

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE HACKNEY HORSE SOCIETY HELD ON 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2007 AT 1.30 P.M. AT STAPLEFORD FLYING CLUB

Present: A. Oade (Chairman), Mrs B Stockton (Treasurer), Ms S Barraclough, R. Bass R. Carter, J. Chicken, J. Cresswell, G. Docking, G. Dudley, A. James, K. Toombs, D. Vyse, A. Ward, E. Ward, Mrs D Hicketts (Secretary)

1. APOLOGIES for absence were received from Mrs J. Clough, A. Grant, C. Hall, Mrs C Haydon, M. Neachell, Mrs S Reade, J. Stevens and G Vardy.
2. MINUTES of the last meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> February 2007 were approved and signed by the Chairman proposed by Mr Chicken seconded by Mr James, unanimous.

3. MATTERS ARISING

- i. Insurance – The Chairman informed Council letters had been sent to the NFU, BDS and BHS asking them to confirm cover was suitable for the junior whip age groups. Mr Oade said NFU had replied they had forwarded our letter onto our underwriters for their consideration. They said the cover the Society has at the present time would ensure the Society has sufficient protection for Public Liability in respect of our two shows. If however the way in which the Society operates changes and/or the number of shows attended increased then they would need to review our cover. A note had been made on file for the next renewal which was on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2007 for them to review the policy so they can be fully up to date with the Society's activities.

The BHS had also replied in writing confirming there is no age limit on the BHS membership and enclosing their insurance guide. The BDS to date had only replied verbally and they had said there was no age limit given on their membership but no written confirmation had been sent.

Mr Oade reported the Show Committee had discussed this in depth at their meeting prior to the Council Meeting and had proposed the following:

On the Schedule and within the rules and regulations on the sections covering insurances for 'owner' to be inserted before 'exhibitor'. Age limits to stay the same on all classes. BDS membership to only be accepted for a junior whip if confirmation has been received in writing from the BDS that there is no age limit. Council were happy to accept these proposals.

**Action Secretary to change necessary rules**

Mr Docking asked if the Society would have their own schedule for the Championship show or would it be combined as this could cause problems for the Junior Whip class if it was not clearly defined. Mr Oade said at the moment no discussion had been made on this but all entries for the Hackney classes would go to the Hackney Society's Secretary and therefore comes under our rules and regulations.

4. DELETION OF BY LAWS

The Chairman said at the last meeting Council decided to change various bylaws along with some Articles of Association. He said as Council could change bylaws without the need for a Special Meeting it was therefore not relevant for these to go forward to the members with the changes to the Articles. Mr Oade proposed the following changes to the bylaws:

Delete Bylaw 25

Delete Bylaw 35

Bylaw 29 Money and Cheques – All moneys received and paid shall be entered into an accounting system. All cheques over a certain amount agreed by Council shall be signed by the Secretary/Accountant and Honorary Treasurer. All cheques under such amount shall be signed by the Secretary/Accountant.

Seconded by Mr Vyse, unanimous.

**Action Secretary to alter bylaws**

## 5. HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Chairman informed Council the South of England had sent their risk assessments to the Secretary. He said the Show Committee had discussed these at length and had decided to use the South of England risk assessments adjusting them to suit the Society. See Appendix A.

The Secretary was asked to send the adjusted risk assessments to the South of England for their approval.

### **Action Secretary to send risk assessments to South of England**

Mr Oade also informed Council when the Show Committee discussed the warming up risk assessment they had agreed two new rules should be included in the show schedule which were:

19. Warming up. Warming up must be in the designated area which is the collecting ring.

20. Exercising. Exercising can only be done in the collecting area outside of the show timetable. Exercising is not allowed in any other area.

Council were happy to accept the recommendations for the two rules from the Show Committee.

### **Action Secretary to add rules to Schedule**

The Chairman informed the meeting Mr James had kindly agreed to be the Society's Health and Safety officer, Council thanked him for this. The Secretary was asked to check with NFU as to whether any special cover was required for the Health and Safety officer.

### **Action Secretary to contact NFU for Health and Safety insurance**

Council asked Mr James to liaise with South of England over the necessary Health and Safety issues.

### **Action Mr James to contact South of England once they have accepted the risk assessments**

Council felt the Society members should be made aware of this new post and asked the Secretary to include it in the next newsletter.

### **Action Secretary to include in newsletter**

## 6. NEW MEMBERS/PREFIXES

The following new members had joined the Society since the last meeting:

Mr R Bettell, Mr R Glen, Mr J Hendry, Mr R Lenehan

New Prefixes were;

Rosehalls for Mr N Brown and Tirnoney for Mrs L Cann

## 7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr James informed Council he had been in touch with Brightwells and they had so far suggested the sale to be on the Sunday afternoon of the cob sale in October. At this stage the proposed cost of entry would be approximately £60 which would include stabling. Council were happy for Mr James to continue to pursue.

