

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE HACKNEY HORSE SOCIETY HELD ON 9th SEPTEMBER 2008 AT ROYAL MEWS AT 1.00P.M.

Present: A. Oade (Chairman), R. Bass (Vice Chairman), C. Hall (President), Mrs B Stockton (Treasurer), Ms S Barraclough, R. Carter, J. Chicken, Mrs J Clough, J. Cresswell, G. Dudley, G. Docking, G. Haffenden, A. James, M. Neachell, Mrs, S Reade, Miss M. Sparrowhawk, G. Vardy, A. Ward, E. Ward, Mrs D Hicketts (Secretary)

1. APOLOGIES for absence were received from Mrs C Haydon and Mr D Vyse
2. MINUTES of the last meeting held 15th May 2008, were approved and signed by the Chairman proposed by Mr Chicken seconded by Mrs Reade, unanimous.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Mrs Reade referred to item 7 any other business and asked for details on the money with Mr Hanna, the Chairman informed her money was nothing to do with the Society and it was for Mr Hanna to spend on promoting Hackneys as he sees fit.

- i. Daughter Stud Book/Holland
To date no response had been received from DEFRA regarding pursuing our daughter studbook to conform to our rules and regulations on parentage testing of all new progeny.
- ii. Museum
Mrs Stockton reported there was still no site located for the museum. Mr A Ward suggested contacting Miss S Smith to see if she would be interested in having the Society's pieces within her private museum. In the meantime the Secretary to keep the trophies with the Society's engraver. This item not to be brought up on further agendas.
Action the Chairman to write to Miss S Smith

4. END OF TERM OF OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN

Mr Oade informed the meeting his term of office was due to finish in December. Mr Neachell proposed Mr Oade continue for a further 3 years, seconded by Mr Bass, unanimous. Mr Oade thanked everyone for their support and agreed to continue as Chairman of the Society for a further 3 years. He informed Council occasionally his time maybe restricted but he had spoken with Mr Bass and he has said he would assist him in anyway.

5. NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL

Mr Oade reported other than the five retiring officers nominations had been received from Mr Richard Bamford, Mrs Jackie Barrass, Mr Roly Connolly, Mr Chris Rawlins, Miss Sue Wormald. Council raised no objections to any of these.

6. ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE

The Secretary informed Council she had received correspondence from Enfield Council stating the Society was in breach of Child Entertainment Regulations. When Enfield Council were in receipt of all the relevant facts regarding children showing at the Society's shows they agreed the Society did not require a child Entertainment Licence but for a disclaimer to go onto the entry form saying necessary documentation must be obtained from the child's school.

7. OUTSTANDING DEBT

The Secretary informed Council, Mr van der Endt owed the Society £650 for his entries for the Annual National Breed Show at Ardingly plus registrations and membership. She said how a fax had been received from Mr van der Endt after the Annual National Breed Show saying his money had been returned from his bank as he did not have the correct account details. Mrs Hicketts said she re-sent him the bank details. When the money was still not sent letters were forwarded requesting payment was made. Due to an on going transfer situation from 2005, Mr van der Endt has said he will not pay until the transfers are resolved and a letter to this effect had been received from his solicitors. Mr Oade informed Council he had written to Mr van der Endt and his solicitors saying until the outstanding debt had been settled in full there would be no discussion on the situation of the transfers. Council fully supported this decision and agreed until the debt was settled no discussion would take place on the transfer situation and for a letter to be sent to Mr van der Endt's solicitors informing them of the Council's decision. Also a letter to be sent to Mr van der Endt informing him his membership had now lapsed and he would need to re-apply to Council for renewal.

Action the Secretary to write to Mr van der Endt's solicitors and Mr van der Endt.

8. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

P.R. Committee

Mrs Stockton informed the meeting the P.R. Committee will be meeting in October,

Show Committee

Mr Oade reported from the Show Committee. He informed Council a letter had been received from South of England regarding Health & Safety which was very similar to last year. All the fire fighting equipment was stolen from the Breed Show and as it cost the Society approximately £350 to replace the Show Committee decided to levy a £5 charge on all caravan and horse box passes to cover the cost. This to be informed to members via the newsletter and the full reason why this decision had to be taken. Council raised no objections to this. Mr Oade reported Mr Toombs had written asking if the auction should be every two years and not yearly. The Show Committee felt as it was also a social occasion and as long as Mr Toombs was prepared to run it then to continue yearly. Council raised no objections to this. Mary Ilett had volunteered to steward at the Annual National Breed Show. Entries for the Championship Show were very good and Messrs Vardy and Dudley would be stewarding. Mr Oade apologised as he would not be able to attend the show due to a prior commitment but Mr Bass had agreed to take over the role of Chairman during the Championship show.

9. NEW MEMBERS AND PREFIXES

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

Mr W Barlow, Mr P Green, Mr K Howard, Miss V Neal, Miss S O'Neill, Mr J Proctor, Mr C Rawoo, Mrs I Walker, Mr F Walsh, Mr J Watkins, Ms S Whitney

Mr Oade asked the Secretary to write the town the new members live in for Council in future. Mr James asked if on the application form some tick questions could be put on, for example do they own a Hackney, will they be breeding etc. Council asked the P.R. Committee to supply a new membership form incorporating some basic questions.

