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 10 September 2024 at 13.00hrs at Orton Market Hall***

***The option to attend via Zoom was available***

# *Approval of Council Minutes: meeting held on 2 July 2024*

***Matters arising from the minutes***

1. The Increase in membership fees from 2025 and increase in other fees were approved for publication. It was agreed that an admin charge should be made to cover the cost of and return postage of a passport, for example when additional vacs pages are required, repair to a passport etc
2. A small committee will be meeting to discuss discussing the storage and logging of archive material.
3. Details for a Young Handlers competition with a final to be held at the FPS Breed Show in August 2025 were discussed.

***Draft AGM Minutes***

Approved by Council for circulation in the Autumn Magazine

***Chairmans Report***

The Chairman had attended an NPS M & M Breed Society meeting on 3 July. There was some discussion about the Great British In Hand Show, the location had been moved further South and there were only 3 Fell Ponies entered. Most Breed Societies had agreed that the WHP classes should be split on breed rather than height. The revised height split of up to 13.2hh and over 13.2hh still split the breeds. The NPS are keen to establish a ‘Next Generation’ committee with reps from each breed.

***Secretary and Treasurer’s report***

The Secretary reported that:

Current membership stands at 1113 . Passports have been issued for 102 foals so far this year

It was also reported that the Breed Show had gone well. LWF participants had enjoyed the opportunity to take part in 3 stud visits.

Council agreed that items of post would only be sent by 1st class on receipt of additional funds to cover the cost.

A donation had been received from the Old Courthouse from talks held earlier in the year.

***Sub-Committee Reports***

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

Lara Kneale is taking over from Judy Fairburn as Show Secretary from.

***Review of Regulations and Showing Rules***

Council agreed 2 changes to the regulations, now published on the website.

1. Regs: When considering moving a pony from Section X to the Main Section, the pony will be inspected by Council members and a report of the finding produced for Council as a whole make a decision.
2. Showing Rules: No. 16 Stallions and Colts Two Years and Ove must be adequately bitted.

***HBLB Grant***

Council agreed the spending of the grant for the coming year which will largely be the same as the previous year. The Voluntary DNA testing of filly foals was agreed to continue for 2025 born foals.

***Dates for 2025***

Council agreed the dates for Council meetings and other dates for the coming year.