

## EXMOOR PONY SOCIETY

### Report from the Committee Meeting held on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at The Forge, Stoneleigh

Present:

Mrs C Bigge, Mr D Brewer (Chairman), Mrs S Burger, Mrs F Dickson, Mr N Hill, Mrs V Lamb, Mrs G Langdon, Mrs C Phillips, Mr R Taylor and Mr D Wallace.

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

Mr David Brewer opened the meeting at 11.00am and then thanked everyone present for attending the meeting. There was a large agenda to cover and a number of important matters to be discussed.

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 10<sup>th</sup> September 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 were notified by the Charity's solicitor that applications for Charitable Incorporate Organisation status were now open and it might be more cost-effective to carry out this process in tandem with the review of the Memorandum & Articles of the association which may delay changes going to the membership until 2019.

Inspections had taken place both on and off the moor and registrations and the issuance of passports was ongoing. A fee for the upgrading of passports from Section X to Section I was set at £10.00.

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.

Mrs Sheila Dinsdale, Mrs Karen Logan and Mrs Sandy Woodersen were appointed to the Judge's Panel and Mrs Vicky Lamb was appointed to the Inspector's Panel.

Revised criteria for the Pony of the Year competition were agreed.

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:

26 <sup>th</sup> February	Moorland Hall, Wheddon Cross
4 <sup>th</sup> June	The Old Forge, Stoneleigh