

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE HACKNEY HORSE SOCIETY HELD ON 27th NOVEMBER 2018, AT ROYAL MEWS AT 1.00 P.M.

Mrs B Stockton (Chairman), Miss S Barraclough R. Carter, J. Cresswell, M. Cooper, G. Docking, G Dudley, M. Hardy, R James, A. McNinch, M. Neachell, Miss P Peters, R. Robertson, A. Ward, E. Ward, Mrs D Hicketts (Secretary)

1. Apologies were received from S. Bamford, Mrs J Clough, Mrs N Salter and Miss S Wormald
2. Minutes of last meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman proposed by Mr Neachell, seconded by Mr Dudley.
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 - i. Judges Seminar
Mrs Stockton said the first thing that Council needed to do was to look at the committee now Mr Connolly has resigned. Mr Dudley informed Council that Mr Bamford said he would be interested in joining the Judges Committee. Mr Neachell said he would also be interested in joining the committee. Council asked Mr Docking if he would be happy to stay on the Judges Committee whether he was on Council or not. Mr James proposed Mr Bamford, Mr Neachell, Mr Dudley and Mr Docking to make up the Judges Committee, seconded by Mr McNinch, unanimous. Mr Docking said Mr Connolly had got things together but nothing was concrete other than the venue had been booked. Mr Docking said he will get an agenda together for the seminar and telephone to confirm with his other committee members. Mr Docking said the job of the judge must be looked into and Mrs Stockton said she would pass onto Mr Docking the queries that had been brought to her. Mr Docking said there would be a session before lunch and a session after lunch. Lunch is £7 per head and it must be ordered prior so that numbers can be given to Ashfields.
Action Show Committee to organize Agenda etc
 - ii. Museum
Mrs Stockton, Mrs Salter and Mrs Clough as of today's date had not visited the museum but will do so in the new year.
Action Mrs Stockton, Clough and Salter to visit museum
 - iii. Clive Booth Sponsorship
Mrs Stockton reported to Council that to date she had not heard from Mr Booth regarding the sponsorship.
 - iv. Flow of Catalogue
Mr McNinch said he thought the flow of catalogue was okay. He said the only changes he required was for the days to be put above the start of each day's classes and the judge's name put to the classes they were taking. Council were happy for these changes to take place.
Action Secretary to make necessary alterations to catalogue when printing
 - v. Update on Secretary Applications
Mrs Stockton reported that so far the Society had received two applications. One was from someone outside of the Society, the other was someone who is known to the Society. Council wondered if it could go into Carriage Driving and Mrs Stockton said she would mention it in her column of Carriage Driving subject to magazine distribution date.
 - vi. Northern Hackney Horse Show Judges Complaint
Mrs Stockton wrote to Mr Booth who is the Northern Hackney Show Chairman about the complaint Council had received on the judging of the Northern Hackney classes. To date there had been no reply from Mr Booth. Mr McNinch and Mr Dudley said they wanted clarification as to who was responsible if there were too many grooms in attendance of an exhibitor. Was it the judge or the stewards. The reason for the question was there was an incident at the Championship show where the gentleman who complained about the judge at the Northern show was in the ring with Mrs Turner's pony and Mr Dowle was also there. Mr McNinch said he asked the gentleman to leave explaining only one groom was allowed with each exhibit and he did leave immediately. Council felt the stewards should be

aware but if the judge did not have someone who was aware of Hackney rules and regulations stewarding for them then they must also keep an eye on the situation. Mrs Stockton said she would write to Mr Danagher who brought the complaint to Council about the judges of the Northern Show to say that to date no reply had come from the Chairman of the show.

Action Chairman to write to Mr Danagher

vii. Junior Officer Progress

Mr Dudley said that Miss Dudley-Apicella said nothing happened last year with regard to Juniors as she felt it would be better to start at the beginning of the Season. Therefore she would be organising something early 2019.

Action Miss Dudley-Apicella to organise

4. Vice-Chairman and Treasurer

Vice-Chairman position, Mr Neachell proposed Mr Hardy, seconded by Mr Dudley, Mr Hardy left the room for the vote to take place. With 1 against, 1 abstentions the proposal was carried. Mrs Stockton was pleased to inform Mr Hardy that he was voted on as Vice-Chairman.

