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SUMMARY MINUTES
OF

THE ARAB HORSE SOCIETY COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held at Windsor House
On 4th September 2013 at 11 a.m.

Present:	Mrs. J. Bridges	Mrs. N Meredith
	Mrs A. Dixon	Miss M. Pollard
	Mr. A. Hallworth	Mrs. C. Roebuck (Chairman)
	Mrs. J. Lowe	Mrs. D. Whittome
	Mrs. E. Mann	Mrs. J. Woodward

1. WELCOME
The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed new Council members.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Mr. A. McLeod (Hon. Treasurer).

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Mrs. Roebuck asked if any Director Trustee had any declarations of interest to make. None were declared.

4. RESIGNATION OF HON. TREASURER
Mrs. Sheward had announced her decision to stand down as both Hon. Treasurer and as a Council member some weeks ago. The possibility of replacing her as a Trustee would be considered at a future meeting.

5. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES OF 11TH AUGUST 2013
The minutes were approved by all present and signed as correct.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
The word "Annual" was added to the heading. Mrs. Lowe had taken advice and the members' meeting on 11th August 2013 was an Annual General Meeting.

7. LEGAL ISSUES FOLLOWING THE AGM
An e-mail had been received that morning from a member and was discussed in detail by Council. The error referred to by the member had now been rectified by a correctly notified AGM being held. It was agreed that Council had made a genuine mistake but had to move forward.
Mrs. Lowe said that legal advice concerning Company Law is that we have not acted inappropriately.

8. TREASURER'S REPORT (Discussed at 2.45 p.m.)

Mr. McLeod had submitted a written report.
Only one year's Gift Aid would be received this trading year. Investment income currently shows an increase but was an unrealised gain.
There had been no legal fees invoice since the AGM. The legal costs of the August AGM were to be met by our insurers, SEIB.

9. COMMITTEE MINUTES

HOYS contract negotiation was discussed by Council and they gave a vote of thanks to Mrs. Lowe and Miss Wrigglesworth for all they had done and asked they continue to be the Society's representatives for the time being. The overall championship is sponsored by the Society. Sponsors for each category must be found otherwise the Society stands the financial risk. Sponsors get complimentary seats at the Malvern Show.
Mrs. Woodward proposed AHS sashes in AHS colours should be given by the Society to all 2013 competing finalists. Mr. Hallworth and Mrs. Roebuck each generously offered £150 to cover this.
Item 12. Comments had been made about horses being imported just to compete at shows. There is no desire to limit entries but all exhibits must be entered correctly and be "fully registered by the last closing date of entry". This will include all paperwork and parentage verification. The rule change must be widely publicised.
Marathon. No race in 2013, mainly because of a clash of dates. The race ran at a loss in 2012 and Council had decided the race cannot be run in future without sponsorship.
Shows & Events Meeting of 6th August 2013
HOCON and Wessex C shows had bad DC reports and the issues were discussed.
Warnings regarding low entries will be issued in 2014 and sanctions may be applied in 2015 if appropriate. Shows must be worthy of ECAHO status but all shows were showing a drop in entries. It was agreed that a Scottish Show could become a C Show in 2014.
Unfortunately, many County shows have dropped AHS classes. Hopefully HOYS qualifiers will be targeted at County shows.
Item 13. Mr Hallworth enquired about a reference to a query from a purchaser at the 2012 stallion auction. The mare owner had written letters to Mrs. Dixon but the matter was unresolved. After discussion, Council agreed to monitor the problem. Concerns were raised about the contractual implications for the Society.
The Arabian Star Series. Proposals were circulated and discussed. Briefly, the competition is for ridden Arabs not attaining a HOYS qualification. All would be organised and managed by Louise Maryon and Clare Fitch. They would be responsible for raising the prize money from sponsors. The AHS could facilitate as it was agreed that this could be a good additional competition. A budget for the event needs to be produced.
Public Relations & Marketing Mr Hallworth provided a verbal report that Mrs. Cridge and Mrs. Crozier were working on the production of the 2013 Yearbook.

