

EXMOOR PONY SOCIETY

'Virtual' Committee Meeting, Tuesday 17 January 2023

Nigel Hill (NH)
Geoff Bryant (GB)
Sue Burger (SBU)
David Wallace (DW)
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)
Dr. Sue Baker (SBA – SAP Representative)
Jay Gee (secretary)

Apologies for Absence

No apologies for absence had been received.

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 15 November 2022 and Tuesday 29th November 2022

It was proposed by SP, seconded by SM and unanimously agreed that the minutes of 15th November 2022 were a true record of the meeting and would be duly signed by the Chairman as and when possible.

It was proposed by SP, seconded by RT and unanimously agreed that the minutes of 29th November 2022 were a true record of the meeting and would be duly signed by the Chairman as and when possible.

Breed Show Secretary's Report

Breed Show Committee mtg 30th December 2022. Mtg began at 3pm and ended at 6pm.

All Present - NCH, Milly Richards, Amanda Hill, Sarah Taylor

Decisions taken -

1. The question of Prize Money was again discussed.

As nothing had changed, ie the desire was to make the show as self financing as was possible and it was felt by all present that the lack of prize money had no bearing on whether members entered the show or not, it was unanimously agreed that there would be no prize money offered at the 2023 show.

2. After thoroughly discussing the entry fees of similar shows around the Exmoor region it was unanimously agreed that the entry fee be raised by £2 to £10.

3. The 2022 scheduled classes would run as is with the exception of the gelding Youngstock classes which, due to lack of entries for a second year, would be amalgamated into one Gelding Youngstock class with a special rosette being awarded to the highest placed yearling, two yr old and three yr old. Should sufficient entries be received then the class would be split as required.

4. All agreed that there was a need for additional experienced stewards as well as general helpers were needed on the day. Therefore a request for volunteers would be placed on the EPS website. Reliable volunteers especially needed for the members coffee/tea/cakes area as this needed to be maned at all times from 8.30am until the end of the show.

5. The ring layout would remain the same, without a walk way up the middle of the two rings.

6. Horse box/trailer parking - signs and cones would be placed along the hedge (road side) to stop anyone parking there as this was the access point for traffic entering the Exmoor Pony Show area of the showground and therefore needed to be kept clear.

Area Report/Representatives

It was proposed by PF, seconded by DW and unanimously agreed that Emma Atkinson and Janet James would become joint Midlands Area Representatives.

SB reminded trustees that, in the past, members have always been able to choose a different area to their default postcode area.

Inspections/DNA

It was proposed by GB, seconded by SP and agreed that David Wallace and Gemma Parry be accepted onto the EPS Inspectors Panel.

For: 9

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1 (DW)

It was proposed by GB, seconded by RT and agreed that Charlotte Matravers be accepted onto her second year of Inspectors Training.

For: 9

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1 (SM)

Breed Promotion

It was proposed by GB, seconded by MD and unanimously agreed that the EPS should take out two adverts – the first in Exmoor 2023 (first choice a half page at £465, second choice a footer banner at £310) and the second in Somerset Visitor which should be a 10cm by 7cm advert at £200+vat. The advert in Somerset Visitor should come with the proviso that we would get some free editorial space too. If none of the above advertising options are available, the trustees authorise GB and the secretary to make further decisions on this matter.

Scale of Charges Review

A consensus was reached that, if there were over three foals to be inspected, it would be classed as an inspection centre. The same would apply for stallions.

Travel and Stallion Premiums

A “stallion and youngstock premium” would be available for the Spring Show.

Two types of premiums would be available for the Midlands Show. Firstly, a “stallion and youngstock premium” (for entries in the Stallion Parade) and secondly a “travel premium” for POY finalists (£25 if the pony is located within 25 miles, or £50 if over 25 miles).

GB explained that claimants will fill out a form stating mileage and GB will check.

GB stated that the Midlands Show premiums should be backdated for 2022.

New Show Suggestion

It was proposed by SM, seconded by RT and agreed that the EPS should support this member’s proposal and give our permission to call the show an EPS show.

For: 9

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

Marion Williams Bursary

PF volunteered to run the Marion Williams Bursary for 2023 onwards and assist with the remainder of the 2022 award.