

EXMOOR PONY SOCIETY

Report from the Committee Meeting held on Monday, 11th September 2017 at The Moorland Hall, Wheddon Cross

Present:

Mrs C Bigge, Mr D Brewer (Chairman), Mr M Dewhurst, Mrs F Dickson, Mr N Hill, Mrs G Langdon, Mrs C Phillips, Mr R Taylor, Mr D Wallace and Mrs April Westcott.

Mrs S Mansell (Treasurer) and Mrs S McGeever (Secretary) were also in attendance.

The Annual General Meeting of The Friends of Exmoor Ponies Ltd took place at 10.30am and, having considered the financial position, the Chairman had pleasure in announcing that the sum of £1,000 would be given to the Society.

Mr David Brewer opened the meeting at 11.15am and then thanked everyone present for attending the meeting.

In accordance with meeting protocol, the Trustees noted that they were obliged to make a declaration of interest should any matter discussed potentially affect them directly. It was also noted that under the Data Protection Act certain items discussed should remain confidential.

The following items were discussed:

The Minutes of the meeting on 5th June 2017 were approved as an accurate reflection of the discussions and were duly signed by the Chairman.

The Society continued to comply with the Minimum Operating Procedures for Passport Issuing Offices, was compliant with the requirements to upload data to the new Central Equine Database when requested and continued to monitor the new Zootech legislation scheduled for implementation in November 2018.

The Trustees reviewed the new Articles of Association drawn up by the Charity's solicitor and noted that on this occasion they did not require approval by the Charity Commission and they could, therefore, go forward to a General Meeting for adoption by the membership.

The work of the Inspections Sub-Committee was ongoing and a report on the Inspections Questionnaire would be included in the Autumn Newsletter.

The work of the Show Rules Sub-Committee was ongoing and any changes to the current wording would be taken forward to a General Meeting.

Administrational changes requested by members and as a result of the new Articles of Association were put in the place for the 2018 AGM and would be available to the membership following approval of the September meeting at the December meeting.

The Young Judge's Competition and the 2018 Exmoor Pony Festival were discussed and again details would be made available to the membership through the website, facebook page and Spring Newsletter.

The Centenary celebrations were discussed and it was noted ideas would be welcomed from the membership.

Content of non-Exmoor Pony Society social media sites were reviewed and would continue to be monitored in light of concerns expressed by members.

The next four committee dates would be:

4 th December	The Old Forge, Stoneleigh
26 th February	Moorland Hall, Wheddon Cross
4 th June	The Old Forge, Stoneleigh