

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

## **MINUTES OF THE SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY HELD AT TULBAGH, SOUTH AFRICA, ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2017 AT 18H30**

### **PRESENT AND APOLOGIES:**

The Chairman Ismaeel Samuels, Mr and Mrs David Roberts from Wales and members per attendance list circulated

Apologies had been received from Cassiem Abrahams, Paul Lubbinge, Megan Peterson and Aisha Ismael

**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 COUNCIL:**

The Chairman remarked that he was proud to be President of this Society especially knowing where we have come from and where we are heading to. This progress only comes from the members themselves when they believe in what they are doing and always kept uppermost in their minds that it was about the ponies together with their future with the children. We had to discipline ourselves and develop that discipline in our children so that this society can go from strength to strength.

It was imperative for members to support all the functions being organised by the society and that they should be on time for all functions

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

### **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

The Secretary submitted the Income and Expenditure Account and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. He mentioned that the Society was in a very healthy position and this was necessary to ensure that a reserve fund was built up for the future. It had to be borne in mind that currently all the administrative costs were being sponsored and a healthy Society would be able to pay its administrative costs in the future.

The Administrator submitted the financial report of the Western Cape

### **ELECTION OF COUNCIL:**

As not more than the requisite number of nominations had been received to fill the vacancies on Council, no election is necessary. Hence the Council for 2017/18 would be:-

#### **REPRESENTING BREEDERS**

Mr Emraan Domingo Retires in 2018

Mrs Saniya Domingo Retires in 2019

Mrs Mymona Salie Samuels Retires in 2018

Mr Ismaeel Samuels Retires in 2019

#### **REPRESENTING OWNERS**

Mr Moegamat Zain Wolhuter Retires in 2018

Mr Yusry Moose Retires in 2019

#### **REPRESENTING THE WESTERN CAPE**

Mr Cassiem Abrahams Retires in 2018

These members are congratulated on their election to Council.

The Chairman reminded members that it was their responsibility to nominate suitable members for election to council at the AGM.

**GENERAL:**

The Chairman allowed the following matters to be discussed:-

**PARYS:** Funds, although limited, were available from the functions which had been organised in the Western Cape but further sponsors would be necessary to make the show a success. The cost of travelling to Parys would be high. The organisers had reserved places for 30 ponies but members would need to indicate on the Society's WhatsApp by no later than 6 October whether they wanted to participate. It was agreed that the final decision would rest with Council.

**WHATSAPP:** This group was set up for the benefit of the members who should be encouraged to use it to generate healthy debate about matters of interest concerning ponies and the society

**SHOW ETIQUETTE:** Members were requested to ensure that they were courteous to other competitors and ensure show etiquette. This was especially so concerning the necessity to not bunch up when entering the show ring, lead by example and in so doing, enjoy the show to its fullest. In this way our society would be invited by more show organising committees to exhibit our ponies.

**PLACINGS:** A request was made that especially in larger classes, that the placings be increased from the current 5 to possibly 10, but this matter was left to Council to discuss this with the show organisers as it had financial implications. It was not desirable to dilute the prize money of the higher placed ponies

**DRESS CODE:** Members were congratulated on the speedy manner in which they embraced the proposal that exhibitors use the society's dress code. This was well received by the show organisers and the spectators who remarked on how neat it looked. The next task would be to get the catchers in the harness classes to use the society's dress code as well.

As the business of the meeting had been dealt with, the Chairman declared the second Annual General Meeting of the Society closed at 19h40 with thanks for the attendance.

*(The AGM was followed by a talk on his observations by the Breed Judge, Mr David Roberts, who also held a lively Question and Answer session. This will be published in the Journal with a summary on the website)*