



Welsh Pony and Cob Society, Africa Walliese Ponie en Cob Genootskap, Afrika

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BREAKING NEWS - GOLD MEDAL SHOW: TULBAGH

We are pleased to announce that a Gold Medal Show will be held in Tulbagh from Wednesday, September 28 to Saturday, October 1, 2016. The name of the International Judge to officiate In-Hand, Under Saddle and In Harness will be announced shortly, as also the Prize money.

This will be a special show, our first Gold Medal Show, and we look forward to having a large entry for the International Judge. Further details of this show, the classes and an entry form will be published shortly. In the meantime, those few Welsh Pony enthusiasts who have not yet joined the Society, now is the time to do so to ensure that you will be able to participate at this Gold Medal Show.

WHAT DO WE WANT TO ACHIEVE?

We have to correct what is currently wrong by developing practical solutions to the problems which have plagued the breed in South Africa for too many years:

- 1 **Unregistered ponies – Foundation Stock.** There are large numbers of quality ponies which are not registered and many of these are unable to be registered because their parents were not registered. How will we deal with this problem? Exactly the same way that the UK Society dealt with it -
 - a. Foundation Stock. In the Mother Society just after the 2nd World War, they introduced a scheme to enlarge their breed and mares that were not registered were inspected by a panel of judges to determine whether they were of sufficient quality to be able to breed progeny which would meet the Breed Standards. The mares so selected were known as the Foundation Stock and had a suffix FS after their names in the Studbook.
 - b. It is the intention of inviting the International Judge for a Gold or Silver Medal Show to determine whether in their opinion, the mare was of sufficient quality to qualify for FS. Owners will have the opportunity of having a mare appear a second time if she is unsuccessful on the first attempt.
 - c. These mares may only be covered by a Registered Stallion and the female progeny of this crossing will be registered with the suffix FS1.
 - d. These FS1 mares may also only be covered by a Registered Stallion and the female progeny of this crossing will be registered with the Suffix FS2

- e. These FS2 mares may only be covered by a Registered Stallion and the progeny of this crossing, both male and female could then be fully registered as purebred ponies in the Studbook
- f. The male progeny of the FS and FS1 mares could be entered as a Welsh Pony of Harness Type as below

2 **Classification of Ponies and Cobs**

- a. Section A Welsh Mountain Pony
- b. Section B Welsh Pony of Riding Type
- c. Section C Welsh Pony of Cob Type
- d. Section D Welsh Cob
- e. Section E Welsh Partbred, with at least 25% pure Welsh blood
- f. Section G Gelding (There will be separate gelding classes at shows)
- g. Section H Welsh Pony of Harness Type
 - i. These are competition ponies only and no progeny of these ponies can be registered, recorded or entered in the records
 - ii. They will have their own classes at shows and in performance classes and the winners may compete for the championships
- h. FS Foundation Stock Suffix
- i. FS1 Suffix for 1st generation female progeny of FS and Registered Stallion
- j. FS2 Suffix for 2nd generation female progeny of FS1 and Registered Stallion

3 **Breeding across Sections – We will use the classification of the UK Society as follows:-**

- a. $A \times A = A$
- b. $A \times B = B$
- c. $A \times C = C$
- d. $A \times D = C$
- e. $B \times B = B$
- f. $B \times C = C$
- g. $B \times D = C$
- h. $C \times C = C$
- i. $C \times D = C$
- j. $D \times D = D$
- k. An overheight A (> 12hh) may be reclassified as a B at the request of the owner
- l. An overheight C (> 13.2hh) may be reclassified as a D at the request of the owner
- m. An underheight D (< 13.2hh) may be reclassified as a C at the request of the owner

4 **Classification of Shows**

- a. It is intended to classify shows according to the competition.
- b. Gold Medal Shows will be judged by an International Judge
- c. Silver Medal Shows will be judged by Senior Judges on the Society's list of Judges

- d. Bronze Medal Shows will be smaller shows judged by other Judges on the Society's list of Judges
- e. Shows will acquire their own level over time as in the UK with shows like Lampeter, Glanusk, Northleach, etc and ours will also be known by the town or city, such as Beaufort West, Tulbagh, etc. There may therefore be more than one Gold Medal show a year.