### **Action Mr James to pursue**

Mr Oade reported the trial period for training aids was due to finish on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2007 and did Council wish to keep the rule as it was or alter it. Mr Vyse proposed to keep the rule as is, seconded by Mr Dudley, unanimous.

### **Secretary to remove date from rule**

Mr Toombs asked if a prefix had to be used whether the breeder had one registered or not. The Secretary said a prefix did not have to be used but only the breeder who it was registered to could use it. Mr Bass said he wished the ruling to be changed on showing in Open and Novice classes. He said it would be better if animals entered at showing pace and not park pace. Council discussed the pros and cons of this suggestion. Mr Chicken proposed all classes except for Amateur and Junior Whip to enter the ring at showing pace, Amateurs and Junior Whip to enter at park pace, seconded by Mr Bass with 6 for and 7 against the proposal was defeated.

Mr Oade informed the meeting the HBLB grant of £15,440 had been agreed. The Secretary informed Council the only changes to this year's grant was there would be £50 awarded for anyone breeding from a premium mare.

The Chairman read out a letter from Mrs Brown in reply to the letter Council had sent her about her behaviour. Mrs Brown stated it was her children and not her behaviour which was the problem and she would not knowingly jeopardise the trust and responsibility Council had bestowed on her when she achieved the position of becoming a Society panel judge. She said she had already spoken to her

children about their behaviour. Council asked the Chairman to write thanking her for her letter and how Council were pleased she had addressed the problem with her children.

**Action Chairman to write to Mrs Brown**

Mr Oade said he had been contacted by Mr Dent who represented the Society at the BHS breeds committee. Mr Dent informed him the BHS were organising a 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary pageant at Great Windsor Park to take place on 7<sup>th</sup> July and asked for all breeds to take part. Council instructed the PR Committee to include the Hackney within the parade.

**Action PR Committee to Organise Hackneys for the parade**

The Chairman asked Mr Docking to leave the room at this point. Mr Oade read out a letter from Mr Docking asking to be considered as a probationary judge. Mr Toombs proposed Mr Docking is accepted as a probationary judge seconded by Mr Dudley with 3 against the proposal was carried.

**Action Secretary to deal with necessary letters**

Mr Docking returned to the meeting.

Mr Vyse asked Council if he could be considered as a probationary judge. Although normally this had to be given in writing Council were happy to accept the request verbally. The Chairman asked Mr Vyse to leave the room. Mr James proposed Mr Vyse is accepted as a probationary judge, seconded by Mr Dudley, unanimous.

**Action Secretary to deal with necessary letters**

Mr Vyse returned to the meeting.

Ms Barraclough asked if as a Society anything could be done to improve some timings of classes at various shows. Council discussed whether this was appropriate, whether it could cause problems and felt it would be best to leave the shows to organise their own schedule with no interference from the Society.

Mr Vyse mentioned he had been informed if money could be raised for sponsorship, classes could return to Hickstead. Mr Docking said he would approach Mr Osborne.

**Action Mr Docking to approach Mr Osborne**

The Secretary asked Mr Vyse to make sure the letter he wished included in the next maildrop with regard to donations for the Royal International Show was with her by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March or it would not be able to be included.

**Action Mr Vyse to supply letter by 12<sup>th</sup> March 2007**

Mr Toombs asked which committee covered the promotion of the Society at other Shows. The Chairman replied it would be covered by the PR Committee. A discussion then took place on the amount of qualifying shows, why few novices came forward once they had qualified for the Championship and would there be preliminaries at the championship show. Council thought the rule had changed on Novices so that if they won the Novice Horse or Pony of the Year they were not removed from Novices. Council asked the Secretary to check whether this rule had been altered and if not to alter it to:

Horses/Ponies eligible for a Novice Class may not have been a Novice Champion at the National Hackney Show. Also they can only be a Novice for three seasons from the start of their first Show. (not consecutive seasons).

**Action Secretary to change rule if required**

Council discussed whether there was a need to increase the entry fee to cover the cost of first aid cover at the Breed show or if the Society could absorb the cost. The Secretary informed the meeting there had been no increases on entry fees for several years. Mr Vyse proposed increasing the entry fee from £12 to £14 seconded by Mr Toombs unanimous.

**Action Secretary to alter entry form**

Mr Vyse asked if the show committee could look into the possibility of changing the medals for future shows

**Action Show committee to consider**

DATE OF NEXT MEETING April/May to be held at Stapleford Flying Club

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.30p.m.**