**In Attendance**

Jim Rochead (President), Alasdair Fletcher (Vice President), Peter Keron (Past President), Capt Jim Anderson (Hon Treasurer), Irvine Anderson, Janis Ashworth, Alison Bell, Ronnie Black, Shonah Campbell, Norman Christie, Ian Craig, Terry Edge, Janette Farley, Heather Fraser, Jim Greenhill, Christine Halliday, William Massey, Patrick McDonald, John McMillan and Charlotte Young.

1. **Apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Mairi Barr, Eleanor Blount, Alan Campbell, Allan Craig, Gary Gorman, Elisabeth Grieves, Robert Hamilton, Linzi Kennedy, Alistair King, Isabel McKie, Annette Noble, George Skinner, Amanda Stewart, James Wilson, George Young and Ian Young.

At this point President Jim Rochead welcomed all new members to Council following their appointment at the Annual General Meeting on 24th March 2018.

1. **Minutes of Council Meeting held on 24 March 2018**

Having previously been circulated, the minute of the above meeting was placed on the table for approval and following proposal by Ian Craig and seconded by Shonah Campbell, this minute was approved.

1. **Matters arising (not covered elsewhere)**

**Future Event at Royal Highland Show – Celebration of Clydesdales**

Captain Jim Anderson updated the meeting on developments since the meeting with representatives of the Royal Highland and Agricultural Society (RHASS) in March 2018. A further meeting of members of the Executive Committee, Benny Duncan and George Skinner had taken place to progress ideas. Benny has agreed to help plan the event. It has been agreed that a further meeting of this group will take place on site at the 2018 Royal Highland Show where logistics will be considered in more detail after which further submissions will be made to RHASS.

**World Clydesdale Show 2018**

The Society has sponsored the class ‘Best Stallion Bred in the UK’ for the above show at a cost of US$750 (approx. £500) and an engraved quaich has also been acquired for the winner of the class.

**Prince Charles’ 70th Birthday Celebration Event**

President Jim Rochead advised that 5 people – Peter Keron, Alasdair Fletcher, Captain Jim Anderson, Ian Roy and himself – had attended the above event in London on 22nd May 2018. Peter Keron noted that everyone involved was extremely proud to have represented the Clydesdale Horse Society on this auspicious occasion.

1. **Report on Finances**

Treasurer Capt. Jim Anderson reported on the current finances of the Society as follows: -

**Bank accounts at 30/5/18**

Bank Current Account – balance £24,942

There were no unpaid bills or invoices at this time. The Secretary had noted that there remained Horse Race Board Levy grant payments amounting to £1,790 waiting to be presented – where cheques had been issued but where the payee has not presented the cheque to their bank. This sum should be deducted from the Current Account Balance.

Stallion Account - £5,264.89

James Bennett Account- £5,209.26

1. **Report on Finance (continued)**

**Investment Values are as follows:**

**23 March 2018 31 May 2018**

Ordinary Fund £94,460 £100,830

James Bennett Fund £49,800 £52,220

The welcome increase of 6.7% in the value of investment balances was noted as ever against the caveat that investment values fluctuate with market conditions and that these values are a measure of the more buoyant prevailing investment market conditions at this time.

1. **Report of the Secretary**

The Secretary reported verbally as follows:

1. Registrations this year (to date)

In these early days 1 colt and 2 fillies have been registered this far in 2018.

1. 2018 Subscriptions

In the final round, 41 membership subscriptions lapsed in 2018 although 2 of these have reapplied for membership (item 15 below) giving a net reduction of 39 for the year. New member applications continue to be received fairly regularly.

1. 2017 Stud Book

The 2017 stud book is now available at a cost of £12 (£15 to post out).

1. Grassroots – CED / SED – Scot EID collaboration

Relationship with these bodies continues in a healthy frame of mind and regular postings of data to the CED / SED are now taking place.

1. Horserace Levy Board Grant 2018

A grant of £9,130 was received and payments were made to breeders totalling £4,920 on 24 April 2018. Of the remaining balance £1,650 was retained under our application to underpin the work involved in preparing the 2017 stud book. The remaining balance was retained to fund the DNA subsidy we give to breeders of filly foals which in 2017 amounted to 110 filly foals @ £30 = £3,300.

