

THE WELSH PONY AND COB SOCIETY
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**Minutes of the Council meeting held at 09:30 am on Tuesday 22 September
2015 at Bronaeron, Felinfach, Lampeter, SA48 8AG**

Present: Tom Hughes (Chair), Ann Bigley, Elgan Evans, Stewart Franklin, Elizabeth French (President-Elect), Angela Kember, John Kirk (Vice-Chair), Dania Leyson, Jeff Parry, David Roberts, Colin Thomas, Gilly Thomson

**Attendance via
Teleconference:** David Blair, Ed Gummery

Apologies: Dai Harris (President), Andrew Johnstone (Secretary), Peter Morgan, Jo Sheil

In Attendance: Bethan Jones (Assistant Secretary)

Minute Taker: Jayne Willis (PA)

Welcome & Apologies

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting with apologies as noted above.

Action Points

9583 i) MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 AUGUST 2015

It was proposed by John Kirk seconded by Gilly Thomson that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting subject to the following correction. All in favour.

p.1 "In Attendance" – David Roberts wished to note that he was not at the meeting.

Matters Arising

p.4 9547 WPCS Representative Reports from Other Society Meetings – b) Cross Party Assembly Group for the Horse 30/06/16 – The Chair wished to thank Colin Thomas for his report on the meeting with Angela Burns AM and others.

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**ii) CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
10 AUGUST 2015**

Confidential minutes available

a) WPCS PAVILION AT THE ROYAL WELSH SHOWGROUND

It was noted by Bethan Jones that Council must listen to members' views on the Pavilion. The article on page 11 of the Autumn magazine gives the deadline for these to be submitted to the office by Sunday 11 October 2015, the day before the next Council meeting.

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Discussion ensued regarding the way forward and it was proposed by John Kirk, seconded by Stewart Franklin, that Council agrees a spend of £2,000 to update the Pavilion in order that it can be used for the next 12 months. All in favour.

AJ to action

Pavilion Working Party

It was further proposed by Colin Thomas, seconded by Dania Leyson, that a Pavilion working party consisting of John Kirk (Chair), David Roberts, Elgan Evans in cooperation with Andrew Johnstone, reports back to the 12 October 2015 Council meeting. All in favour.

Working party to action

b) p.6 MINUTE 9549, CORRESPONDENCE, j) CROSS PARTY ASSEMBLY GROUP FOR THE HORSE 10 JULY 2012

Dania Leyson had sent the minutes to the office after they had been forwarded at her request, by Philip York. It was noted they were for information only.

Colin Thomas reported that he and Ed Gummery recently held a meeting with the Minister and clarified certain issues, noting that correspondence should always be sent to the office, not to Mrs Leyson.

9584 REPORTS FROM THE STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF 13 & 14 JULY 2015, NOT ADDRESSED ON 10 AUGUST 2015

Standing Committee chairs spoke to their minutes, copies of which had been previously supplied to all Trustees.

- a) **Education & Welfare 13 July 2015** – minutes received
- b) **Judging & Showing 13 July 2015** –
Matters Arising – It was proposed by John Kirk, seconded by David Roberts, that Jo Sheil's excellent report on White Markings which was addressed at the Judging & Showing meeting on 21 September 2015 go forward to the 2015 Conference.
- c) **Members Services 13 July 2015** – minutes received
- d) **Promotions 13 July 2015** – minutes received
- e) **Finance & HR 13 July 2015 p.4 9527 c)** –

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f) **Young People's Group – 30 June 2015**

A lot of work had been done with the group, which would continue moving forward.

g) **International Meeting, RWAS – 20 July 2015**

I) Future International Shows

Following an approach from a group of Dutch representatives at the International show in Denmark, and a written request from Australia it was proposed by Angela Kember, seconded by Stewart Franklin that the 2017 show would be hosted by the Netherlands (subject to the receipt of a written request) and the 2019 show hosted by Australia. All in favour.

