

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE HACKNEY HORSE SOCIETY HELD ON 6th MAY 2010 AT STAPLEFORD FLYING CLUB AT 1.00P.M.

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

1. APOLOGIES for absence were received from Mrs J Clough, Mr R. Connolly, Mrs C Haydon, Miss M. Ilett, Mr A. James, Mr A Oade, Miss A Sparrowhawk, Mr G. Vardy and Miss S. Wormald
2. MINUTES of the last meeting held 9th March 2010, were approved and signed by the Chairman proposed by Mr Neachell seconded by Mr Docking, unanimous.
3. MATTERS ARISING

Mr Bass said he felt the last meeting was very non-descript and it did not achieve anything. He said last time Council members were on the telephone to him after the meeting with queries which should have been raised at the meeting. In future he asked for all Council members to raise all questions at the meeting where they could be fully discussed.

i. Royal International

Mr Bass said after the last meeting he felt nothing had been properly decided on the Royal International and that it had been “swept under the carpet”. Therefore he decided to take the situation into his own hands and contacted various people to raise the money for the show. He thanked those at the meeting who had kindly donated money to the show. Mr Bass said how he feels the exhibitors would like the show to be supported and although he knew the Society was not able to donate any funds he felt the situation should be looked at as to whether funds could be found. Suggestions was made where the extra money on the dinner dance tickets, which Mr Chicken kindly donated to the Society could be put to the Royal International Fund and on the auction to ask those who put anything in to say if they wanted the money to go to the Society or the Royal International fund. Mrs Stockton said although she did not want the Society to lose their classes at this show this was something she would be uncomfortable in supporting as this money went into the Society funds and even with this the Society still struggled. Mr Haffenden asked what a sponsor would get in return for putting up the £2,000, would he have any advertising etc. as he thinks he knows of someone who could be interested in sponsoring this show. Mr Docking said he did not think there would be any possibility of any ring advertising at the Show. Mr Haffenden asked if an advert could be put in the year book. The Secretary confirmed an advert could be put in the year book and on all the newsletters if required. Mr Haffenden said he would pass the telephone number to Mr Bass for him to make contact for next year’s sponsorship.

Mr Bass asked Council if they wanted to continue to have classes at the Royal International and Council were keen for them to continue. Mr Ward proposed Mr Bass to continue to raise the funds for the Royal International in the same way as he has done for 2010 and for the Society to be used as a holding account only, seconded by Mr Cresswell, unanimous.

Action Mr Haffenden to give telephone number to Mr Bass and Mr Bass to raise the funds for the sponsorship as this year

ii. BDS Qualifier

The Hon. Charlotte Lawson from the BDS had replied to the Society query about qualifying status for the Annual Breed Show. She said she could see no reason why qualification could not be given but the Society would have to contact again in November for 2011.

Action Show Committee to contact the Hon. Charlotte Lawson

4. GIFT AID

Mr Bass said how the Society was losing income as people were not signing gift aid declarations. The Secretary said the Accountants had worked out that if everyone who donated had signed a gift aid form then a further £780 could be claimed and if all members had their membership fees via gift aid assuming no benefits taken a further £2000 could be raised. She said the only person at this meeting who had signed a Gift Aid form was Mr Chicken. It was felt the Society should continue to encourage members to sign Gift Aid forms and for a request for people to sign the forms to be included in the newsletter.

Action secretary to include Gift Aid in the newsletter

5. BRITISH HORSE SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVE

It was reported Mr Dent who was the Society's Representative at the British Horse Society meetings would no longer be able to attend and a volunteer was asked for from Council. Mr Docking said he would be happy to take on the role of British Horse Society Representative.

6. GELDING/UELN

The Secretary informed the meeting how the Unique Equine Life Number was now causing problems regarding the registrations of Geldings. She said how at the moment the Society issued another number to a stallion once gelded and this was something which could not continue as the number issued at time of registration now was the animals' life number. Although the passport must be changed to show once a stallion had been gelded it was not a necessity to put the animal in a gelding list in the stud book. Mr Dudley proposed to only have geldings registered in the stud book if they were gelded at first registration and in future for no further number to be issued to a stallion and only the passport and computer record to be changed to show an animal has been gelded, seconded by Mr Neachell, unanimous.

7. MAY MEETING

Council were asked if they wished to continue with this meeting in May or if they would rather go back to having the meeting at Ardingly in June. It was felt it would not be convenient to hold the meeting at Ardingly and the Chairman to call a meeting in May if there was enough on the agenda.

8. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Show Committee

Mrs Hicketts reported on behalf of Mr Chicken. She said the entries were down this year for the breed show by about 20-25 animals. Mrs Hicketts said the Show Committee proposed to stop the double entry fee as it was not being enforced. Mr E Ward and Mr Cresswell felt the Secretary should not allow entries to be accepted after the closing date. Council accepted the proposal from the Show Committee to stop double entry fees but for the closing date to be extended from 29th April to 1st May and for the Secretary to not accept any late entries at all. The Chairman said if the Secretary had any exhibitor not accepting this then she was to notify him and he would speak with them direct. Mr Bass said he would notify the membership at the AGM of the changes and asked the Secretary to inform all members via the newsletter.

Action Secretary to put in Newsletter and alter entry form Mr Bass to inform exhibitors at the AGM

PR Committee

Mrs Stockton said the PR Committee had not met since the last meeting. She said there had been a very successful display at the Carriage Driving fair and the audience were very interested. She thanked everyone who took part. Mrs Stockton said in the future Sally Taylor would be reporting on the Summer Shows for Carriage Driving as she attended them all.

9. NEW MEMBERS AND PREFIXES

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

Ms R Bownes, St Lawrence, Jersey, W Jones, Australia, C Nee, Richmond, North Yorkshire, M Pearce, Australia, R Townsend, Killinghall, Harrogate

New Prefixes

Cherryfarm for W Jones Australia, Viscountshill for W de Heul Netherlands, Farmerspride for C M M van Oosterhout

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Docking informed the meeting the Royal Welsh show did not allow Hackneys in their Private Drive classes. He said he had asked the question to the Royal Welsh Show as to why they did not allow Hackneys especially as this was a qualifier for HOYS; their reply was this was how they had always run the class. Council suggested a letter go to the Royal Welsh asking for them to allow Hackneys into these classes in future. Mrs Hicketts asked Mr Docking if he knew the numbers of the classes in question to which he replied he did not but he would find out and let her have them.

Action Mr Docking to supply the Secretary with the class numbers The Chairman to then write to the Royal Welsh Show

Mr Docking reported Mrs Clough and Miss Smith would be taking part in the Equifest Gala evening at the East of England Show.

Mr Neachell said he felt the Society was missing out on raising funds. At the Northern Hackney Horse Club Show every year they hold a raffle for a weather vane and he felt this was something which the Society could do at the Annual National Breed Show. This Council felt was something which should be pursued.

Action PR Committee to organise

Mr Bass said how he felt a more detailed breakdown of the figures should be included in the accounts sent out to the Council members. Mr Cresswell said if more information was requested from the accountants then their charges would increase considerably. The Treasurer said Council members should ask the Secretary for information on the accounts when they receive them if they have any queries. Mr Cresswell said how he trusted the Secretary totally with the figures presented and with the figures given by Mr James. The Chairman stated how this had nothing to do with trust and he said how he trusted everyone implicitly but for ease it would be better to have a breakdown of the figures. It was decided Mr Bass and Mrs Stockton to inform the Secretary of the headings which required a more detailed breakdown to be given to Council so that she could inform the Accountants when the 2010/11 accounts were sent to them in October.

Action Mr Bass and Mrs Stockton to inform Secretary of headings

The Secretary informed Council the accountant who had been producing the Society's accounts for the last three years was starting up on her own. Mrs Hicketts asked her to supply a quote which for the same work as the previous company she would be approximately £1.000 cheaper. Council felt this new company should be the one proposed at the AGM for the members to vote on.

Mrs Hicketts reported to the meeting that the Society's Daughter Studbook had asked their government to speak with DEFRA regarding the issue on the H numbers. They want the Society to accept their H numbers as the same as the SR numbers in studbook 49. The Secretary had explained the situation regarding the difference between the SR and H numbers to DEFRA and they are in discussion with the Dutch and will report to the Society on the outcome.

Mrs Stockton said she had been contacted by the West Midlands Driving Trials group to say they were having a pre season show in and around April 18th next year at UK arena in Peterborough and they asked if the Society would be interested in putting on classes at this show, the BDS had already agreed to hold classes at this show. It was suggested that Mrs Stockton contact the BDS in the area and ask them if they were interested in affiliating Hackney classes to this show.

Action Mrs Stockton to contact the BDS and inform West Midlands Driving Trials group

DATE OF NEXT MEETING September

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.20p.m.