

AQHA UK

Council Meeting

28th November 2018

Warwickshire.

Minutes.

Present:

Frances Neil, Nick Ainley, Leigh Cheetham, Sandra Loder, Alison Bucknell, Ruth O'Reilly.
Skype – Lucy Adams.

1 Confidential item for Council members. BEF representative attended for one hour.
(see addendum to minutes)

2 Confidential Item

3 Passports

Alison Bucknell offered to learn the passport system. FN/ROR to facilitate training and report to AB. Council wishes to thank AB for assisting with this work.

ACTION: FN/ROR to source training details & report to AB/KC

4 Membership

Database is expected to go live on Equiventus shortly but also to ensure that full database information is updated on Xero. FN to speak to new financial volunteer about possible updates. Membership is switching to Jan 1st scheme and work is currently underway to facilitate this change.

4 Banking

Following more problems with the bank FN spoke to a senior executive there and as a result they have apologized and offered a £300 fee as compensation.

5 Financial Volunteer.

FN was delighted to report that an individual has volunteered to help with finance/treasurer role. FN will meet and discuss work required. References will be sought before engagement is agreed.

ACTION: FN to meet individual and report to Council.

5 International Report

Following the International Championship Event Proposal issued by the AQHA, LA presented an explanation of the changes put forward by the US. After a discussion, LA will reject this current raft of changes on behalf of the AQHA UK as it appears

that it does not address current problems with the database of achievements and points won by International Affiliates. All agreed.

6 Breed Show Report.

- LC reports that Sandra Mitchell is working on the Futurity Scheme and the prizes that are due to be paid to the members.
- The Breed Show made a small profit, there were more entries this year, but fewer entries in the Championship Classes, largely due to the youth numbers being reduced. Last year these classes were part of youth mandatory selection classes. It was suggested that anyone wishing to take part in the Amateur Cup should be required to take part in the Breed Show as part of their selection too.
- Discussion on long distance payments for competitors. To be reviewed at a later date.
- Discussion on venues for 2020/2021. Agreed to put survey to members in January 2019, which would also include other issues. Survey results to be noted as part of decision making for the future, but taken together with financial considerations as well.

ACTION: Council to create Survey for early 2019.

7 Horsemanship Camp

Application for funding to go to AQHA following discussion on possible venues and trainers.

ACTION: LC to report back to Council and will apply for funding.

8 Gift Aid

ROR has been in discussion with HMRC on four occasions this year, and as yet the login details have not been received.

ACTION: FN to liaise with Emma Crook (Accountants)

Post-Meeting Note: The form from HMRC was received the next day 29/11/18 today and KC sent it to ROR/Carin Herrick for action.

9 Youth World Cup 2020

Full and frank discussion over the YWC viability and financial arrangements. Council has decided that this is an issue that deserves a meeting devoted wholly to this issue, which will be held electronically (Skype) within the next 14 days. A decision will be made and announced. SL will contact ML re Youth Team Manager position.

ACTION: FN to arrange Skype meeting

10 Eurocup and training

AB reports that until the venue and dates are confirmed no training clinics or selection process can take place. Any updates will be reported to Council immediately.

AB has been in discussion with European and UK trainers for new scheme to encourage members to engage in training. All updates will be put on the website over the winter. AB to liaise with ROR.

AB has also discussed coordinating Youth and Amateur training clinics for international teams and this will reduce costs for members and encourage more riders to participate.

ACTION: AB to report updates for Eurocup

11 Health & Safety Policy accepted by Council. To be listed on website asap.

12 Hall of Fame
It was noted that there have been nominations for the 2018 Hall of Fame, and Council will consider all persons and horses in a meeting in early January.

ACTION: Discussion for next meeting

End of Meeting.

Next meeting; TBA within 14 days by Skype. **Action: FN to arrange**