

National Pony Society Area 28

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held – Friday 11th November 2016 @ The Lamb of Rhos Country Inn, Rhos, Llandysul 7:30pm

Present: Jane Bryant Patsy Duncan-Brown Mr Duncan-Brown John Hillard
Lesley Hillard Tina Jones India Latter June Lewis-Hughes Mr Lewis Hughes
Robyn Nash Andrew Phillips Nick True Bob Turner Annwyl True
Yvonne Evans Lucinda Dargavel Scott-Morgan Robert Harries Sarah Evans

1. **Apologies:** Anwen Francis, Kristie Lucas, Mandy Jones, Hannah Parr (received by email to JB on night of meeting so not available at the meeting)

2. **Minutes of previous AGM 02/04/16**

Jane Bryant circulated minutes and read them over. The date of the minutes read at the previous AGM should read 11/04/15 not 16 With no other amendments Tina Jones proposed and Patsy Duncan-Brown seconded that they be accepted, which the meeting agreed.

3. **Matters Arising**

The chair stated that there had been no take up on the YELA scheme.

4. **Election of Committee**

June Lewis-Hughes proposed and India latter seconded that the co-opted members Mandy Jones & Andrew Phillips be accepted. Patsy Duncan-Brown proposed and Robyn Nash seconded that the rest of the committee be re-elected on block namely Jane Bryant; Patsy Duncan-Brown; Anwen Francis; John Hillard; Lesley Hillard; Kristie Lucas; Tina Jones; India Latter; June Lewis-Hughes; Robyn Nash ; Hannah Parr & Nick True. Lesley Hillard proposed and India latter seconded that Lucinda Dargavel Scott-Morgan should be elected onto the committee. The meeting carried all three proposals.

5. **Chairman's Report**

The chair stated firstly, on behalf of the competitors and members that have supported our events this year, his thanks go to the hard working officers, committee members and volunteers at our shows, none of which would be possible without their commitment and hard work.

Whilst not breaking any records, both of this year's shows were well supported and extremely successful. Many area shows that are not fortunate enough to have HOYS qualifiers are suffering and it is a constant challenge to offer classes which competitors will support.

Next year's Spring show will move to Coombe Park Stables, Carmarthen, as the cost of the venue is less than half that of Celearon. This saving will directly cover the increase in the hire cost of Cothi Bridge Showground for the Summer show.

6. **Treasure's Report**

The treasurer circulated accounts for the group which were drawn up for the area's information as NPS National no longer require them due to the quarterly VAT returns now being submitted.

The Spring Show expenditure had been reduced by use of rosette stock. Seeing that there had been no donations to the Summer show 2016, the show did well as entries were up on the previous year's show. The increase in fees for the web site was due to it having to be re-designed as the old hosting system was obsolete and there was no alternative than to re-design or loose the site. Annwyl True asked why there was no Sponsorship in 2016. June Lewis-Hughes explained that Hannah Parr had offered to collect again which she had done well with during the previous season, but no-one had heard from her about this last year since. The chair explained why we have to charge VAT following June Lewis-Hughes query. NPS are VAT registered so we have to follow their rules. We can only reclaim VAT we pay not VAT collected.

7. Secretary's Report.

Thanks again to all those on the committee who help with tasks for the group. I would not be able to carry on otherwise. The data base still continues to be a good way of getting information out as well as the Facebook page and the website. I only posted 12 news sheets this time and one of those members does send me envelopes. The number on the database has reduced due to obsolete email addresses. I did ask Anwen to put a notice on Facebook for any-one who had changed to let me know but no response. I do try and check the entry forms from the shows as well.

I enjoyed the experience of attending the regional groups meeting at Stoneleigh in the spring - thanks to Nick for taking me. My lengthy computer issues for last spring are well and truly over - I just had a bug myself to deal with recently which dragged on a bit. Hopefully the next 12 months will be bug free all-round.

8. Socials/ events.

Tina Jones agreed to co-ordinate the Teach-in Jane Bryant to write to Anthony Perkins giving him Tina's full contact details so he can arrange timings with her nearer the time - depending on numbers and what he wants to do.

9. Any Other Business.

Andrew Phillips suggested a fuller description of the classes we hold at the Summer Show in any publicity we do and possibly establish links with Riding Clubs/ Pony Clubs etc. Jane Bryant to ask Anwen Francis to do an article for the Face book page nearer the show date. Lucinda Dargavel Scott-Morgan ask if the class her family sponsor for youngsters could be included in the summer show. It was agreed to discuss at the next committee meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed @ 8:05pm