

National Pony Society Area 28

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held – Friday 08th November 2019 @ Cottage Inn Pentrefelin, Llandeilo SA19 6SD at 7:30 pm.

Present: Jane Bryant Frankie Currell Lucinda Dargavel Michael D Hughes
 Kristie Lucas Tim Lucas June Lewis-Hughes Annwyl True Nick True
 Bob Turner

1. Apologies: Anwen Francis, India Latter-Sears

2. Minutes of previous AGM 09/11/18

Jane Bryant circulated the minutes. Nick True proposed and Kirstie Lucas seconded that they be accepted, which the meeting agreed.

3. Matters Arising

Training day did not go ahead as unable to coordinate suitable day and venue.

4. Election of Committee

Leslie and John Hillard and Patsy Duncan- Brown had resigned previously. Annwyl True had been co-opted onto the committee at the committee meeting on 2nd May

Proposed by June Lewis-Hughes Annwyl True be elected onto the committee and seconded by Jane Bryant. Meeting carried

Two nominations for new members made.

Kate Canton was proposed by Kirstie Lucas; seconded by Lucinda Dargavel and Sarah Whitfield proposed by Annwyl True; seconded by Lucinda Dargavel be elected onto the committee.

The meeting carried the election of these on to the committee and the remaining committee to be re-elected.

Jane Bryant	Frankie Currell	Lucinda Dargavel	Emyr Edwards
Debbie Grimshaw	Kristie Lucas	India Latter-Sears	June Lewis-Hughes

5. Chairman's Report

I am pleased to say that the past year has been kinder to us than the previous one. Apart from being luckier with the weather, we have had tremendous support from our members and supporters. Not only did we receive donations for our Spring and Summer shows, we had lovely raffle prizes donated as well. The on line auction which we held last December was a huge success thanks to the generosity of people donating really great auction lots and of the bidders from far and wide.

We are not the wealthiest area financially but when I attend the Area Chairman's meetings] am proud to be there representing Area 28. We have a vast wealth of talent in our area with first class studs, producers, ponies, judges, instructors and competitors who excel across all disciplines. This year we were once again well supported at the horse of the year show. To get to HOYS is a wonderful achievement but many of our members were in the ribbons and huge congratulations to you all, especially to breeder Tracy Jones, owner

Mrs. Muriel Jackson, producers Ron and Debbie Thomas and rider Frankie Currell on winning the Supreme Mountain and Moorland Championship with the fabulous Nantforchog Blue Moon Dust. I would like to thank all our hard working committee, especially our very efficient secretary Jane; I would be lost without her. We will miss John and Leslie Hillard who, after many years, resigned from the committee and Patsy Duncan Brown who also stepped down. However we welcomed back Annwyl True who has taken on the role of show secretary. Plans are already underway for the Spring and Summer 2020 shows and also Debbie Thomas has very kindly agreed to hold a training day for us next February. I understand that spaces for this are filling up already.

I would like to finish by thanking you for your support and wishing you all a very successful 2020 season.

6. Treasure's Report

After a difficult 2018, there was some pressure upon the committee to ensure that we could carry on with the area. We held an online auction during the winter months, which raised nearly £1000 in funds, which were much needed after the disappointment of 2018's bad weather affecting both the Spring and Summer shows.

The 2019 Spring show was much better attended and we were able to keep costs down to a minimum, with low rosette costs and judges expenses.

The 2019 summer show, although our entries were up our profits were not. This was our first year without the Shetland groups' contribution however, with the lower showground fee; this should not have impacted us financially. Rosettes and schedule printing have been recognised as areas that need to have particular attention before decisions are made or orders placed. Schedule printing has been discussed and it was agreed between certain members that we would be able to print the schedules ourselves, saving on costs going forward.

Other items such insurance and affiliation fees are unavoidable but do take up a large amount of any profits that are made.

Website costs of £130 have been made up over the year, we need to consider whether we as a committee consider the website viable, is there a way of seeing the number of traffic to website via Alan? Would we be better just utilising our facebook page, and perhaps using the 'boost' button to pay for adverts, for example event advertisement.

