



# North of Scotland Welsh Pony & Cob Association

## AGM Report

### Chairman's Report

This year has been one of regrouping and re-organisation. The Committee has been working hard to implement new methods and procedures to assist the efficient and smooth running of the association. The new website has features and information to keep members up to date, with all schedules and forms available to download. We have introduced one or two fresh ideas and re-introduce others, like the Performance Scheme. An area association report was submitted for inclusion in the WPCS Journal and we hope to do this annually.

### Updates from last year's AGM

- A laptop has now been purchased
- By closing entries 2 weeks prior to each show and only accepting cash on the day, we have eliminated the occurrence of bounced cheques

### Trophies

- Trophies have been catalogued
- We have had no requests for engraving Trophies that were won but not presented and this is now closed
- Trophy recall - Measures are now in place for the recall/request for return of trophies
- We would like to return trophies that the association can no longer use - a significant number are engraved ADWPCEG. However, there are many that we don't know who donated them and need members help in our efforts to return them to their rightful owners. Please see the trophy catalogue
- The Nick Mason Memorial Trophy was purchased and presented at the 2016 Spring Show

### Information/Communication

- A new website has been created and is regularly updated. All forms and schedules are available to download
- The website has details of committee members, contact details, show dates and schedules, membership, performance scheme, news and much more
- More use of the Facebook page has been made
- Schedules have been going out in good time
- Membership cards have been reintroduced for 2017
- Online entries should be in place for the summer show
- It is not practical to advise members, in advance, of the Judges for the coming year. It is becoming increasingly more difficult to get judges, particularly for the summer show, and the process can sometimes take many weeks
- Veteran classes will be introduced at the Summer Show which Sarah Tait has kindly offered to sponsor. Thank you Sarah
- The Performance Scheme has been reintroduced and includes a junior section

### Resignation of Committee Members

For personal reasons Donna Campbell and Karen Campbell have stepped down

### Appointment of Office Bearers

Due to Donna's resignation a new Chairperson was required. Gavin Ingram was elected

## **Secretary's Report**

### **Entry Fees**

Having completed a thorough breakdown of costs, it became clear the association needed to increase entry fees. It had been mentioned that the committee should seek the members approval prior to implementing any changes. However, this is impractical and the committee believed the constitution allowed for changes to be made and accordingly the winter show entry fees were raised. Had we not done so the show, due to lack of support,

would of, at best made a loss or worse, been cancelled. As it was, it did in fact make a small profit.

Entry fees for this years spring and summer shows (which have been calculated and based on a combination of the actual cost per class and the number of entries received last year) need to be set (as a minimum) at:

<b>Spring Show</b>	
Pre Entries	Entries on the day
Members: £10 - Non Members: £13	Members: £13 - Non Members: £16

<b>Summer Show</b>	
Pre Entries	Entries on the day
Medal Classes - Members: £12 - Non Members: £15 All other classes - Members: £10 - Non members: £13	Medal Classes - Members: £15 - Non Members: £20 All other classes - Members: £12 - Non Members: £15

### **Performance Scheme**

Due to the costs involved, this cannot continue to be free to members. The committee proposed to make a charge of £5 and keep it to members only as there has been no interest from non members.

### **Newsletter**

The committee proposed to keep the number of printed newsletters to 1 a year. The new, regularly updated website, which does include a news page, should be sufficient to keep members up to date. We appreciate not everyone has access to the internet and if you have requested correspondence by post on your membership form, you will receive show schedules and an update sheet from time to time. The newsletter will be produced at the end of the year.

### **Constitution**

To see the adopted changes click here

### **Website Features**

**Horse/Pony of the Month:-** Only a couple of members have sent in their photo's. This is a great way to promote your horse or pony and have them featured on the front page.

**Stallion Directory:-** Only one member has submitted information about their stallions. This is free to members and a good opportunity to showcase your stallions and provide information to potential mare owner's.

**For sale/wanted:-** No members have used this free facility.

### **Clinic 14th May 2016**

We had hoped to make this an annual event but it was poorly supported. We have decided not to run one this year, mainly due to lack of interest, but also there have been/are quite a few already organised in this area, so we feel we would be swamping the market.

## **Shows**

There seems to be a lack of support by the membership. The winter show was only worth running because of the increased support for the non welsh classes. This is so disappointing - we are a Welsh Pony & Cob Association! We will be introducing more classes, initially for the summer show. These will include both affiliated and unaffiliated, ridden and in hand for Shetlands, Coloureds, M & M, Veterans, Riding/Show Hunter Horses/Ponies, Cobs etc. If they are well received we will consider introducing them to future shows.

## **Winter Show**

The committee are looking at the possibility of amalgamating with the Clydesdale Society show. They too have suffered low entries over the last year or so and it may be the way forward for both shows. It would be such a shame to lose either one or possibly both.

Gavin Ingram closed the meeting at 7.30pm

## **Performance Scheme Awards Presentation**

Suzi Law presented the awards

## **Guest Speaker**

Suzi Law from Topspec gave a short talk on 'Feeding the Native Pony for the Show Ring' Followed by a Q & A. Suzi very kindly supplied a 'goody bag' for all.

## **Buffet**

It was a great atmosphere and we all enjoyed a superb meal. It was nice to make the evening a social occasion too

## **Raffle Prize Draw**

We had some fantastic prizes kindly donated by members and raised £100.

Overall the committee felt the evening was a success and we hope members enjoyed the new style AGM. If you have any comments or ideas for future social events, please email the secretary [info@nswpca.co.uk](mailto:info@nswpca.co.uk)