now, information pertaining to the Spring and Autumn shows had been posted to the main EPS Facebook page by an admin. It was agreed that it should continue in this way and additional Facebook pages should not be created.

Rosette orders would be placed on the usual schedule, and quotes would be sought from several providers.