1. Photography Competition

Fifty entries have been received for this competition which Mary Bromilow will judge. The winners will be announced at the 2018 Highland Show and all entries will be on display on our stand at the stand at ‘the Highland’.

1. Gerald Fallowes

The Trustees have invited the Society to make a proposal for ways in which a further grant totalling £10,000 might be spent in 2018 /2019. This proposal has been submitted and we await the outcome.

1. Pedeweb

Pedeweb, the on-line access system which we hold as part of the Grassroots data management system we use, is now available to members. This will be explained in the forthcoming newsletter at which point invitations to subscribe (at no cost to members) will be invited.

1. **Northern Ireland Stallion Parade**

Carnaff Churchill Sir James (owned by the McKay family) and Eskechraggan Ernest (owned by Tom McMillan) were awarded Stallion Premiums at the Northern Ireland Stallion Parade.

**Supplementary Discussion – Stallion Show**

At this point there was discussion, with some strong views expressed, as to certain aspects of the organisation of the Stallion Show in 2018, especially concerning photography at this event. Strong views were also expressed in respect of the Award of Stallion Premiums, with the feeling prevailing that stallion owners and breeders need to be encouraged at this time and that perhaps the current Stallion Premium Award ‘system’ was not achieving this. It was re-iterated that any ‘problem’ with the organisation of the Stallion Show was a matter for them and that those members of the Committee of the Stallion Show, who were also a part of this Council, would be hearing these comments and concerns.

It was agreed: -

1. Consideration be given over the coming months as to the current suitability of the current approach to the award of stallion premiums with a view to matters being discussed further at the next Council Meeting in September.
2. The Stallion Show be added as an item on the Agenda for the next Council meeting, at which point any known developments between now and then can be heard.
3. **Data Protection (GDPR)**

The Secretary outlined work done to date on this important matter, the regulation of which came into effect on 22nd May 2018. He acknowledged the collaboration which had taken place between the Society, the Eriskay Society, the Highland Pony Society and the Shetland Pony Society and the work done by other Secretaries in this regard. The helpful input from Grassroots was also acknowledged. He described the Privacy Policy statement which is now on our website and other efforts made to date, noting that more work was necessary as listed on the paper which had been circulated with the agenda for this meeting.

The following decisions were made: -

1. The Privacy Statement, following proposal by Peter Keron and seconded by Janette Farley, was unanimously adopted and approved.
2. It was unanimously agreed that Peter Keron be the Council Member responsible for liaising between the Secretary and Council on data protection matters.
3. It was unanimously agreed that the secretary will write to all members of the ‘Judges Panel’ of the Society inviting them to opt in to the following agreed proposal which will allow the Society to further comply with GDPR. The decision is that going forward The Judges Panel will show the preferred telephone numbers for contact purposes and the email address (where there is one) for each judge on the panel. Panel members will be invited to confirm in writing their willingness to remain as a judge on our Judges Panel and that a condition of this will be disclosure of this contact information. Non-disclosure of this information or any non-reply after the reasonable deadline set for replies will serve as confirmation that the name of the judge no longer wishes to be a part of the Judges Panel of the Clydesdale Horse Society. Names will be brought before Council as appropriate so that full disclosure is known to all.
4. Ian Roy was thanked for all his effort in this new area of work.
5. **Disciplinary Committee Vacancy**

John Anderson retires from the disciplinary committee by rotation at this time. Following proposal by Ronnie Black and seconded by Ian Craig, it was unanimously approved that the Secretary should write to Neil Christie inviting him to join the Committee for a 3-year period.

1. **Winter Fair Judge**

Nominations were sought for a judge for the 2018 Winter Fair. Irvine Anderson was proposed by Jim Greenhill and seconded by Ian Craig. Peter Keron was proposed by Charlotte Young and seconded by Heather Fraser. Following a vote Peter Keron was nominated as the 2018 Winter Fair judge.