It has been recognised again that without donations to top up our shows then they would not be viable. The Spring potentially could support itself but the summer show certainly not. Thankyous must be extended to all our committee members for getting these donations, the donators themselves and our area members for their continued support.

Our surplus for the year is £580, which is far better than 2018s deficit of £1080! Plans are well underway for our clinic with Debbie Thomas with a fair few lessons already being paid for, fingers crossed for successful 2020.

As India Later-Sears was unable to attend, she had emailed her report and copy of accounts to Secretary - Jane Bryant. These were distributed to the meeting and JB read the report to the meeting. Lucinda Dargavel proposed and Frankie Currell seconded that the accounts be accepted which the meeting carried.

**Income and Expenditure Account for the period
1st November 2018 to 31st October 2019**

Income		Expenditure	
Spring Show (Entries & Donations)	£ 656	Insurance	£ 250.00
Summer Show (Entries & Donations)	£ 1,167.95	Affiliation	£ 200.00
Auction	£ 958.94	Summer Show	£ 1,293.09
		Spring Show	£ 226.23
		Committee Expenses	£ 25.00
		Website	£ 130.00
		Judges Expenses (Spring & Summer)	£ 80.00
Total:	£ 2,783	Total:	£ 2,204.32

Surplus: £ 579

Balance Sheet As at 31st October 2019

Balance Brought Forward	£ 576.90
Surplus/ Deficit for Period	£ 578.57
Balance Carried Forward	£ 1,155.47

7. Secretary's Report.

Area review for the NPS yearbook 2019 was compiled on time and sent off. Thanks to those who sent information and I did pick up a few bits and pieces myself. Deadline is 15th Nov this year. I have had copy from eight people so better than this time last year when it was only four. Therefore, if anyone has anything else about themselves or others in our area please let me know before next week. I have not been able to attend the Area Chairs meetings but have sent a brief report for our area for both meetings. We have had 15 new members of NPS who are in our area and 17 new people from our two 2019 shows to add to our database. We still have to mail out 13 to NPS members who have not got or have invalid email address listed with NPS. It took me quite some time but I have had now ironed out most of the issues with bulk emailing and with using Gmail now as my address, I can send 500 per day but have to split them into under 100 per email which is almost as easy as before all the changes with my previous email provider. Thanks to Lucinda & India for the work, they have done this year again on our Facebook page and our chair as well. Details are updated for the main website immediately by Alan Davies, who manages the site for us, when I send him changes. For which I am also grateful. Thanks to Annwyl True for her secretary work with the Spring and Summer Shows. We are looking to do the Summer Schedule 'in house' as well to save costs. So let's hope my computer skills can match up to this year to produce as a booklet. I have done it once as a tryout so hopefully I will manage it again. Kizzie Lucas had been nominated by the group for the President's Award and details have been sent off to NPS prior to their deadline.

8. Socials/ events.

Training day booked for 15th Feb 2020 with Debbie Thomas at Coomb Park. Places already being booked but must be prepaid before being accepted. BSPS have a training day on 2nd Feb so does not clash.

Spring Show booked for Sunday 15th March 2019 at Coombe Park. When JB contacted Vivien Hampton re judging she had to check with HOYS as she is down to judge there. Classes were explained on the phone and the NPS qualifiers & other classes were not qualifiers for anything. She contacted again saying she will only do M & M. The consensus was to contact John James, as one judge would be easier

Chair suggested a Fun Dog Show. NPS Insurance would cover such an event. At the Summer Show 2019, this had not been well supported as was late in the day.

Chair stated Sarah Whitfield had held NPS Dressage qualifiers Summer Show 2020.

A change of date has been looked at in committee but to be kept at the same for 2020. Due to four shows moving to the weekends from mid-week recently, there are no weekends clear to move to every year other than like 2019 which had 5 weekends in June, if we want to move to before the Royal Welsh.

9. Any Other Business.

Anwen Francis has asked if we could include a Working Hunter training event in our programme for next year. She is willing to help organise it if that would help. Kirstie Lucas suggested Amy Tuff to instruct who charged £30/hour. Kirstie to ask Sarah Whitfield as a venue. Frankie Currell was concerned of the distance to that venue and that the costs would be high for an eventing training day to run ourselves

There being no further business the meeting closed @ 8:45 pm