Icelandic Horse Society of Great Britain Minutes of Board Meeting



Date: 04/03/2019 Venue: Whypay

Attendees: Peter Heathcote (PH) Chair, E. Brimble (EB), Jem Adams (JA), H. Ashford (HA) Philippa Pringle (PP) Freija Glansdorp (FG) Karen Smith (KS) Debbie Ede (DE) Mike Adams (MA) Becca Hughes (BH) Nicola Guenigault (NG)

	Notes and Actions	Owner	Status
1.	Approval Of Minutes		
	Minutes of the 12/11/2018 were approved.		
2.	Matters Arising		
	These were covered in the agenda.		
3.	Insurance Update		
	On-going. The Insurance company has not developed anything in the first quarter of 2019.		
4.	Update from Trustees		
	 Studbook FG. DEFRA deadline was met for submitting the required information. Progress has been good with the new horse passport laws and relevant changes have been made to the web-site updated. Hoping to write an article for the next Sleipnir to explain the changes. The Dartmoor pony society has agreed to be the back-up organisation for the IHSGB should that ever be needed. DEFRA are aware. World Fengur has also been updated to make invisible all those who did not give their consent to be shown. Breeding E.B. The breeding team have been in discussion with MA re running some classes at the Summer Show and BCs. Likely to be both gaited and tolt classes with marks from all judges plus a running commentary from one. Team would like to increase the age of the horses to 7 so more can be included. 		
	NG. Would like to change her role and withdraw		

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from the Leisure Rider role (lack of time) but is happy to continue working on the web-site. She presented some suggestions for a new web-site structure and layout. This would improve accessibility and emphasise important areas and be easier to navigate. The ideas met with a very positive response. All to consider the ideas and provide feedback.

NG and PH will discuss the proposed role change.

- Sport M.A. Arrangements for the SS and BCs are progressing well and will soon be broadcast as they are only three months away.
 The prospective GB team have had Zoom meetings which went well and a programme has been agreed for squad membership and activity. Very busy but under control.
- Education JA. Has looked at a Youth Education Badge and had brief discussion with RH. There is a sample exam loosely based on the Pony Club exam. It could be done on line with videos. There is a member qualified to judge this. Feedback from the first clinic which was held at Connegar was extremely positive with participants very happy with both content and the input. In future it would be great if the sessions could be videoed. Also people were interested in both group and individual sessions.

Could there be an on-line form for membership application? **NG will look into this.**

GB ranking has been updated on the web-site. There is an issue over people enrolling for courses and then withdrawing which is not a tenable situation for course organisers. Brief discussion took place and it was felt that courses should be paid in full 28 days in advance. JA will circulate suggested formal Ts and Cs.

JA shared some logos for each area of the web-site. Trustees liked the idea as it gives each area a real identity.

• BH. Youth. Regional Youth Leaders. BH has spoken to a couple of possible people one of whom is keen

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6.	DONM April 1 st 2019.1900 hours. Venue Zoom	
5.	Judge Training. The Society would like to thank Fi Pugh for the judge training currently underway, It is very appreciative of the time and effort that has gone and is going into it.	
	Admin/Secretarial DE. Ideas for AGM need to be finalised by end of March. Suggestions have been made re holding the AGM at different venues simultaneously with on line voting. The legality and practicality of these ideas needs more research, checking and discussion. PH to look at legal issue re online voting. Suggested it should remain the same for this year with on-going discussions. PH and KS to discuss.	
	Comms KS. E bulletins have been put out in time and there are now more participants in Leagues. Ks would like to advertise FEif and World Fengur more so awareness is raised. There is now a better balance between sport and other ridden activities and so now is the time to start promoting the SS and Bcs. The new Facebook page has spurts of activity and then inactivity. Some felt it should be more active but not all agreed.	
	but as yet there is no role description. The main issue for youth is their geographical spread and lack of funding unless sponsored/helped by family. On line therefore may be the way to go. There could also be a Youth tolt on line BH will continue to explore ideas. Youth Camp. There have been 5 expressions of interest. Only two participants are 'allowed' from the UK. It is difficult to know how to allocate places. Names from a hat is a possibility. BH will talk further to Gundula. Is it worth asking FEIF if more could go? BH mentioned that many Societies have a 'solo' youth membership rate often 50% less than adult. Discussion to continue re this.	