

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE HACKNEY HORSE SOCIETY HELD ON 15th MAY 2008 AT 1.00 P.M. AT STAPLEFORD FLYING CLUB

Present: R. Bass (Vice Chairman), Mrs B Stockton (Treasurer), Ms S Barraclough, R. Bass R. Carter, J. Chicken, J. Cresswell, G. Dudley, G. Haffenden, A. James, M. Neachell, D. Vyse, E. Ward, Mrs D Hicketts (Secretary)

1. APOLOGIES for absence were received from Mrs J Clough, G. Docking, Mr C Hall, Mrs C Haydon, Mr A L Oade, Mrs S Reade, Miss A L Sparrowhawk and J. Stevens.
2. MINUTES of the last meeting held 5th February 2008, The Secretary pointed out that the meeting was actually held in the Royal Mews and not Stapleford Flying Club, the minutes were then approved and signed by the Chairman proposed by Mrs Stockton seconded by Mr Chicken, unanimous.

3. MATTERS ARISING

i. Museum

Mrs Stockton reported at the moment there was still no one interested in taking on the Hackney museum

ii. Kent Show

Miss Sparrowhawk had emailed Kent Show and to date no reply had been forthcoming.

4. MICROCHIPPING/PASSPORTS

Mrs Hicketts reported Defra had confirmed the date for compulsory microchipping on new progeny to be July 2009. She said when an animal is microchipped there is no need for a veterinary surgeon to complete the description which would hopefully alleviate some of the cost. Mrs Hicketts asked if the Council would consider implementing compulsory microchipping on 1st January 2009 as most of the 2008 foals should have been registered as the ruling on registration is 31st December or 6 months whichever is the latter, this would give some leeway in the timings. Mr Chicken proposed introducing compulsory microchipping on 1st January 2009 for all new progeny which would stop the need for a veterinary surgeon to complete the description, seconded by Mr James, unanimous.

The Secretary informed Council, changes had been made in the passport by Defra. The passport being used by the Society currently was the old template from Defra. She said she has used Defra's template for the new passport but whereas before Defra would confirm with the Society formally if the passport was correct, due to a situation they had with another Breed Society they will no longer confirm the use of a passport to a Breed Society but they will give a verbal non-committal agreement. Mrs Hicketts asked if Council would agree to her proceeding with the use of the new passport as long as Defra had given a verbal agreement. Mr Neachell proposed accepting the passport issued by the Secretary as long as Defra had given their verbal acceptance, seconded by Mrs Stockton, unanimous.

5. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Show Committee

Mr Bass informed Council the Show Committee had met prior to the Council meeting and there was nothing to report as relevant items which had been brought up at the meeting would be coming up for full discussion at this meeting.

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Mrs Stockton reported the Carriage Driving Fair had been a great success and due thanks had been given to all those who were involved. Strictly Come Driving had also been well received. As much as possible entries were being encouraged for the classes at the Three Counties Show and she asked for

Council to also encourage exhibitors to attend this new show. Finally there would be another Judges Seminar at Ardingly.

6. NEW MEMBERS AND PREFIXES

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

Miss N Baker, Mr D Redden, Mr J & Mrs F Sparrowhawk, Ms H Welbon

New Prefixes were

Noddyvyse for Mr D Vyse

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Secretary informed the meeting HBLB had confirmed the Society would be receiving their grant for 2008/2009.

Mrs Hicketts informed Council Mr Hanna had written to Mr Oade informing the Society that Misdee Wrigley and David Friedman had given \$4,000 for him to use to promote the Hackney's in UK as he feels appropriate.

The Secretary informed Council it had come to light our Daughter Studbook were not following the Society's rules on registration as they did not insist on all animals being parent tested before registration. They had been written to informing them of the situation but they had replied, as far as they were concerned they did not have to follow this ruling. Mrs Hicketts had taken advice from Defra and they had informed her in their opinion the Daughter studbook should be following the Mother studbook's rule on registration and if they refuse then Defra would take the matter up with their counterparts in Holland. Mr James proposed the Secretary writes officially to our Daughter studbook informing them that they have to follow the Mother studbooks rule on registration and if they do not then to ask Defra to pursue, seconded by Mr Vyse, unanimous.

Action Chairman to write to Daughter studbook and Secretary to pursue through Defra if required

The Secretary read out a letter from Mr E Smith who judge at Royal Windsor informing Council of an incident with Ms Breaker. She also read out a letter from Ms Breaker complaining about how she was treated by Mr Smith when judged at Windsor. Two further letters were read out, one from Miss Sparrowhawk, the other from Mr & Mrs Ongley complaining about the standard of judging at Royal Windsor. A general discussion took place as to what happened between Mr Smith and Ms Breaker, the fact that Mr Smith did not follow correct procedure when judging the classes, Mr Smith was not properly attired, whether new judges should be shadowed by a senior judge for their first couple of years, should new judges be allowed to judge Royal Shows or Qualifying Shows immediately they have finished their probationary period, the Society should support their judges and encourage them to put correct errors made. Mr Chicken proposed Mr Smith is sent a letter informing him that his conduct had been discussed at the recent Council meeting regarding his judging at Windsor and it had transpired correct procedure had not been followed and to ask him to meet with three senior judges being, Mr E Ward, Mr Neachell and himself so all relevant procedures are clarified, seconded by Mr Neachell with 1 against carried.

Action The Secretary to write to Mr Smith

Council felt judges should be reminded of the Society's rules and guidelines at the forthcoming judge's seminar.

Action Mrs Stockton to inform judges of rules at seminar

Mr Bass proposed a disciplinary letter is sent to Ms Breaker informing her that her conduct would not be tolerated and if she breaks any of the Society's rules in the future or behaves in this manner again then she would be given a 12 month ban without further discussion at Council, seconded by Mr Chicken, unanimous.

Action Vice Chairman to write to Ms Breaker

The Secretary informed Council a letter had been received from Absolom Brown apologising profusely for his attire after the Championship at Royal Windsor and promising it would not happen again. Council were very pleased he had apologised in this way and asked the Secretary to write to him thanking him for his letter and accepting his apology.

Action Secretary to write to Mr A Brown

Mr Bass said spectators were being unfair in the amount of noise around the ring especially as not all exhibitors were shown the same amount of appreciation. He felt a note should go out in the next maildrop asking all spectators to extend their encouragement in the appropriate manner to every exhibitor and not just one or two, this Council agreed to.

Action Secretary to write note and include in next maildrop

DATE OF NEXT MEETING September

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.50p.m.