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 14 January 2025 at 13.15 hrs at Orton Market Hall***

***The option to attend via Zoom was available***

# *Approval of Council Minutes: meeting held on 12 November 2024*

***Matters arising from the minutes***

1. Defra update – due to carry out routine reviews of all Breed Societies.
2. A speaker, Miriam Bibby, will be attending the AGM on 5 April
3. Date agreed with NWA for the sale, 25 October.

***Chairmans Report***

The Chairman reported on a recent HOYS rules meeting.

NPS webinar 23 January with topics on breeding and AI , will be available on You tube

Next NPS meeting scheduled for 3 February.

***Secretary and Treasurer’s report***

The Secretary reported that:

40 new memberships have been processed for 2025. The office is currently processing membership payments received since the New Year.

Passports have been issued for 344 foals born in 2024, 35 more than in 2023.

The Autumn magazine had cost £2500 to post out.

Accountants have reported how nicely detailed the records are presented.

The draft accounts and trustees report (included in the accounts) were agreed by Council for publication in the forthcoming magazine.

**Advertising**

The current advertising rates for the magazine were discussed and the new rates/policy was agreed.

Half page adverts £50 for members (double for non members). Quarter page adverts £25 for members (double for non members).

**Review of Salaries, Wages and Honorariums**

The current rates were reviewed and increases agreed where applicable.

**Awards to be presented at the AGM**

The nominations were discussed and those to be presented were agreed for the following –

Lonwthwaite Rob Trophy

Peahill Basil Veteran award

Edinburgh Prize

The Queens Trophy

***Sub-Committee Reports***

Reports received from the Show, Overseas and Conservation Committees and Display Team.

A meeting for the Area groups via zoom to be arranged in due course.

**FIS testing**

The Secretary confirmed that a pony that is from FIS tested clear parents cannot be defined as FIS clear without testing unless the sire and dam are confirmed by DNA parentage testing. As advised by the scientists when the FIS test was first introduced.