AJ to write

II) Harmonisation (D Blair email) - Email received from David Blair regarding harmonisation and the way forward. Following a discussion it was agreed that the Harmonisation Working Party should consist of –

1. David Blair (Chair)
2. Henk van Dijk, Netherlands WPCV
3. Henrie Leeuwenhaag, Netherlands NWPCS

4. Anita Aerts, Welsh Belgium

D Blair to action

III) WPCV Netherlands, Council 8 June 2015 - Bethan Jones spoke to the letter received from WPCV Netherlands and the issue of membership. Advice had been received from Geldards regarding the question of overseas membership and **it was proposed by Gilly Thomson, seconded by Colin Thomas that the office replies as per the following advice from Geldards –**

AJ to action

Geldards Summary

“If the daughter societies are members but have the same rights and obligations as ordinary members of WPCS, there is no need to amend the Articles and no need to produce a separate document.”

h) International Show Meeting, Denmark – 7 August 2015

It was reported that the show was very well received by all present, and its success had prompted the approach by Dutch representatives to host such an event in the future as noted above at g) i). David Roberts suggested that the Exhibition Unit, with a marquee, attends all future International Shows.

However, a number of comments had been made via social media regarding the lack of representation by Council. Ann Bigley noted that Council has never been expected to attend International Shows and such criticism is unhelpful.

The Chair had replied to a number of the comments noting that staff and the Exhibition Unit had attended for the first time, along with Trustee David Roberts, and the Society’s President Dai Harris.

i) Young People’s Group – 18 August 2015 – minutes received

Chair of Council Update

Strategy Targets - Standing committee chairs were asked to traffic light their strategy targets and send feedback to the Chair direct.

All chairs to action

The Chair reminded the Education & Welfare committee to be mindful of the Welfare remit, and to take care not to put the Society in a difficult position; adding that he hoped Education would be the committee’s focus for the next six months.

The Chair, Tom Hughes, wished to record the work being done by David Blair on the conference arrangements, and to all concerned regarding the magazine and the first draft of the proposed promotional DVD.

9585 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) WPCS Performance Competition – Following Mrs Jane Weller’s resignation as Performance Competition Coordinator, the only applicant and proposed replacement, Mrs Jo Filmer, has been appointed following her recent acceptance of the role.

Mrs Weller’s tabled letter noted five items regarding publicity / communication issues for Council to agree, and for the office to implement each year without being prompted by the competition organiser.

Office to action

The Chair proposed a vote of thanks to Jane Weller, seconded by Ann Bigley, for all her hard work over the preceding years in her role as Coordinator of the WPCS Performance Competition.

AJ to write

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b) **Complaints** – Dania Leyson asked for an update on complaints received by the office. In the Secretary's absence the Chair declined, noting that complaints are for Andrew Johnstone to address and to report back to Council as required.

c) **WPCV Netherlands** – The WPCV Overseas Association had written asking for Council's acceptance of the tabled logo.

It was proposed by John Kirk, seconded by Elgan Evans that Council accepts the logo, which will be used for all Overseas Associations gaining Daughter Society status. All in favour.

AJ to write

d) **Ceredigion Open Forum at 8pm on Tuesday 3 November 2015 at Lampeter Rugby Club –**

Elgan Evans reported that the association would like the Society to advertise the meeting. Office to place on the Society's website and Facebook page.

Office to action

It was agreed that the Council members to attend on the evening will be

- Elgan Evans
- Dai Harris
- John Kirk
- David Roberts
- Stewart Franklin

Ed Gummery reported that the Members Services committee are continuing to arrange forums with other associations, although a couple have declined. And when finalised, the list of all forums will be published on the Society's website and Facebook page.

Office to action

Following a question about recording the Open Forums, Bethan Jones confirmed that in the past the meetings have been recorded.

Colin Thomas proposed a vote of thanks to Andrew Johnstone, the Promotions committee and staff for the work involved with the production of the Autumn magazine.

Ann Bigley added that she was unaware that the Secretary had put so much time into the DVD project working with Amanda Harris in the studios. Bethan Jones agreed that a lot of work had been put into it.

The next Council meeting will take place on Monday 12 October 2015

With no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 1.30 pm

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