1. **In Attendance**

Alasdair Fletcher (Vice President), Peter Keron (Past President), Capt Jim Anderson (Hon Treasurer), Irvine Anderson, Janis Ashworth, Mairi Barr, Alison Bell, Alan Campbell, Shonah Campbell, Matthew Carrick, Neil Christie, Norman Christie, William Clark, Allan Craig, Ian Craig, Janette Farley, Heather Fraser, Jim Greenhill, Christine Halliday, Robert Hamilton, John McMillan, Annette Noble, George Skinner, Amanda Stewart, David Walker, Charlotte Young.

**Apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Jim Rochead (President), Derek Bailey, Robert Bailey, Ronnie Black, Eleanor Blount, Edward Cheasty, Tom W Clark (Hon President), Terry Edge, Gary Gorman, Elisabeth Grieves, Linzi Kennedy, Alistair King, William Massey, Patrick McDonald, Malcolm McFadyen (Hon President), Tom Tennant, James Wilson, George Young and Ian Young.

In the absence of Jim Rochead (President) due to illness, Alastair Fletcher (Vice-President) took the Chair for this meeting.

1. **Minute of Council Meeting held on 1st December 2018**

Having previously been circulated, the minute of the above meeting was placed on the table for approval and following the amendments noted on the Agenda, on the proposal of Peter Keron and seconded by Shonah Campbell, this minute was approved.

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

**Bryan Lindsay Offer of a Trophy**

Following discussions at the last Council Meeting the Secretary had discussed matters further with Bryan, namely that a trophy for the Winter Fair for Reserve Champion would be a possibility and Brian indicated that he was content with that. Council approved this generous gesture and the Secretary was instructed to advise Bryan accordingly.

**Representation on National Stallion Show Committee**

By way of information only it was noted that the following Council members currently serve on the Committee of the National Stallion Show: -

* Jim Rochead, David Walker, Amanda Stewart, Charlotte Young – retire 2019
* Capt Jim Anderson, Ian Craig - retire 2021

**Champion of Champions Class**

At the last Council Meeting the Executive Committee was instructed to pursue the question of there being introduced a Champion of Champions class at the Winter Fair (commencing with the Winter Fair 2019).

**Matters Arising (continued)**

**Champion of Champions Class (continued)**

The proposals agreed by the Executive Committee are noted at note 3 to this minute. There was discussion and various points of view were given. It was agreed that the second sentence in the second paragraph of note 3 concerning ‘Reserve Champions at Local Shows’ (now shown in red) be removed. Subject to this amendment it was proposed by Robert Hamilton that the 2019 event proceeds on this basis, with the opportunity to revise or change in the future, learning from this years’ experience. This was seconded by Shonah Campbell and there being no counter proposal, Mr Hamilton’s proposal was agreed.

**Honorary President**

For information, members of Council were reminded that nominations for the position of Honorary President would be discussed at the Annual General Meeting.

**Membership by area**

For information, as part of year end due diligence the total membership of the Society (Life members and Annual members), broken down by area and country is shown at note 4 to this minute.

**Raffle Prizes for 2019 Grand Raffle**

It was agreed, in an effort to increase the number of available prizes for the 2019 raffle, that the prizes available would be 5 prizes of £100 each and 10 prizes of £50 each.

1. **Report on Current Finances**

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

Bank statement Current Account Balance – 14 March 2019 - £37,692 after allowing for known financial commitments over the next few weeks totalling £11,710.

There are no other unpaid bills outstanding at this time – all payments are up to date.

At present there are approximately 100 annual members who have not paid their 2019 subscriptions at a potential cost to Society of £4,000. Similarly, 26 ridden members and 20 junior members are not yet paid – potential cost £460.

Stallion Bank Account – balance at 14 March 2019 – £5,265

James Bennet Bank Account – balance at 14 March 2019 - £5,209

**Report on Current Finances (continued)**

**Investment Values are as follows:**

 **15th March 2019 31st December 2018**

Ordinary Fund £98,280 £92,265

James Bennett Fund £51,960 £48,735

The current change in market values is a reflection of prevailing stock market conditions in recent weeks and the current valuations reflect a reversal of the falls suffered in the last quarter of 2018.

1. **Annual Accounts to 31st December 2018**

The annual accounts to 31st December 2018, which have been independently examined and found to be in order, had been previously circulated. Capt Jim Anderson added some salient comments to help explain the out-turn for the year. Following proposal by Peter Keron and seconded by Norman Christie these accounts were unanimously approved and these will be presented to the members meeting in General Meeting later in the day for their information.

1. **Report of the Secretary**

**Whistlefish**

The Secretary noted that the Society had received very healthy support from Whistlefish during the last financial year to include a contribution of £500 sponsorship for the 2018 Raffle and a very generous donation in December 2018 amounting to £4,200, from the profits from the sale of their Charity Christmas Cards. Whistlefish have been roundly thanked in suitable terms.

