

4/4/2025 Council Meeting Summary

A minute's silence was held in recognition of those members who, sadly, had recently passed away.

Apologies were received from Martin Waters who is having an operation.

The CS said that the 2025 WPCS Journals and AGM paperwork had been sent out in a timely fashion by the printers. However, there had been many problems with their delivery. It has emerged that the Royal Mail subcontracted the delivery to Yodel so the problems with their delivery were not the printer's fault. A compensation claim has been made. The office has tried to assist members who had not received their paperwork for the AGM with issues like proxy votes.

The website changeover is due to take place next week.

The CS had attended a very productive meeting of the Glamorgan WPCA where she addressed the Performance Awards etc and had taken on board a number of suggestions. After discussion it was agreed by council to set the date for the competition to run from 1st September 2024 to 30th September 2025 to allow all disciplines to take part.

The Judges Conference is to be held on 27th September 2025 at the Royal Welsh Showground, Llanelwedd.

The rules covering registration of animals into the stud book had been updated and they were confirmed by council.

The Finance report confirmed that last year's accounts were very pleasing. There was a credit of approximately £69,000 compared with a deficit on last year's account of approximately £55,000. It was noted that the number of Equicymru registrations were up. It was agreed that these positive financial results were a reflection of the team effort of both trustees and staff.

An engineer had met EP at the office to advise on the maintenance problems with the buildings at Bronaeron. Some could be resolved 'in house' to save money. Quotations would be sought for the others.

DEFRA have raised issues with all PIOs who register partbreds in their stud books. A statement explaining this would be issued to our members to inform them that the WPCS will have to halt the registration of partbreds at this time, until DEFRA had clarified what was required of PIOs.

Correspondence was received from Leisure Horse Ireland (a PIO in Eire but not a daughter society). Animal Health had prosecuted an individual who then received a 6 month suspended sentence. However, because the person concerned had not received a ban from keeping animals, the society's hands are tied from acting appropriately.

Finally, it was proposed and agreed that a DBS check should be undertaken by the WPCS for all trustees and staff. For clarity.