

EXMOOR PONY SOCIETY

Report from the Committee Meeting held on Saturday, 3rd December 2016 at The Moorland Hall, Wheddon Cross

Present:

Mrs C Bigge, Mr D Brewer (Chairman), Mrs S Burger, Mr M Dewhurst, , Miss S Harris, Mr T Hickman, Mrs S Poulter, Mrs D Sykes and Mrs April Westcott.

Mrs S Mansell (Treasurer), Mrs S McGeever (Secretary) and Mrs C Phillips (Breed Show Secretary) were also in attendance.

Mr David Brewer opened the meeting at 11.00am and 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 Minutes of the meeting on 12^h September were approved as an accurate reflection of the discussions by all those who had been present. The minutes were duly signed by the Chair.

The following items were discussed:

Minimum Operating Procedures for Passport Issuing Offices, the new Central Equine Database and the new Zootech legislation scheduled for implementation in November 2018.

The Society's policy in respect of Finance was approved. Work on other policies was ongoing.

The Genome Project was ongoing with samples being collected by the Society from the 24 ponies identified by Dr Sarah Blott from Nottingham University, the actual work was dependent upon all funds being received.

The reports presented by the Treasurer, Secretary, Breed Show Secretary and Show Secretary were accepted by the Trustees.

Details of the 2017 Young Judge's Competition would be announced shortly.

The Judge and Inspector Training Schemes were discussed and reports examined. Year 3 candidates were appointed to the Judges and Inspectors panel whilst the remaining candidates proceeded into their next year of training.

The appointment of judges for the Breed Show took place and will be published once such appointments have been confirmed. Mr Dewhurst accepted the appointment of judge for Pony of the Year.

The format of the Pony of the Year Competition had been revised and details published on the website and facebook pages.

The new website was up and running and work was ongoing to provide a member's only area compliant with the new Data Protection Act. Members had been asked to provide consent through the website, autumn newsletter and contact with Area Representatives. The response had been encouraging.

The 2017 Exmoor Pony Festival, 'The Exmoor Experience', would run from 5th-20th August. Full details would be available shortly on the website www.exmoorponyfestival.org.uk.

Due to its late submission, a letter received from the MEPBG was carried forward to the next meeting so due consideration could be given to its content.

The next three committee dates would be
16th January 2017
27th February 2017
5th June 2017