5 **Types of Membership**

- a. There will be different types of membership
 - i. **Breeders**, who are to be registered with the Namibian Stud Breeder's Association (NSBA) and as the name implies will be members who have a prefix registered and who intend breeding Welsh Ponies and Cobs. The breeder would be able to register the current Prefix or a new one, this is the choice of the breeder member.
 - ii. **Owners**, who own ponies and cobs and want to compete at Shows
 - iii. **Associates**, who do not own ponies but have an interest in and are keen on promoting the Welsh breed, and naturally
 - iv. **Juniors**, under 18 years of age
- b. The different types of members will have differing rights and obligations in terms of the Constitution. As this is a Breed Society, Breeders will naturally have the greatest say in the Society but the Council prefers to operate with consensus of all members where possible

6 **Annual General Meetings**

- a. The members at General Meetings determine the Policy of the Society subject naturally to its own constitution and the Livestock Improvement Act in terms of which it is registered
- b. General Meetings are to take place in conjunction with a Society show, unless a matter is of such importance that a Special General Meeting is required to decide a matter
- c. It will be up to Council to propose any changes to the Constitution for consideration by the membership at a General Meeting but members naturally can make proposals as well
- d. All elections and voting take place at a General Meeting and no proxies are allowed. If a member feels strongly about a matter, he/she would take the trouble to attend

7 **DNA Parentage Profiling**

- a. All ponies will need to be DNA Parentage Profiled by Unistel prior to registration/recording/entering
- b. It is unfortunate that there are so many ponies/cobs which were not DNA Parentage Profiled as required by a resolution of members in 1998, otherwise we would not have the position now that one cannot rely on the registration certificates of the SA Studbook. We will, unfortunately have to live with this corruption of the Studbook but ensure that never again will a purebred pony/cob be registered unconstitutionally

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Administration

- a. The requirements of the members will be dealt with without favour, and all members will be treated equally. All correspondence will be acknowledged and responded to. It is the height of bad manners to ignore correspondence and This Society will not be found wanting.
- b. What members can rely on is a professional administrative system where members will be informed about the progress of their administrative requirements and any problems dealt with professionally and efficiently
- c. The administration covers the full service for members of
 - i. Registration, recording and entering ponies and cobs legally in terms of the Livestock Improvement Act
 - ii. Transfers
 - iii. Gelding
 - iv. Documentation
 - v. Leasing. It will not be necessary to transfer a mare to a breeder except in the event of a sale. A Lease Form may be lodged with the office which would indicate that the mare is used for breeding by another member, other than its owner. A mare must either be owned or leased at the time of birth of the foal for it to be registered/recorded under the prefix of that breeder. In this way, the double cost of transfer of a mare would be avoided, and the ownership will not change
- d. Outstanding registrations/recordings. There are numerous applications for Registration/ Recording which have been outstanding for years without an explanation for the delay. Let's see whether we can resolve these outstanding matters expeditiously.

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The Future

- a. Welsh Ponies and Cobs deserve more than they have received in the past. The Society intends to promote the breed throughout the region to bring it to its rightful place amongst all the other breeds of equines
- b. We will work closely with other Societies around the world in promoting the breed internationally
- c. This Society will certainly be the future for the Welsh Breed. Join us in this programme.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Society is registered with the Namibian Stud Breeders Association. Prior to Namibian independence on March 21, 1990, South-West Africa was a territory mandated by the then League of Nations and later the United Nations, to South Africa. During the period of this mandate, South Africa extended its Livestock Improvement Act, Act 25 of 1977, to South-West Africa and after independence this Act was textually amended by Act 25 of 1993 for the specific requirements of Namibia. This is the Act in terms of which our ponies and cobs are now being registered.