1. **Winter Fair 2018**

President Jim Rochead and Captain Jim Anderson outlined the outcome of a meeting with representatives of Lanark Agricultural Centre at which various options had been discussed around logistics and cost for the forthcoming Winter Fair. It was agreed: -

1. That as we had committed the Society to Lanark for the 2018 Winter Fair that commitment should be honoured;
2. A very full analysis should be undertaken of income generated on the day in 2018, with an indication being obtained of attendee numbers at both events being held on the day;
3. The matter be re-visited at the December Council meeting for further discussion before a decision is taken regarding the 2019 event.
4. The need to ensure that the Winter Fair is financially viable was confirmed.
5. **Council and Area Business**
6. Cumbria

Janis Ashworth, the new Council representative for Cumbria, was invited to speak to the meeting. Janis outlined her hope that going forward, membership and participation in the Cumbria area will grow. She was encouraged in this work and offered the support of the secretariat should the need arise. There remains one unfilled vacancy in the Cumbria area.

1. Appointments to Council

Captain Jim Anderson spoke of the difficulty the secretary had experienced in getting some new Council members ‘signed up’ as Directors of the Society, by delays in the supply of information to enable the Secretary to report such matters to Companies House. A nominated member becomes a Council member only when their appointment at Companies House is confirmed. One nomination from the AGM in March, Robin Skimming, is still not appointed to Council for this reason despite 3 communications having been sent to him.

It was unanimously agreed: -

1. The Secretary would contact other Council Members in Area 7 and invite them to contact Mr Skimming to establish whether (or not) he wishes a place on Council, failing which they should be encouraged to bring forward a new name for co-option onto Council at the September meeting.
2. To take up Jim Greenhill’s suggestion that personal details for nominated Council members be obtained at the area meeting at which the nomination is made and that it should be part of the responsibility of the retiring Council member to help secure this information.
3. **Area Meeting 2017 – Items to be followed up**
4. Review location of Winter Fair.

See item 10 above.

1. Offer additional advice to local shows on Ridden Classes and rules to be followed

Such advice was given to Affiliated Show Secretaries along with the issue of rosettes in Spring 2018 and this will continue in subsequent years.

1. For area meetings - provide the organiser with a list of all members by category

It is agreed that this information can be supplied but it was stressed that only Full Members can attend and vote at area meeting where appointments to Council are discussed.

1. Affirm current rules on subscriptions for older members

It was unanimously agreed, as previously minuted, that there is no subscription fee concession for members of the Society aged 80 years of age and above.

**Area Meeting 2017 – Items to be followed up**

1. Consider publishing Council Meeting minutes – or a summary of decisions taken

It was agreed that starting from this meeting, minutes of Council Meeting will be published on the Society website, once these have been approved for issue to Council Members.

1. Consider hosting a reception at Royal Highland Show

Alastair Fletcher was authorised to arrange a gathering in the Clydesdale Stalls on Highland Show Saturday between 7pm and 10pm. A pay bar will be in operation and the Society will pay for a filled lamb roll for attendees to be given to each attendee. Gilbert will be invited to assist with this.

1. Investigate the possibility of an annual dinner dance

It was generally felt that such events should not be pursued by Council but that if any person / group of people could be persuaded to organise something along these lines they should to write to the Secretary with suggestions to be considered at a future Council meeting.

1. Could / should the Society award a prize at HOYS and possibly have a presence at HOYs in the form of a stand?

The prospect of having a stand at HOYS was felt to be untenable at this stage but it was unanimously agreed that we should supply a quality rosette / prize for the highest placed Clydesdale at HOYS.

1. Consideration to be given to hosting a novice day once more;

It was agreed that if there was a demand for such an event this should be communicated to the Secretary. Organisers would be required, and funding arrangements would need to be agreed. The meeting was reminded that there are others who run such events professionally and interested parties could be reminded of this.

1. Can young judges be given latitude to shadow judges at shows?

This was agreed in principle provided that the Show and the appointed judge were in agreement.

