THE FELL PONY SOCIETY

Summary of the Minutes, to be published on the FPS website, of the Fell Pony Society Council meeting held on

***Tuesday 12 September 2023 at 1.00pm Orton Market Hall***

During the morning Trustees training was held in conjunction with the Dales Pony Society.

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# *Approval of Council Minutes: meeting held on 4 July 2023*

***Matters arising from the minutes***

1. ***Representatives of the Society attended the Scottish Smallholders Festival 14 October.***
2. ***NWA agreed that the sale will not begin until the show has finished.***
3. ***Donation received from the talk held by Friends of the Ullswater Way, in July.***

***Chairmans Report***

The Chairman reported on a recent webinar entitled RBST Equine project – Marketing Versatility.

Forthcoming coverage of Fells on TV were discussed – BBC Antiques Road Trip, CH5 featuring Cumbria, both to be broadcast in the New Year. The Chairman gave an interview on Heart Radio on the anniversary of the Queen’s passing.

***Secretary/Treasurer’s report***

The Secretary reported on:

Current member numbers and passports issued for foals, to date.

Breed show was well attended, merchandise sales good and raffle takings extremely good.

Royalties received from the sale of the Fell Pony Breyer model.

LWF scheme poorly supported in 2023.

Admin Assistant Val running London Marathon in support of World Horse Welfare, a number of Fell ponies have benefited from the work done by World Horse Welfare.

During busy times and during periods of staff holiday and sickness please be patient, we will do our best to send out paperwork and return passports, reply to emails and phone messages within the usual time frame but there will be inevitable delays. We will try to advise of these periods on the website and FB page.

***Sub-Committee Reports***

Reports received from the Show, Conservation, Judges Committees and Display Team. No longer a requirement for an Overseas Committee, contacts listed on the website.

***Social Media Policy***

Revised policy agreed and to be checked by FPS Solicitor prior to publishing.

***Hill Bred Fell Ponies***

The current list of herds / prefixes, totalling 22, was agreed with some amendments.

***HBLB Grant (payable for UK animals only)***

Details of proposed expenditure agreed as follows:

1. Mare & Stallion Premiums for Group Progeny classes at the Breed Show.
2. Youngstock & Performance Awards
3. Colt Premiums at the Stallion Show
4. Annual Stud Book – subsidised cost
5. DNA testing of older stallions
6. Refund of FIS test for licensed colts once first progeny registered.
7. Payment of Pedeweb database charges
8. Voluntary DNA testing of filly foals born in 2024

Representatives of the Support Groups to be invited to the next Council meeting.