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 4 July 2023 at 19.30 via Zoom***

# *Approval of Council Minutes: meeting held on 9 May 2023*

***Matters arising from the minutes***

# i) Kate Simpson Fine Art will be delighted to attend the Breed Show.

# ii) Social Media Policy – draft revision to be circulated and approved at next meeting.

# iii) Details of software which converts audio to text available, could be useful for meetings.

# iv) DNA typing – the proposals carried at the last meeting were circulated together with eligibility rules. To be published on the website and in the Autumn magazine.

# v) Random DNA testing 2% of filly foals – Details of discussions and proposals discussed by Council in 1999 – 2003 were circulated prior to the meeting. Although the proposal had been agreed, how it was to be implemented was not.

# vi) Trustees Training –The mandatory training will take place on the morning of the Council meeting, Tuesday 12 September. The event will be run in conjunction with the Dales Pony Society.

***Chairman’s Report***

The Chairman reported that he had attended a meeting to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the RBST at Rheged in May.

***Secretary/Treasurer’s report***

The Secretary reported on:

Current member numbers and stallion licences issued so far this year.

Mare premiums soon to be issued

Grassroots are working on the re-write of the first part of the Breed Society Record office system, & the new system will be “more powerful and easier to use”.

The Stallion Show was a great success, & moving the HOYS qualifier to the show seemed to be a good move. The weather was good and the usual number of spectators attended.

Successful South Cumbria Show, held on 4 June.

Breed show entries have been slow to arrive.

Invitation by the RBST for the Society to take part in their Natural Barrow Market event in Barrow in Furness. Unfortunately, due to the location and fairly short notice, unable to attend.

***Sub-Committee Reports***

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

***Autumn Fell Pony Sale***

The order of sale, closing date for entries and receipt of foal passport/registration applications, upset price, and judge for the pre sale show were discussed and agreed

***Correspondence***

NPS Great British In Hand Show – Requested support, Council agreed to send FPS Special rosettes and FPS Baseball caps to be presented at the Show.

***Any Other Business***

Photos and information to be provided for an article in Tractor and Farming Heritage magazine.

A talk was held in July hosted by Friends of the Ullswater Way, entitled “Ullswater’s Fell Ponies, past, present and future,” by Sue Millard and Libby Robinson.

A new search function has been introduced to the FPS website.

Support Groups and Overseas Branch members to be invited to a future Council meeting, via zoom.