

## Council Meeting - Minutes

30 July 2018, Langley Community Centre, Langley, Slough SL3 8BS, 11am to 3pm

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### Present:

Frances Neil - Policy Director (FN)  
Ruth O'Reilly - Administration Director (ROR)  
Leigh Cheetham - Breed Show and Events Director (LC)  
Sandra Loder - Youth Director (SL)  
Nick Ainley - Communications Director (NA)  
Alison Bucknall - Education & Development Director (AB) Online  
Karen Coleman - Business Services (KC)

- 1. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved**
- 2. There were not matter arising not on the agenda**
- 3. YWC 2018 Youth Directors Report (SL)**

SL presented the 2018 Youth World Cup report that is appended. The report was discussed by Council who will set up a sub-group to review the findings, making recommendations for the future process and management.

In summary,

The team placed 8<sup>th</sup> overall out of 19 teams competing and this was the largest YWC ever held. The placings were from 1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>. In classes with 2 go rounds, qualifiers went to 15<sup>th</sup> but with medals from 10<sup>th</sup> place only. The individual result were;

Trail – 7<sup>th</sup> – Iain Loder and Tamu Nu Dee Sallin  
Horsemanship – 14<sup>th</sup> - Sarah Crouch and Hez A Dynamic  
Showmanship – 4<sup>th</sup> – Katie Willis and Any Given Moment  
Hunter Under Saddle – 5<sup>th</sup> – Katie Willis and Any Given Moment  
Hunt Seat Equitation – 10<sup>th</sup> – Sarah Crouch and Hez A Dynamic  
15<sup>th</sup> – Holly Smithies and EZ Hunting  
Reining – Holly Smithies unfortunately lost the tie break on penalties for 10<sup>th</sup> place.  
Reining – 3<sup>rd</sup> - Olivia Plumb and Roosters Melody  
Showmanship – 10<sup>th</sup> - Olivia Plumb and EZ Hunting  
Horsemanship – 8<sup>th</sup> - Katie Willis and Any Given Moment  
Hunter Under Saddle – 7<sup>th</sup> - Katie Willis and Any Given Moment

There were a number of issues, with food available at times when the squads were expected at the show ground. It was poor and insufficient with daily trips to the supermarket to buy food necessary. The accommodation was clean but there were insufficient number of rooms and boys were expected to share with strangers. The horses were largely ranch types and they ranged in ability from green 4 year olds, some with no show record, through to seasoned show horses for sale at \$30,000. A lack of tack was also an issue with 5 horses and only 2 sets of tack provided, Charlene Carter called in some favours and was able to source more saddles, bridles and pads for us. SL noted that, more was spent on training for this YWC and that 5 clinics, 4 with Charlene Carter and 1 with Mike Carter, including the selection weekend plus 1 summer camp and 2 clinics with

Mary Larcom. All paid for by parents and fundraising. General comments already indicate that this was too expensive and that in future we need to look carefully at the ongoing costs and the overall benefit of the number of clinics.

The Youth Work Cup accounts were being finalised and will be available at the next meeting.

#### **4. Education & Development Directors Report**

AB presented the progress on the Education & Development Plan. Both European and UK trainers had been very supportive and offered the clinics with some dates and costs yet to be confirmed. Council commended Alison of the progress and the extensive planned programme.

It is anticipated that AB will manage the Michaele Kayser and Michelle Pfender clinics similar to the horsemanship camp through AQHAUK and will be open to all-breeds. The European events will be managed directly with the venues with some AQHAUK input. It was felt that there should be a link to AQHAUK membership as with the AQHA clinics. AB is still to approach David Deptford.

The next steps are now to confirm dates, prices and the insurance arrangement. Following discussion it was agreed that AQHAUK events in the UK would be covered on our insurance. Other events would require the venues insurances and the riders own insurance.

LA will provide and update on the Euro Cup following the FEQHA meeting on 12 August.

#### **5. International Report**

LA will be attending the FWQHA meeting on 12 August and report back to the next meeting.

#### **6. Breed Show & Events Director Report**

LC presented a summary of progress on the 2018 Breed & Championship Show.