Honourary Treasurer position, the Secretary suggested to Council that the new Treasurer should be far more involved than the Treasurers so far. She said in her opinion the Treasurer should work out budgets, complete the HBLB account, check with the Secretary that all bank reconciliations have been done, help complete the end of financial year and keep a more hands on approach to payments as most transactions were done via the bank and therefore two signatories were not required. Council wondered whether it would be more suitable to have a paid person who did the book-keeping and worked out budgets. Mr Cresswell suggested asking our accountant what she would charge to do the book keeping. Mr Cooper said to ask Ms Cooper what she would charge if she would be interested and Mr Dudley said to ask Ms Searle as both had a background in managing accounts. Mr James said he would put together a brief job description for the role. Council put the appointment of Treasurer on next agenda.

Action Secretary to obtain costs for professional book keeper

5. Hackney Championship Classes

Mrs Stockton said at the AGM there was a proposal to start negotiations with the BDS to hold their championship classes with them. At this point Mr James expressed a conflict of interest and asked if Council wished him to leave the room. Council were happy for Mr James to remain. Mrs Stockton said she had spoken to Mr Ball the new Chairman of the BDS and explained that the exhibitors had expressed an interest in joining together but Council had not discussed it. Mr Ball said he may be able to see the Hackney's being involved with the show. Mr Ball said to Mrs Stockton that he was not interested in staying at Addington and Bury Farm was mentioned as a possible venue. Mr Dudley said he had spoken with Bury Farm and they only had one date available which was early September. Mr Ball said their show had to be discussed in depth at their own Council. Mr Osborne spoke to Mrs Stockton and said she should write to the BDS saying the Hackneys wanted to join with them. Mrs Stockton explained she would not be able to do that until she had the instruction given from Council, ie after the Council Meeting. Mr Osborne informed Mrs Stockton that the BDS would be going to Addington. Mr Cresswell said that the attitude of the BDS when the Society was trying to join with them before was not positive. He said that they had said the Hackneys would not get preferential treatment, we would not have our own stewards, and some classes would be outside. He said how Mr Bass had tried to get the Rare Breeds show at Addington on the Sunday but Addington refused to have them when they knew the Hackney's would be running the show. Mr Cresswell felt the Society should stay with the Rare Breeds and not go with the BDS as the Hackney is a Rare Breed and it helps the profile of the Hackney. Mr Cresswell felt the Rare Breeds Show should be moved as Grantham was too far for the Hackneys. Mr James stated that at this stage it was not likely for the show to be moved as it seemed to suit the majority of the Rare Breeds. Mr Docking said there were already classes and a Championship at the BDS show and this year they were not very well attended. Mrs Stockton said the Society must only move for the correct reason and not just because the exhibitors thought they would have another Towerlands as Towerlands would never happen again. Mr James reported to Council that since the Society had combined their championships with the Rare Breeds Show the entry fees have been reduced from £25 to £12.50, all Hackney judges and stewards accommodation and food is paid for, facilities

are acceptable, the ring is big enough, the secretary is paid for, the only cost is the exhibitors have to pay for their entry and if they require a stable. The negative for the Hackney's is the venue is too far, but for the rest of the rare breeds it is more suitable. Mr James said the Rare Breeds must consider the cost of the venue as Arena UK was only around £1,000. Mr Cresswell said if a venue was found further South then the Hackneys could pay the difference. Mr James said that at the moment the Rare breeds will continue at Arena UK but he would ask the other Rare Breeds if they would be interested in moving further South if the Hackney Council could find a more suitable venue. Mr James said he has to confirm to Arena UK at the start of February so Council would need to inform him at the January meeting of any possible venues. Mr Robertson said the Hackneys already have a show and we seemed to always be going around in circles he felt Council must make a decision as to whether they are staying or not. Mrs Stockton said that one of the new RBST trustees Mr Tullis Matson of AI Services was very impressed with the Rare Breeds Show, which can only be positive. Mrs Stockton proposed she would write to the BDS asking when and where their show will be for 2019, seconded by Mr Cresswell, unanimous.

Action all of Council to find another venue for the Rare Breeds Show

Action Mr James to ask other Rare Breeds if they wished to move further South if the Council could find a suitable venue.

