

# **WELSH PONY AND COB SOCIETY, AFRICA**

## **MINUTES OF THE FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY HELD AT TULBAGH, SOUTH AFRICA, ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 AT 19H00**

### **PRESENT AND APOLOGIES:**

The Chairman Ismaeel Samuels and members per attendance list circulated  
Apologies had been received from Ikeraam Salie, Cassiem Abrahams and Glynis Karlsson

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Gustav Karlsson – Secretary

The Secretary confirmed that a quorum in terms of the Constitution was present and that the meeting was duly constituted.

### **REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE:**

The Chairman thanked the members for the trust which they had placed in the new society and for the enthusiasm with which they had approached the formation of the Society. Membership was growing by the week and the attitude was encouraging. It should be realised that the Society was strong because of the cohesion of the group of members, not because of individuals. It was the members who would ensure the success of the Society.

It was important for members to realise that in order to know what was going on, it was essential for them to attend information meetings held from time to time. Written communication was electronic and it was essential for members to ensure that the Secretary had the correct e-mail address of members which address must be kept up to date. Other communication was through the Website and occasional Newsletters.

The Society had been approached by other show-holding bodies for members to participate there and in the case of Loeriesfontein the organisers were offering a travel allowance of 50c/km/pony which was a generous gesture. Discussions were being held with them and other shows to ensure a number of shows at which members can show under Welsh rules.

All reports of the Tulbagh Show had been positive and the members appeared to have enjoyed themselves. All the prizes had been sponsored and this bode well for the future that commercial organisations believed that an association with the Society was worthwhile. Members should endeavour to expand the number of sponsors so that the shows can really become large.

Unfortunately there had been a few problems experienced in the incorrect handling of ponies and this will not be tolerated. Action will be taken against those maltreating animals.

The Chairman wished the members an enjoyable final day at the show on Saturday and a safe journey home.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

The Secretary reported that although the Society was established on July 4, 2015, the Namibian Stud Book Association was unable to establish the new Studbook for Welsh Ponies and Cobs as their systems were being updated to a more modern system by the Australian Studbook, considered to be one of the best in the world. This task was completed late in June 2016 and it was therefore decided that all membership financial obligations would commence on July 1, 2016. This is the reason for the delay in issuing any documentation, which is now being performed, and why membership fees were not debited in the 2016 financial year saving members considerable amounts.

In view of this, the payments made by members of the Society were considered as advance payments for 2017 and debits against these are now being made.

Accordingly, the following Financial Statement as at June 30, 2016, was presented to members for approval:-

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| Advance payments     | 12 082,00       |
| Bank Charges         | 650,94          |
| Printing – Passports | <u>1 344,06</u> |

Balance at Bank 10 087,00

Notes:

- 1 Most members pay their monies in cash at a Smart ATM Teller which is at a lower cost than depositing at a Teller in the bank or a non-Smart ATM. It would help in reducing our costs if the members could, wherever possible, make payments by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) directly into our banking account
- 2 Passports were approved and printed in anticipation of the replacement of all members' passports in terms of the new Regulations. We started issuing these early July, 2016 and the income from these will be reflected in the 2017 Financials. To date 106 passports have been issued
- 3 At the date of the AGM the Bank Balance stood at R19 676,07. From this amount the charges of the NSBA must still be paid
- 4 Our Society is in a healthy financial position; all administrative costs are being met by sponsors

**SECRETARIAL AND NSBA REPORT:**

The Secretary reported that the processing of membership and registrations/transfers was taking place as planned and that the first documentation from NSBA has been received and would be handed to members through the Administrator for the Western Cape, Mrs Mymona Salie Samuels who was doing sterling work to ensure the administrative details are dealt with. Currently the staff of the NSBA were involved with the Windhoek show and the next batch of documents should be sent to the office by mid October for distribution to members. All dealings between the Secretary and NSBA were being handled electronically which was to the advantage of members because if the Secretary received the necessary documentation for membership, registrations, identification, transfers, leases, DNA etc, that day by the following morning it was already in the hands of the NSBA and no delays should be experienced if all the forms were correct. In addition members would be able to check on their ponies on the website of the NSBA within a week and details of how to do this would be sent to members by e-mail but would also be available on our website for information

It was necessary for members to understand that no work can be done for them until the necessary subscriptions and fees had been paid. Any delay in this respect could only be laid at the door of the relevant member.

The necessary accounting package had been obtained from a sponsor and within a month or two would be fully functional.

**RESOLUTION:**

RESOLVED that where the Sire of a foal dies before the CEM samples had been taken, that the CEM of the foal can be confirmation that its Sire was free of CEM

**ELECTION OF COUNCIL:**

The following members were elected as the first Council of the Society

Mr Emraan Domingo

Mrs Saniya Domingo

Mrs Mymona Salie Samuels

Mr Ismaael Samuels

The Secretary reported that at the first meeting of the new Council to be held at the conclusion of the AGM, a President and Vice-President would be elected by the Council members

There were three vacancies on Council. It was agreed that at the Western Province Regional Annual General Meeting to be held within the next few weeks, the following Council members will be elected  
One member to represent the Western Province Region

Two members to represent Owners. (Note: Owners could elect a breeder to represent them)

As the business of the meeting had been dealt with, the Chairman declared the first Annual General Meeting of the Society closed at 19h50 with thanks for the attendance.