WELSH PONIES AND COBS, SOUTH AFRICA, JOURNAL

We are pleased to announce that arrangements have been made with the Publisher/Editor of the Journal, Welsh Ponies and Cobs, South Africa, to distribute the Journal free of charge to our members with effect from 2016. It is understood that members of only those Societies which have made such arrangements will receive the Journal distributed to them free of charge.

SOCIETY CONTACT DETAILS

We welcome positive comments, constructive suggestions and solutions to problems which have been identified, even if you are not currently a member. It is your Society, let us work together to make it the **BEST** Society; the Society which has as its prime aim, the promotion and improvement of the Welsh Breeds. Any questions raised and the answers given will be published in the next Newsletter for the information of all members.

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ITEM	RAND	RAND
SUBSCRIPTIONS:	First year joining between	Depending when you join during the first year, the fees are as below. Thereafter the full subs are payable every July
Breeder (including Studbook membership fee)	Jul - Sep	R487,66pa plus R20,95 per pony pa
	Oct - Dec	R425,66pa plus R20,95 per pony pa
	Jan - Mar	R362,66pa plus R20,95 per pony pa
	Apr - Jun	R300,66pa plus R20,95 per pony pa
Owner - 2 Adults plus children under 18	Jul - Sep	R250,00pa plus R10,00 per pony pa
	Oct - Dec	R187,50pa plus R10,00 per pony pa
	Jan - Mar	R125,00pa plus R10,00 per pony pa
	Apr - Jun	R 62,50pa plus R10,00 per pony pa
Owner - 1 Adult plus children under 18	Jul - Sep	R200,00pa plus R10,00 per pony pa
	Oct - Dec	R150,00pa plus R10,00 per pony pa
	Jan - Mar	R100,00pa plus R10,00 per pony pa
	Apr - Jun	R 75,00pa plus R10,00 per pony pa
Owner - Junior	Jul - Sep	R150,00pa plus R10,00 per pony pa
	Oct - Dec	R112,50pa plus R10,00 per pony pa
	Jan - Mar	R 75,00pa plus R10,00 per pony pa
	Apr - Jun	R 37,50pa plus R10,00 per pony pa
Associate	Jul - Dec	R100,00, £10,00, \$15,00, €15,00
	Jan - Jun	R 50,00, £5,00, \$7,50, €7,50
Foundation Member		Joining once off payment of R200 plus membership fee for the year
DNA - Unistel		R175,00
Registration/Recording & Birth Notification		R100,00
Transfer		R 50,00
Lease of Pony lodged		R 50,00
Prefix Registration		R200,00
First time entry as Breeding Stallion		R200,00 plus DNA

Banking Details:- WPCSSA - Current Account no 62557086298
First National Bank, Riversdale Branch 200313

DEPOSITING CASH

Use the 24 hour **FNB ATM Advance** facility to save costs

- 1 Check your bank notes; untorn, unfolded, no paper clips or rubber bands
- 2 Select '**Cardless Services**'
- 3 Select '**Deposit Cash**'
- 4 Key in the Account number **62557086298** and select '**Proceed**'
- 5 Key in your **name or stud name** and if correct select '**Proceed**'
- 6 Key in your **Telephone number** and select '**Proceed**'
- 7 Now deposit your cash in the slot which has opened
- 8 Confirm '**Deposit Amount**'; if some notes were rejected, select 'Retry'
- 9 Select '**Proceed**' to complete
- 10 Select '**Print**'

Send a copy of this slip with your papers to the Secretary

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The First Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held during the Gold Medal Show which will be held in Tulbagh between 28th September, 2016 and 1st October, 2016. The election of the first Council of the Society will be held during this AGM. Formal notice will be given to members in accordance with the Constitution.