6. Date/Venue for EGM to alter Articles of Association

A proposal from the AGM was to reduce Council to 12 and therefore an extraordinary general meeting was required. Council thought a suitable venue would be in Chieveley village hall and for it to be held on either Tuesday 8th or Thursday 10th commencing at 11.00 am. Council felt there should be an alteration to Article 10a to add Honorary Treasurer also Article 11 to include Honorary Treasurer.

Action Secretary to organise venue and post necessary information

7. Probationary Judges

Mr Bamford said how he took Mr Carter and the class was our Horse of the Year and was a terrific example of the breed. Mr Carter's knowledge of the breed and the show ring is first class. He gave all the answers to where all the competitors should be positioned with regard to the quality of their performance and action. I have no doubt that Mr Carter would make a very good judge and be an asset to our judge's panel. Miss Peters said she took Mrs Clough also at the Championship Show and said how she is very knowledgeable about the breed, is more than capable of judging a class and is very smart. Miss Peters said she would 100% recommend her for the Judge's panel. Mr Cooper proposed both Mr Carter and Mrs Clough to the judge's panel, seconded Mr Dudley, unanimous.

Action Secretary to add to judges list

8. Judges for Annual National Breed Show and Championship Show – Due to time the Chairman said she would postpone this to the January meeting

Action Secretary to put on next agenda

9. Breed Show – Stewards Stable Manager etc. – Due to time the Chairman said she would postpone this to the January meeting.

Action Secretary to put on next agenda

10. New Members/Prefixes

Council agreed to the following new members:

Mandy Burdick, Minster, Kent – James Stygal, Stapleford Airfield, Romford

New Prefixes

Caulfield, Mr R Caddoo

11. Any Other Business

Mr Henson having received the letter from Council after he asked both Mrs Stockton and Mr McNinch to bring to Council the suggestion of people to be considered for the Judges Panel. He was informed that if anything came to Council it had to be in writing he sent in a letter asking for Mr Vyse, Mr Walsh, Mr Denness and Mr Allen could be considered for judges panel. Council were of the opinion that it must be a personal

application from the individual for them to consider and Mrs Stockton to write to Mr Henson informing him of this.

Action Chairman to write to Mr Henson

Mrs Stockton said how she had attended a very interesting seminar about what AI stallion services can do. One thing which she thought was of great interest was that if someone had to geld a stallion but had wanted to breed from them, then as long as the testicles were with them within 24 hours then there was a possibility of obtaining up to 70 doses.

Mrs Stockton also informed Council that at the seminar a Dr Dell was working with AI services and other rare breeds offering obtain a rare breeds pop report on the kinship ratios and health of population of the breed from a breeding perspective. Ultimately this could mean from the pop report that breeders could look at the mean kinship of an individual animals which would then show whether any proposed matings would be a good or bad in relation to the inbreeding relationship. The pop report would be done for free. Obviously if there is too much inter breeding then there is the possibility of loss of fertility, and increase in hereditary problems such as sweet itch etc. The Chairman said that the Cleveland Bays, who were in a dire situation with regard to their breed and that inter breeding was high. They had been working for 14 years with this and although there had only been an uptake on Breeders using it, 35% the inter breeding ratio had improved tremendously. Mrs Stockton proposed having report done, seconded by Mr Docking unanimous.

Action Chairman to pursue pop report

Mr Docking thanked everyone on Council for all their support over the 19 years which he had been a member of Council and said how he had enjoyed his time on Council. Mrs Stockton thanked Mr Docking for all he has done for the Society whilst being on Council. She hoped that it was not the end of his time on Council in the future.

Mr Neachell said how everyone here had all sat here for hours discussing everything but nobody is Showing and this is what the Society needed. He asked if anyone knew of the answer to get more in the ring. Mr Cooper said how all disciplines were the same. Council felt the Hackney was in no worse position than any other driving animal and the costs of showing was prohibitive. Mrs Stockton said also years ago exhibitors came to take part and winning was not an expectation, people just enjoyed taking part. Mr Docking said how Newbury Show were unhappy with the numbers in the class but as he had secured £200 sponsorship for them then they would put one open amalgamated class on and depending on numbers they would look into the continuation for the following year. Chertsey Show is only staying as Mr Docking gained sponsorship and the judge is Mr McNinch. Herts Show will only keep the classes on if Mr Docking commentates for free and helps to organise.

12. Date of Next Meeting early January 2019

Meeting closed 4.15 p.m.