

EXMOOR PONY SOCIETY

Minutes of the Special Committee Meeting held on Monday, 16th January 2017 The Forge, Stoneleigh

Present:

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

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

Mr David Brewer opened the meeting at 11.00am and thanked everyone present for attending the meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Mrs F Dickson, Miss S Harris and Mrs A Western (President).

2. Declaration of Interest/Confirmation of Confidentiality

It was noted that should anyone feel that they should declare an interest in any topic being discussed they would do so and that the business carried out during the meeting would remain confidential unless otherwise decided upon during the meeting.

The Chairman advised that it was again of the utmost importance that all members of the committee respected the confidentiality of the meeting.

3. Notification of Any Other Business on the agenda

4. Approval of the Minutes of the Meetings held on 3rd December 2016.

The Minutes of the meeting on 3rd December were approved as an accurate reflection of the discussions by all those who had been present.

The minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters Arising (*pertaining to the agenda for this meeting*)

There were no matters arising for discussion at this meeting.

6. Genome Project

The Project Officer updated the Trustees on the Exmoor Pony Society's role in the Genome Project and progress to date. It was expected that the project would take some 12-18 months to complete.

7. Inspection/Registration Procedures and Costings/Fees

The Trustees carried out a full review of the inspection and registration procedures as currently detailed in the Society's Rules and the related costs and fees.

It was agreed that the committee would put forward a number of proposals to the AGM that would require approval by the membership. The wording for these proposals would be ratified at the February meeting and included in the 2017 AGM booklet along with the appropriate voting forms.

In addition, it was felt that a discussion document on inspections and registrations should form part of the Open Forum debate and this would include a presentation on failure data.

It was re-confirmed that it was the breeder's decision which foals they put forward for registration.

The decisions taken were that the committee would put forward the following rule changes for approval by the membership at the 2017 AGM:

Rule 6 – Breed Standard

Would be amended to:

7. Legs: Clean and short, with neat hard uniformly dark hoof walls

Rule 8 - Pony Registration

With effect from 2018, all foals would be DNA parentage tested prior to entry in the studbook.

In this respect, the registration charge would be £50 and the inspection fee would be £5 per foal.

And:

A new section added to read:

‘In exceptional circumstances as decided by the Committee, the Secretary could register a pony into Section I or Section X as appropriate on receipt of paperwork whereby a vet had microchipped, completed a Society question form and silhouette, photographs of the pony had been submitted and parentage had been verified by DNA.’

And with respect to transfers

The transfer fee of £15 would be paid by the registered owner of the pony.

8. Any Other Business

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 4.05pm.