1. Consider the use of ‘Fallowes’ money to extend prizes for stallions?

The proposal for Fallowes Money for 2018/2029 has now been submitted but on receipt of positive, concrete suggestion in writing consideration will be given to reasonable proposals in the future should the opportunity present itself. It was noted that Fallowes money is specifically for breed promotion and sponsorship and not for administration and that we currently allocate £2,000 (20% of our grant) towards stallions via the Stallion Show.

1. Entry of the date of The Northern Ireland Stallion Parade in the annual CHS calendar.

We would be delighted to include the date of this event in our calendar provided that the organisers can supply the date prior to the publication date of the calendar of 31st July.

1. **Judges Panel**

The following properly constituted nominations for the Judges Panel were approved: -

Chris Malkin – proposed by Terry Edge and seconded by Alistair King.

James Wilson – proposed by Gary Gorman and seconded by Fred Grieves.

It was agreed that all future nominations for the Judges’ panel are presented on a standard form, a copy of which is available from the Secretary.

1. **Royal Highland Show 2018**

As reported at the last Council meeting arrangement for attendance at the 2018 Royal Highland Show are in hand. It was agreed: -

1. Heather Fraser (who has volunteered) and Laura Young (to be invited) will act as Steward at the Young Handler / Stockman event on the Sunday morning.
2. Amanda Stewart (judge for YH / YS) be invited to attend the CHS stand at some agreed point following judging to deal with questions competitors may have.
3. Consideration be given to incorporating a Stock Judging event as part of the 2019 Celebration of Clydesdales.
4. **Membership applications**

Membership applications received from the names noted at note 1 below were approved subject to each satisfying the terms and conditions of membership and suitable payments having been received.

1. **Stud Prefix applications**

The Stud Prefix application noted at note 2 below was approved.

1. **Correspondence**
2. **Rare Breed Show of the Year**

Following a time of absence from having Clydesdales at the above show, following receipt of correspondence from the Secretary, it was agreed that the CHS secretary should liaise with that show to see if Clydesdale involvedment can be re-established.

1. **Sound Equipment**

An email received from Mrs Dorothy Combe suggesting that the Society purchase a sound system was read to the meeting. It was agreed, for practical and logistical reasons, that this suggestion should not be pursued at this time, but that Mrs Combe be thanked for her interest.

1. **Kilmannan Ridden Championship**

The Society has agreed to supply a rosette for each leading Clydesdale in the Kimannan Ridden Qualifier events this year. The cost is less than £100.

1. **Shire Society - Young Judges Competition**

An email from the Shire Society publicising this event was read to the meeting – more information is available from the Secretary.

1. **AOCB**
2. A suggestion that our calendar be in A3 size was discussed and the Secretary was invited to consider this and obtain suitable quotes for this as an alternative.
3. The Secretary was asked to write to Helen Carr as one of the organisers of the proposed 2022 World Show in Scotland to establish whether she would be willing to come to the next Council meeting and explain some of their plans for that event. Thereafter Council will discuss the levels of support which they may be able to offer the organisers.
4. **Date of Future Meetings**

The date of the next meeting of Council was set for Friday 28th September 2018 and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

**……………………………………………………….. Signed – President**

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1. Membership Applications have been received from (full membership unless stated otherwise: -
2. Mrs J A Bell (lapsed to annual)
3. Vicki Cursiter
4. Heath Darley
5. Liz Darley
6. Katy Darley (Junior)
7. Anna Darley (Junior)
8. Keely Gordon
9. Emma Green, (Ridden)
10. Caitlin Hanson
11. Georgie Hodgson (Junior)
12. Kevin Hodgson
13. Gemma Houghton (Ridden)
14. Shane Kavangh (Overseas)
15. Emma Meek (Ridden)
16. Isla Miller (Ridden)
17. Leah Parrott (Junior)
18. Nicola Read (Ridden to Annual)
19. David Y Stewart
20. Iain Stewart, (Lapsed to annual)
21. Richard Telford, (Ridden)
22. Anthony J Wass,
23. Julia Wilson, (Ridden)
24. Stud Prefix Applications have been received from:
25. Great Western - Professor Janice Kirkpatrick

Note – the addresses of new members have been removed from this minute for publication on the website to comply with General Data Protection Regulation.

This is the only alteration to the original minute