

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE HACKNEY HORSE SOCIETY HELD ON 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2005 IN THE HACKNEY TENT ARDINGLY

Present: R. Bass (Chairman), Mrs B Stockton (Treasurer), A. Oade (Vice Chairman), R. Carter, J. Chicken, Mrs J Clough, J Cresswell, G. Dudley, Mr A Grant, Mrs C Haydon, R. Hutchinson, A. James, J. Moor, M. Neachell, Mrs S Reade, K. Toombs, Mr G. Vardy, Mr D Vyse, E. Walsh, A. Ward, E. Ward, Mrs D Hicketts (Secretary)

1. APOLOGIES for absence were received from Mrs D. Oade, J. Stevens and Rev Watson.
2. MINUTES of the last meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2005 were approved and signed by the Chairman proposed by Mr Moor and seconded by Mr Neachell.

3. MATTERS ARISING

- i. Mrs Haydon's Video – progress is being made on the DVD but due to several circumstances the DVD is not yet available, but it will be ready in 2006. Due to the fact that there is so much footage instead of producing one DVD there will be two.
- ii. Probationary Judges – All the probationary judges have been given their two shows to attend. Once all the reports are in they will be brought to Council. The probationary judges will have to attend Ardingly 2006.
- iii. Election of Council Members Form – The Secretary passed around a sample form to be used for nominations for new Council Members. Mr Vyse asked if existing Council members needed to complete it, the Chairman said that existing Council members did not have to fill it in but they could if they wanted to as the comments would be put onto the actual voting paper for members to see. Council agreed that the sample form was suitable to be used.
- iv. HOYS Trophies – The Secretary will speak with Miss Weber for an update for the next meeting.
- v. Membership Gift Aid – Mr Toombs had passed some information to the Secretary which had been given to the Society's accountant as it needs to be cleared with the Inland Revenue.
- vi. HOYS Derogation – A letter had been received from DEFRA saying that they are still looking into the situation and will be in touch in due course.
- vii. Mare Dispute - Rev Watson had sighted both mares and one does not correspond to the markings within the studbook whereas the other does. Therefore the animal that corresponded with the stud book markings is assumed to be Shere Charm the animal in dispute. Both owners have been informed of the outcome and the owner of the animal which has been proven not to be Shere Charm has accepted the Society's decision.
- viii. Buckely Courage – Mr Toombs had been in contact with the museum and is going to collect the picture sometime during Ardingly week. A letter had been given to him from the Secretary authorising him to remove the painting.
- ix. Schroder Life Stables – Mr Haydon had written to Mr Bass informing him that he had managed to contact Denise Frances and she is in agreement with Mr Haydon that the Society has the right to use the stables free of charge during the Hackney Show or equivalent amount credited against the Society's temporary stabling. Ms Frances would try and contact the MD of the time, Mr Robert Taylor. She will inform the Society of the outcome.

4. INAPPROPRIATE DISCLOSURE OF COUNCIL MEETING INFORMATION

The Chairman said that there was still some Council Members who were inappropriately disclosing information from the Council meetings. Although the meetings were not closed, some things were not for open discussion. Only information which had been minuted should be disclosed and members are allowed copies of the minutes once ratified. Mr Cresswell asked if members could be informed that they can request copies of the minutes, also Mr Chicken suggested the ratified minutes and agenda along with a form so that anyone could ask questions of the Council is posted on the website, Council agreed to both suggestions.

**Action Secretary inform members they can request copy of minutes and sort out page for website**

## 5. MAY MEETING

Council were asked if they still wished to have a Council Meeting in May and it was agreed that there is too much to be discussed at the June meeting held in Ardingly therefore a meetings are required February and April/May.

## 6. ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION/RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Secretary informed the meeting that due to the new passport system a new rule had been included for colour changes. The reason colour changes are being seen to any degree is due to the fact that a veterinary surgeon has to fill in the new passport diagram whereas before the owner was allowed. A change to the Articles of Association was being made to the membership at the AGM which was within objects 3 a. To improve the breed and to promote the breeding of Hackney Horses and Hackney Ponies.

Mr Neachell informed the meeting that a rule which had been included in the old rule book had not been put back into the Articles of Association when the Society realised the previous changes to the Articles of Association had not been correctly ratified. Mr Neachell proposed that the following Article be included:

10a Chairman – The Council shall appoint a Chairman whose term of office shall be for three years. At the end of the term he may be re-appointed, seconded by Mr Moor all in favour.

**Action Secretary to inform Article Changes to Charities Commission**

## 7. JUDGING OF MORE THAN ONE QUALIFYING SHOW

The BDS had written to the Society complaining about the problem they have with regard to obtaining a judge for there show as they are a qualifying show. They said that our ruling with regard to one judge judging no more than one qualifying show was causing most of the problem. Council discussed the situation which involved not changing the ruling or having some form of ruling where a judge could be asked to judge more than one show and where the 2 Irish and 1 Scottish show judges could be asked in an emergency. Mr Moor proposed that the judge judging at Balmoral Show, Irish Hackney Horse Society Show and the Royal Highland Show, could, if no other judge was able to be found be asked to judge one other show in that year.