Members intending standing for election are reminded of the terms of clause 14.30 of the Constitution in respect of the Annexure '*BECOMING A COUNCIL MEMBER*' as below:-

BECOMING A COUNCIL MEMBER

This document sets out the responsibilities of members of Council of the Society in respect of their Duties and adherence to the Nolan Principles

DUTIES OF A COUNCIL MEMBER

- Ensure that the Society complies with its Constitution, By-Laws and any other relevant legislation or regulations
- Ensure that the Society pursues its objectives
- Ensure that the Society uses its resources exclusively in pursuance of the objectives: the Society must not spend any money on activities which are not included in its own objectives, no matter how worthwhile or charitable those activities are
- Contribute actively to the Council's role in giving firm strategic direction to the Society, setting overall policy, defining goals, setting targets and evaluating performance against agreed targets
- Safeguard the good name and values of the Society
- Ensure the effective and efficient administration of the Society
- Ensure the financial stability of the Society

- Protect and manage the property of the Society and ensure the proper investment of the Society's funds
- Appoint the Secretary and monitor his or her performance
- Use specific skills, knowledge and experience they may have to help Council reach sound decisions

NOLAN PRINCIPLES

- **Selflessness** – holders of public office should take decisions solely in terms of public interest and not in the interest of themselves, their family or friends
- **Integrity** – holders of public office should not place themselves under any financial or other obligation to outside individuals or organisations that might seek to influence them in the performance of their official duties
- **Objectivity** – in carrying out public business, including making public appointments, awarding contracts, or recommending individuals for rewards and benefits, holders of public office should make choices on merit
- **Accountability** – holders of public office are accountable for their decisions and actions to the public and must submit themselves to whatever scrutiny is appropriate to their office
- **Openness** – holders of public office should be as open as possible about all the decisions and actions that they take. They should give reasons for their decisions and restrict information only when the wider public interest clearly demands
- **Honesty** – holders of public office have a duty to declare any private interests relating to their public duty and resolve conflicts so as to protect the public interest
- **Leadership** – holders of public office should promote and support these principles by leadership and example

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Editor of the Journal has requested that members of the Society contribute articles for the Journal in order that the Journal can cover every facet of Welsh Pony and Cob life.

- **Articles and Photographs** are welcomed from individuals, societies (local and overseas) and any other relevant organisation
- **Articles MUST** be sent in **WORD format** and forwarded by e-mail to journal@freyja.co.za or sent on disc. Photographs in jpg format can be sent as hard copy, e-mailed or sent on CD, DVD, Flashcard or similar
- **Archive material** is particularly sought; considerable interest is generated through the publication of photographs of ponies, cobs, people, and special events of yesteryear. All material will be scanned and returned
- **Achievements** of Welsh ponies and cobs against other breeds should be recorded in the Journal. If your pony or cob has competed successfully against them let us hear about them
- **The Young Persons Section** is developing and there is plenty of space for interesting articles and photographs
- **Interesting articles** on the lives of those involved with the Welsh breed are always eagerly sought. The same is true for ponies and cobs.

SUBMITTING PHOTOGRAPHS FOR THE JOURNAL

It is the responsibility of the owner to submit photographs of Prizewinners to the Editor for consideration. The following must be borne in mind:-

- Good reproduction requires high quality originals. Inkjet prints cannot be accepted as they are of insufficient quality
- Photographs may be provided electronically. Digital photographs must be scanned to a high resolution of a minimum 300dpi and saved as .jpg
- All professionally taken photographs are to be accompanied by a declaration that the submitter has obtained authorisation from the photographer for the photographs to be published in the Journal. The photographer will be credited with the picture published.



2016 JOURNAL

Once again there will be no advertising in the Journal despite requests from a number of past advertisers to support the publication. This policy will be reviewed from time to time

In future the Journal will only be distributed free of charge to those organisations which have made arrangements with the Publisher/Editor for distribution to their members, and to a large number of Welsh pony and cob enthusiasts around the world. We have pleasure in confirming that the Welsh Pony and Cob Society, Africa, has made arrangement for its members to receive future Journals free of charge
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The Publisher/Editor of the Journal has pleasure in sponsoring the distribution of this Newsletter in the interests of disseminating information to Members of the Society and Welsh pony and cob enthusiasts