THE FELL PONY SOCIETY

Summary of the Minutes, to be published on the FPS website, of the Fell Pony Society Council meeting held on

***Tuesday 14 November 2023 at 19.30 via Zoom Orton Market Hall***

***Representatives from the Area Support Groups and the Next Generation group were invited to attend.***

# *Approval of Council Minutes: meeting held on 12 September 2023*

***Matters arising from the minutes***

1. ***The details of Fell stallions’ semen held by the RBST had been accidentally omitted from the report at a recent meeting. Tom Blunt, RBST provided the details and provided the objectives of the Gene Bank.***
2. ***The Sandringham Show is to be run as a stand-alone event and not a support group show.***
3. ***The FPS Social Media policy has been revised and checked by a solicitor; it is now published on the FPS website.***

***Chairmans Report***

The Chairman reported that he had attended the Southern Show, he thanked those involved in running the show.

He also reported on the recent sale; prices and the age of foals forward and that a vet had been in attendance checking ponies on arrival.

***Secretary/Treasurer’s report***

The Secretary reported on:

Current member numbers and passports issued for foals, to date.

Lowther Estates are interested in perhaps having Fells at Lowther once again and in the conservation of the breed.

Grassroots have introduced a new office system for members (people).

The year end accounts have been submitted to Dodd and Co Accountants for consideration.

The office will be closed from 22 December and re open on Tuesday 2 January.

***FPS Sale***

Discussion regarding pre show sale – safety issues, tight deadline to conclude prior to sale.

***Nominations for trophies to be presented at the AGM***

Council look forward to receiving nominations for the Peahill Basil award, Lownthwaite Rob trophy and Edinburgh Prize and will decide on the winners when they meet in January.

The Queens trophy will be awarded to the FPS Display team.

***Sub-Committee Reports***

Reports received from the Show, Conservation, Judges Committees and Display Team.

***Probationer Judges and review of rules***

Judges with an asterisk – consideration of removal.

Report / Suggestions from Probationer Judges Assessment.

Review of rule changes to be discussed further at January meeting.

***Support Groups***

Representatives from the groups were present. Reports of activities provided and questions to Council.

***LWF, junior members etc***

Discussion on how to encourage junior members activities and provide education