P.R. Committee to deal

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman informed Council there was a serious disciplinary problem regarding the Brown family who had verbally and physically abused Mr Richard Bamford who was the judge at Ponies UK held at Newark and Notts Showground, Newark on Saturday 16th August 2008. He said several letters of complaint had been received from members and non-members about the derogatory behaviour of the Brown family, a letter had been received from Mr Bamford and Mrs Brown (aka Mrs Dunn) about the incident and Mrs Brown's solicitors apologising on behalf of Mrs Brown. All letters from all parties were read out in full.

Council discussed all incidents individually and considered the seriousness of the complaints. Pursuant to the rules of the Society printed in the 2008 year book on page 87 they agreed by a large majority to suspend Mrs M Brown & Mr A Brown Snr., Mr A Brown Jnr., Mrs F. Allen (nee Brown) & Mr T Allen, Miss C Brown and Miss M Brown, for 4 years with immediate effect on the basis that they were either members exhibitors or their assistants. They will therefore be unable to exhibit animals at any affiliated show and no transfers of convenience will be allowed. They must make written application to Council for renewal of membership once the period of suspension expires.

It was unanimously agreed that Mrs Brown be removed from the Judge's panel with immediate effect.

Action Secretary to write to the all those concerned copying the Browns solicitor informing them of the decision

Mr Hall suggested the Society invite Mr Douglas Erskine-Crum Chief Executive of the HBLB to one of the Society's shows as they give so much support to the Society. The Secretary said the Show Committee had asked for someone to be invited from HBLB to the Championship show but as Mrs Archer had left she was uncertain as to who to invite but would now invite Mr Erskine-Crum

Action Secretary to write to Mr Erskine-Crum

Mr Oade informed Council two letters had been received from members asking to be considered as probationary judges. The first one was from Mr Cooper of Reading. Mr Haffenden proposed he is accepted onto the probationary list, seconded by Mr Cresswell, unanimous. The second was from Mrs Allen of Essex. Council felt at this stage they could not accept her application but to re-apply in the future.

Secretary to write to both Mr Cooper and Mrs Allen of Councils decision

Mr Oade said he had received a letter from Mr & Mrs McIntosh where they asked for it to be dealt conclusively at this meeting. He said how they were not happy the 2008 Orsett Show was not being included in the points for the 2008 Novice Championship and the points her animal won should be added so that she could then qualify. Council would not alter the closing dates for Novice qualification and it was to stay at 20th August after the Wiltshire BDS Show and it was not possible to add points from one show as it would completely alter who had qualified as it was a cumulative total. The Secretary to write to Mr & Mrs McIntosh explaining the situation and how qualification for Novices work.

Action Secretary to write to Mr & Mrs McIntosh

The Chairman read a letter out from Gill and Albert Grant thanking the society for their gift.

Mrs Stockton asked for anyone who had a promise for the auction to let her know. She informed Council the Scurry Driving promise from last years auction had not been paid for and therefore not used. Mr Haffenden said he had wanted to bid for this but was unavailable when the bidding took place and he would be happy to pay the amount raised if Mr Osborne was still happy for it to be used. Council asked the Secretary to write to Mr Osborne explaining the situation and asking him to confirm he would be happy for the promise to stand. Mr Docking said he would ask Mr Osborne if he would be happy to give the Society a similar promise this year.

Action Secretary to write to Mr Osborne and inform Mr Haffenden of the outcome. Mr Docking to contact Mr Osborne

Mrs Stockton asked if anyone had any articles for the year book to let her have them.

Miss Sparrowhawk asked if there could be a ridden class at the Championship Show. Mr Docking thought this maybe something the BDS would be interested in and he would speak to them.

Action Mr Docking to deal

Miss Sparrowhawk asked if the ridden class at the Breed show was supposed to be judged as a ridden class or as a Hackney under saddle. Mr Oade said the Show Committee would look into it.

Action Show Committee to deal

Mr James reported due to lack of support and action from certain Hackney members there would be no more horse auctions after this year. Mr Oade thanked Mr James for all his effort in organising the auction with Brightwells.

Mr Cresswell asked if the Society could write to the New Forest show asking if the Hackney classes could be returned to the show ring they used to be in as this year they were in a different ring with show jumps and during the horse class the jumps were being dismantled. Council felt a letter should be sent.

Action Secretary to write to New Forest Show

Mr Cresswell asked if one of our more prestigious classes could be held on the Thursday afternoon at the Annual National Breed Show as the show is open to the public. Mr Oade said the Show Committee would look into it.

Action Show Committee to deal

Mr Oade thanked Mr Hall our outgoing President for all his support over the last two years, his advice has been invaluable on several occasions. Mr Hall thanked the Society for asking him to take on the role of President and said he had enjoyed the last two years. Mr Oade said he had spoken to a few people about the new president and there were a couple of suggestions, one being Albert Grant the other Tom Ryder. Mr Oade thought Mr Ryder was possibly not well enough at this time to take the role on and therefore proposed Mr Grant to be the Society's President for the next two years, seconded by Mr Chicken, unanimous.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING February

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