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 12 November 2024 at 13.15 hrs at Orton Market Hall***

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

# *Approval of Council Minutes: meeting held on 10 September 2024*

***Matters arising from the minutes***

1. Definition of a Fell Pony Hill Bred herd confirmed – “to have rights on common land to graze and be an active grazier.”
2. Council agreed the rules for Voluntary DNA testing of filly foals, 2025 (*now published on the website*).

***Chairmans Report***

The Chairman had attended an NPS M & M Breed Society meeting.

* Continuing discussion on WHP heights – to focus on the breeds rather than their heights.
* Judging at HOYS discussed.
* NPS to produce a monthly magazine focussing on individual breeds with the Fells the topic for January.
* Anyone from the Fells interested in joining the NPS Next Generation group to get in touch.

Recent posts on social media indicated that some were not aware of the changes to the breed standards approved by members in 2018, this included judges. The website is now up to date and judges are to be reminded of the current breed standards. A report is to be included in the next magazine to remind members too.

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

The Secretary reported that:

Current membership stands at 1122 (for 2024), new memberships and renewals for 2025 have been received. . Passports have been issued for 253 foals so far this year.

DEFRA recently announced that delivery of a digitised equine identification system has been delayed.

**FPS Sale - 2024**

93 ponies were entered with 77 forward on the day and 54 were sold through the ring, 45 were transferred into their new owner on sale day.

It was agreed to discuss the upset price before next years sale and to increase promotion of the sale.

NWA no longer handle cash on sale days due to money laundering legislation.

**Nomination of trophies to be presented at the AGM**

Reminder for nominations for the various awards to be submitted to the FPS office and agreed by Council in January.

**Affiliation**

It was agreed to add a rule to the showing rules to remind members to carry their membership with them in the ring.

***Sub-Committee Reports***

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

***New Functions in Grassroots online registry***

One of the benefits of joining the Fell Pony Society is access to the Grassroots online registry which gives members access to the Society's pedigree database. A new breed analysis feature is now available on Grassroots, called Check Mate. See the FPS website for further details.