LC reported that; sponsorship currently standing at £3400 , the Rosettes, Buckles, Trophy's and the Futurity/Maturity Rugs . Thanks go to Fran Armitage for doing the majority of the sponsorship work this year.

The schedule has been published and requests for AQHA Walk Jog Classes and in hand trail class for youngsters have been received and these have since been included.

Sponsors will receive the benefit of priority booking on the indoor stables (subject to availability) if they have booked a package of a £100 value upwards they may be able to book two stables.

A rosette presenter is still required to complete the show team. The Judges are booked and contracted and flights and hotels arranged.

The show secretary should have the online entries up and running in the next 3-4 days. The sponsor tea will be held on Saturday afternoon and Stephanie Bebnazer will undertake a Judges Review and will also be our Welfare Steward

LC noted that the risk assessment requires updating before the Breed Show. KC and FN agreed to do this mid August.

Following the photography / video survey so few responses were received that Council has decided that they will be not videos only photography. An auction for the front of the membership card will be held to raise general funds and other items maybe added.

#### **7. Communications Director Report**

NA - Nothing to report

It was noted that the latest update of the Futurity rules have not been updated on the website.

FN reported that the Awards evening at Sovereign Quarter Horses went well and that we should communicate this on the website.

## 8. Business Services Report

KC presented a summary of the significant legislation changes that will take place on 30 October 2018. These related to three new documents, Implementation of the new Animal Breeding Regulation - April 2018, Consultation on changes to identification of equines - May 2018 and the Minimum Operating Standards for UK approved Issuing Bodies. More details are in the amended report. The key points are;

- Two new additional tools given to enforcement officers
  - a) **Compliance Notices** - the offender will be given the opportunity to comply with the regulations . Failure to do so will incur a Compliance Notice Penalty
  - b) **Fixed Penalty Notices** - These will be issued in the same way as driving of fences. Monetary fines set by Local Authorities. One of the ways these are picked up is through the Central Equine Database and through enforcement officers  
The actual monetary penalties are as yet to be determined.
- **Breeders - You need to notify AQHAUK that you have bred a foal by 1 October. And, register no later than 30 November.** I will be developing a new form for this and it will be available on the website by the end of September. Failure to notify could / will lead to prosecution and this is picked up through the CED at registration.
- Transfers of Ownership **MUST** be completed within 30 days. This is not new but will be pick up through the CED after 1 November and penalty fines issued.
- **Yard owners can also be prosecuted** where horses liveried at their yards fail to meet the regulations. So check that owners have a passport and that it is in the name of the person purporting to be the owner!
- **Yard owners can no longer withhold a passport** for failure of an owner to pay their bills.
- Passports will from 1 November be called **ID Documents**
- Passport Issuing Organisations will become known as **Issuing Bodies**.

There are many more regulations that apply to vets and to issuing bodies and thus far it is early days with regards the regulations. I am sure more will follow so we will keep you posted of those that affect you as we become aware.

The new futurity co-ordinator, Sandra Mitchel is now in post and has issued certificate to all those who were in the backlog. Sandra has all the documentation she requires and is fully operational.

We are please to report that the office filing is now well underway and will shortly be completed. Thanks go to Cheryl Hewson for undertaking this enormous task.

## 9. Finance Report

Further to the last meeting we are still have a gap for a financial person. It was agreed that a separate meeting take place to review requirements and finances. What was evident is the income needs to rise or overheads need to be reduced

It was confirmed that we will continue to use AQHA Business funding in USA where possible to prevent International charges and exchange rates.

Post meeting note: KC reported that following a Business Plan discussion that AQHA Sierra Kane had confirmed that no changes were required in our Business Plan 2019 and we have \$15,000 available for 2019.

## 10. Any Other Business

ROR reported that she had received a copy of the new BHS Welfare Policy for comment. It was noted the areas where western riders would not comply is the type of spur named in the policy and that the riding of 4 year olds is not permitted in the show ring. ROR will feed back to the BHS.

FN stated that the cyber risk insurance quotation was £1000 for accreditation. It was agreed not to proceed on affordability grounds

LC reported that Sam Magdaleno is now confirmed as the clinician for the Horsemanship Camp

## 11. Date and time of Next meeting

Wednesday 12 September 2018, 4pm near Oakridge. Venue to be confirmed.

Signed

Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_