**Minutes of the British Spotted Pony Society AGM - held at Three Counties Showground , Malvern.**

**15th July 2023**

Meeting opened at 7.00pm

1. **Attendance/Apologies :**

**Present**: Zena Jackson, Ness Gaskell, Julie Crawshaw, Alex Balkin, Rosie Perry-Evans, Katie Lloyd, Denise Stotan, Jess Wingett, Sue Mettler, Leann Stutt, Helen Newton, Natalie Harvey, Cat Goodwin, Samantha Strang, Ami Dines, Maureen Dagg, Kelly Fox, Jack Zolman, Darren Zolman, Rose.

**Apologies:** Alison Wolstenholme, Pamela Tong, Frances Braun, Adrienne Walsh, Sophie Duggan

1. **Minutes of the last AGM 16th July 2022**

Minutes were read . The minutes were proposed as a true record by Zena Jackson and seconded by Sue Mettler. All agreed. Minutes accepted as a true record.

1. **Chairman’s Report**

Zena thanked everyone on Council and the members for their continued support. Zena also thanked Rosie for taking over the role as Registrar. Membership had fallen slightly from last year but the society was in a healthy position. Due to last years bank change, some standing orders had not been renewed. She hopes for more members now that life is returning to “normal” following the disruption of Covid.

1. **Registrar’s Report**

It has been a busy year with passports, transfers and licences. This is encouraging for the future of the breed.

1. **Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2022**

(Accounts attached for figures.).

Alex went through the 2022 accounts, explaining each point.

The income is similar to 2021 but expenses higher. As we are carrying a deficit, Alex explained that if we continue as we are , the society with run out of funds in 3 years. We therefore need to concentrate on increasing income and fund raise to the best of our ability.

A question was asked as to whether correspondence could be emailed rather than posted, unless a member specifically requested post.

The society is compliant with the charity commission.

Accounts proposed for approval by Denise Stotan and seconded by Cat Goodwin. All agreed .

1. **Council Elections**

Jess Wingett and Helen Newton had bee co-opted onto council during the last year. They stood for council election and it was unanimous that they be elected onto council.

1. **Show Affiliations Report**

Jess reported that there would hopefully be new affiliations next year, as shows were returning to pre COVID entries.

Jess has approached Bath & West, Devon County, the Shire and Mini and SWPA in the hope of affiliations there.

Jess asked for the membership to keep sending in suggestions.

1. **Membership Secretary Report.**

Membership was slightly lower than last year. It was hoped that this would increase going forward.

1. **A.O.B.**
2. Contact Rosie regarding any welfare ponies.
3. Showing scene was discussed. It was felt that this is a positive move as it takes on a lot of the work for the show secretary.
4. It was asked if members could read about case studies of welfare ponies journeys and how they got on.
5. The timing of the AGM was discussed. It was decided to continue at the current format.

**THE NEXT AGM WILL BE HELD FOLLOWING THE BREED SHOW IN JULY 2024.**

**AGM CLOSED AT 7.40pm**