Break for Lunch

During the lunch break the garden, garages and stock therein were inspected. The tiled roof and guttering are unsafe with clay tiles falling into the parking area and the roof timbers looking unlevel. All accounts stored in the garage more than 10 years old will be securely disposed of. Old AHS magazine storage will be limited to 2 boxes of each and other strategies for reducing old stocks of books etc. will be looked into.

Meeting reconvened at 2.00p.m. with the Treasurer's Report – Item 8 above)

Stud Book & Registration. The 5th June minutes were passed at the last Council Meeting but Mrs. Meredith offered an update.
DEFRA is continuing to look at PIOs and the latest advice is that instead of one PIO, there

may be a number of "competent authorities" issuing passports.
An 80 page EU consultation document was brainstormed by several horse organisations and responded to.
Although the committee understands that WAHO and ECAHO want foals to be registered in the country of birth, the SB & R Committee have not seen recent information from ECAHO which is relevant to their committee.
Racing – The British Horse Racing Authority needs to become involved to ensure race horses from overseas are correctly identified, including DNA.
Miss Pollard asked why, when pedigree details for palomino part breds are supplied that these details are omitted from the passport as this should not happen.

10. APPOINTMENTS TO COUNCIL

Hon. Company Secretary. Mrs. Roebuck advised Council that the law has changed and we were not legally required to have a Company Secretary.
Mrs. Bridges said she would be happier if we had an appropriate person to keep us legal and ensure we made appropriate returns on time. However if a company timetable (to be discussed) worked properly then that could be something of a safeguard.
The proposal was that Council did not have a Company Secretary. Carried by a majority.
ECAHO Representative. Mrs. Dixon, currently in post, explained that ECAHO elections were conducted in February each year and it was agreed to defer the AHS decision until the first meeting in 2014.
Show Director. It was agreed that the Show team had worked well and that someone on site is needed on a voluntary basis
Miss Pollard raised a concern about photographers in the show ring at Malvern.

11 2012 AGM MINUTES

A preliminary draft was produced and read through.
Arising from a member's question at the AGM, the Chairman wished Council to develop a fair framework and policy for dealing with members who have criminal convictions and to consider Natural Justice and our governing documents.

12. WEBSITE ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. Armstrong had asked to relinquish responsibility for the Website. The Chairman had discussed alternative options with the Chairman of the PR & M Committee. Mrs. Bridges' preference was to move away from the one man band problems of the past and look ahead and define requirements for a single site carefully. Mr Hallworth said Mr McLeod must be consulted about the Website and there was not a big enough spread of people able to use it.

13. TIMELINESS

The Chairman asked all to produce documents and minutes promptly in good time for meetings so that they could receive proper consideration. Council members need to be fully in the picture. Sub-Committee minutes must also be circulated with Committee minutes.

14. TIMETABLE

Mrs. Bridges had suggested to the Chairman that all committees should produce annual timetable of important events and functions and then compile an overview timetable of council functions.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Lowe had received a letter and others reported members' feelings that the Malvern National Championship Show should be a two day show and highlighted other issues including holding section championships on the same day as the qualifying classes. It was also agreed that Judges should be organised to judge their section on one day as far as possible.

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Future of Windsor House. Mrs. Roebuck had reviewed the report and felt it was very comprehensive. The staff have not seen it but will do so and a copy to be posted on the Website for members' information.
Malvern Judges were agreed as:-

Pure Bred	M. Tengstedt	M. Bancroft	S. Bundy	K. Zeevenhoven
Part Bred / Anglo	J. McInnes	M. Bancroft		
Open Ridden	E. Needham	D. McDonald-Bassett		
Novice Ridden	R. Dear	K. Houghton		
Reserve Ridden Judge	S. Wrigglesworth			

17. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

30th October 2013 at 11 a.m. at Windsor House (Budgets)
10th December 2013 at 11 a.m. venue to be decided
15th January 2014 at 11 a.m., venue to be decided

The meeting closed at 4.30 p.m.