



THE EXMOOR PONY SOCIETY

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Committee Meeting held on Zoom at 10.00am on Tuesday 18th February 2025

Apologies for Absence (All)

Trustees present:

- Geoff Bryant (GB) - Vice Chair
- Mark Drummond (MD)
- Nigel Hill (NH) - Chair
- Janet James (JJ)
- Stephanie Poulter (SP)
- Christian Scharch (CS)
- Rob Taylor (RTA)
- David Wallace (DW) - Vice Chair

Others present:

- Jay Gee (JG) - Secretary
- Ruth Thomas MRCVS (RTH) - President

Apologies had been received from Rachael Davis and Sheralee Matravers.

Declaration of Interest/Confirmation of Confidentiality

RTH declared an interest in the item regarding the RCVS disclosure.

It was proposed by GB, seconded by MD and unanimously agreed that confidentiality with respect to the discussions at the meeting would be maintained.

Yearbook

It was agreed that the advertising prices for the 2026 Yearbook, which would be printed in the 2025 Yearbook, were as follows:

Business/Commercial	
Adverts	Amount (£)
Half page	80
Full page	130
Double page spread	180

Member Adverts	Amount (£)
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Pony showcase photo (Half page + 70 words)		25
Stallion parade (photo)		20
Stud/Team advert	Half page	50
	Full page	80
	Double page spread	130
In memoriam	Half page (1 photo + 150 words)	30
	Full page (2 photos + 300 words)	60

Membership

The Trustees decided not to implement a lower membership fee for those joining from 1st July. The fee structure would remain the same.

RCVS Information Disclosure

It was proposed by MD, seconded by RT and unanimously agreed that, once the Legitimate Interests template had been completed, and providing this process did not raise any new issues, the RCVS should be contacted to ask how many years the paperwork should be checked for. Following this, inspector(s) details (consisting of their name and whichever contact details are required) should be passed to the RCVS.

It was proposed by MD, seconded by CS and agreed that the complainant would be suspended as an EPS Inspector whilst the EPS investigated their conduct regarding the inspection of their pony.

For:6

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

After Defra had made a decision regarding the referral of the complaint, and after the RCVS had provided professional advice, the complainant would be given an opportunity to make representations to the Trustees regarding their reinstatement as an EPS Inspector.