**Action Secretary to change rule in year book**

## 8. RARE BREEDS – PONY

The Chairman informed the meeting that the Rare Breeds Survival Trust had considered the pony and had confirmed it would be included as a rare breed but they would be listing the Hackney which incorporated both the horse and pony and therefore it would be placed in Category 3 Vulnerable. The decision is effective immediately.

## 9. NEW MEMBERS – PREFIXES

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

Mr W Adair, Mr T Bennett, Ms V Bramwell, Ms S van den Boek-barto, Mr J Cunningham  
Mr J Dunsdon, Mr S Elton, Ms C Everton, Miss G Firth, Mr N Fitzsimons  
Mrs S Gill and Mr L Stott, Mr G Lindsey, Miss K McFall, Misses J Saville, Lady Synnot, Mrs S White

### NEW PREFIXES

Blackhouse – Mr R Connolly, Nottingham – Mr E Tibbs, Glenside – Mr S and M O’Kane

## 10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Central Prefix Register – The Secretary informed the meeting that central prefix had written asking that our use of a prefix on a purchased animal is bought into line with their rules and regulations which is as follows:

Prefixes and suffixes are for use by breeders on their own home bred stock, not for use on bought in animals. Mr Chicken proposed that the Society changes their rule on breeders using prefixes to come in line with the Central Prefix Register rule, seconded by Mr Vyse, all in favour.

### **Action Secretary to change rule in year book and stud book**

The Secretary informed the meeting that Central Prefix Register had decided to present several awards and that for 2005 the Hackney had been chosen to receive the Rare Breed Horse Performance Award and the owner and breeder was to receive £150 each.

Dutch Registration – The Secretary informed the meeting that the Dutch Society was looking into a pedigree which does not trace back in one line around the tenth generation to see if there had been a mistake. She had spoken to the Dutch Stud Book and informed them that any changes must be supported by a paper trail which needed to be forwarded to the Mother Stud Book for any changes to be accepted.

The Secretary informed the meeting that she had sent two transfer forms through to Mr Middelman by recorded delivery for his signature to transfer Plains William and Plains Endeavour into Mr van der Endt's name. Mr Middelman emailed and telephoned the Society informing the Secretary that he would not sign the transfers as he was in dispute over the purchase of the animals with Mr van der Endt. Council decided that this was nothing to do with the Society and it was now a matter between Mr Middelman and Mr van der Endt.

Probationary Judge – Mr Edward Smith had written in with a brief CV and requested that he is considered as a probationary judge. Discussion ensued with regard to whether he had applied correctly or not, which it was confirmed that he had and that the probationary judges already on the list had been put forward differently to try and increase the judges panel list quickly. Mr Moor proposed that he is accepted seconded by Mr James, with only 2 against the proposal was carried.

### **Action the Secretary to inform Mr Smith of the decision.**

HBLB – the Secretary informed the meeting that a letter had been received from HBLB informing the Society that an extension to the Boards life had been given and final funding to breed societies by the Board will be 1 April 2008 to 31 March 2009.

The Secretary informed the meeting that Mr Springall the Society's engraver has had to stop working due to ill health. She said that she had previously been in touch with the South of England's engraver who handles their cups. Proposals had been sent through as to what she could offer the Society which were:

Cups sent out from Ardingly and then posted back to her where she would collate, repair any necessary, clean them and have them engraved, or for her to collect them from the Society, have them engraved, cleaned and repaired if necessary, then send them to the necessary person both proposals would cost £1100 and for the second a further charge for postage and packing will be made. The Secretary informed Council that a charge of £15 per cup would have to be levied to the winning exhibitor for postage as the Society would already be paying an extra £400 for the engraving. Council discussed both proposals and Mr Chicken suggested that a presentation buffet/dance to be held at his flying club. The cups are engraved and then sent onto the Flying Club where they would be presented to the winners. Council decided that the best option would be for the presentation evening and Mr Chicken proposed that a presentation evening is organised so that the engraved cups can be presented, seconded by Mr Dudley, unanimous.

The Secretary read out a letter from Mrs Jordan explaining how she had purchased a pony from Mr Denness which although it seemed okay when she viewed the animal it turned out to be dangerous and she had her back broken by it. Mrs Jordan in her letter says she knows it is buyer beware but she wanted to inform the Council of the callous behaviour of a fellow Hackney Society member and more importantly breeder. Council noted her comments.

The Secretary said that a member had asked if in future the Private Drive Championships could be split into Horse and Pony. Council felt this was not suitable especially as they now have a Best Opposite Section cup which will be awarded each year.

The Secretary informed Council that a letter had been received from Miss Sparrowhawk who asked if the Society could offer free stabling and parking as well as entry fee to the international class. The Secretary said that she had replied to Miss Sparrowhawk informing her that Mr Vyse was sponsoring the Dutch stables. Council felt that the stables could only be offered free of charge if they were sponsored in full.

The Secretary informed the meeting that DNA parentage testing had been increased by £1.50 plus VAT, Council agreed that the charge must be passed on immediately to the members.

**Action Secretary to increase charges with immediate effect and inform members**

**Meeting closed 6.30p.m.**