

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 9 January 2024 at 19.30 via Zoom Orton Market Hall

Approval of Council Minutes: meeting held on 14 November 2023

Matters arising from the minutes

- i) RBST Gene Bank – Council discussed the possibility of adding to the Gene Bank and agreed to put out feelers for potential stallion owners.**
- ii) Young Handlers Award – to be discussed with the area groups**
- iii) Learning with Fells – to encourage participants wording to be changed to read “applications from any FPS member.”**
- iv) Judging Guidelines – changes approved and updated guidelines added to the FPS website.**
- v) Discretionary Trust – following communication from the solicitors, Council agreed to continue with the upkeep of the remaining pony.**
- vi) Bank Accounts / Investment – considering investment into higher interest rate accounts.**

Chairmans Report

The Chairman had attended via Zoom the 826 Equine Studbook Assoc meeting and the NPS Native Breeds meeting at Stoneleigh.
He reported on the results of the FPS Breeders Award for 2023 and the forthcoming Council election.

Secretary's report

The Secretary reported on:

Current member numbers, receipt of membership renewals via Standing Order and passports issued for foals, to date.

The scrutineer, Mr G Johnson, for the Council election confirmed his availability.

Council agreed to the FP Conservancy's request for support of the Fell Pony classes at the SANA show in June, by donating FPS Special rosettes. Liz Whitley agreed to support the 'most versatile Fell Pony award' by donating a rosette.

Treasurer's report

The inclusion of the draft accounts in the Spring Magazine, was approved.

Review of Salaries, Wages and Honorarium

These were reviewed and agreed by Council

Awards to be presented at the AGM

Council agreed the various awards, by vote where necessary.

Sub-Committee Reports

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

Correspondence

The Society has been invited to take part in the Epona Community engagement project exhibition, by Eden Arts, at Rheged in the Spring.

AOB

Proposal to profile individuals / studs on social media, starting with the award winners.

NEXT MEETING Tuesday 19 March 2024 at Orton Market Hall