**2022 World Show**

The Secretary reported that he had not yet been called to any meeting of the 2022 World Show. As agreed at the last Council Meeting a Flyer promoting the 2022 World Show, the contents of which had been produced by the World Show Committee, had been printed by the Society and circulated to every member of the Society along with the January 2019 newsletter.

**Zootech / Brexit**

The Society has now completed the necessary questionnaire and application for updated recognition under Zootechnical Regulations following Brexit.

**Report of The Secretary (continued)**

**Brexit Latest**

1. The Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs issued new guidance on 18th February 2019 for exporting horses and other equines between the UK and the EU if there is no Brexit deal.
2. The Scottish Government issued information for ‘Third Party Listing and Contingency Planning’ on 8th March 2019 as part of their preparations for EU Exit and interested parties would do well to consult the following website in this regard:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publication/horse-passport-issuing-organisations>

It has been confirmed that going forward following Brexit, the Society will be able to continue as normal with registrations for UK based breeders. The Society will also be able to continue to register foals born in Europe but it will be restricted in its ability to issue the new required certificates for the transfer of horses which are being subsequently sold. This latter position will become more clear when the precise nature of the Brexit the UK will face is agreed by politicians.

**Scot EID**

The Meeting was reminded of the issue in March 2019 of The Equine Animal (Identification) (Scotland) Regulation 2019 which will come into force on 28th March 2019. There will hopefully be more information about these at the next Council Meeting but one of the main impacts of this legislation will be the requirement that all horses (including those born pre 1st July 2009) will require to be microchipped by 28th March 2021.

**Newsletter / Affiliated Shows / AGM Notice**

The Secretary reported the issue of the January 2019 newsletter in late January. This mailing included the 2022 World Show Flyer and AGM 2019 notices. He recognised the comment made by some that the print on the 2019 AGM notice was small. This was done to minimise costs of printing and postage, but these comments made will be addressed in 2019/2020. 49 Shows have affiliated with the Society to date in 2019.

**GDPR Update**

There will be a new guidance note issued with all foal registration papers in 2019 to secure further compliance with GDPR.

**Registrations in 2019 to date**

In 2019 to date 2 passports have been issued for 2018 late registrations and there have been processed 35 transfers of ownership.

**Report of The Secretary (continued)**

**Membership Due Diligence**

The Secretary reported that as of 15th March 2019, 100 annual members had not yet paid their 2019 subscriptions. These are all due by 31st March 2019, after which unpaid subscription will cause each membership in question to lapse. A reminder letter has been issued to each person involved.

There was wider discussion concerning the payment of subscriptions by direct debit, with the possibility of making this compulsory. Whilst this is a laudable aim, the Secretary reminded Council that to allow this to happen every member would require to sign and return a suitable direct debit mandate. The Society’s record in receiving returns from circulars is generally poor, but the matter will continue to be investigated.

The Secretary suggested that meantime a good forward move would be to acquire a machine allowing credit and debit cards to be used for making payments to the Society for subscriptions and merchandise. Allan Craig advised that Ayr Show had recently investigated such an arrangement and that he would forward details to the Secretary.

**Collaboration with Shire Society**

The secretary noted that he was in discussion with the Shire Society to assist in the promotion of Heavy Horse classes at shows where, at present, there is no heavy horse participation. Most of these classes are likely to be in England (where Clydesdale representation is growing) and the only cost is likely to be Secretary time to allow for promotion of any of the shows in question.

1. **SEBA HPOTY 2018**

The winners of both classes in the SEBA Awards this year are Clydesdales – Hillhouse Zara won the Senior Class and Ord Tinkerbell won the junior class. This is a great result for the Clydesdale Breed and both the Kennedy family and the Johnstone family are to be warmly congratulated.

1. **National Stallion Show 2019**

There was a great entry of Clydesdales at the 2019 National Stallion Show and the winners are as follows: -

Gelding Champion – Deighton Donald (Paul and Walt Bedford);
Female Champion and Reserve Overall Champion – Mollinhillhead Donna’s Dream (Amanda Stewart);

Male Champion and Overall Champion – Doura Magic Touch (Charlotte Young);

**National Stallion Show 2019 (continued)**

Cawdor Cup Winner – Collessie Connoiseur (Ronnie Black) / Medcalf Trophy – Ronnie Black;

Ridden Clydesdales – Bratlach Laura (Natalie Young);

Young Handler (Kiera Gowans).

At the 2019 Stallion Premium Parade, premiums were awarded to Redcastle Brelee Majestic, Eskechraggan Ernest, Doura Geronimo, Doura Master Eddie, Lutterington Harry and Dillars Envoy. The Northern Ireland parade will be on 30th March 2019.

There was further discussion concerning the conduct of the Stallion Premium parade for the future and an email sent by Ronnie Black was read. It was decided that everyone should have the opportunity to contribute to this debate and it was agreed that suitable contributions should be sent in writing (email is in order) to the Secretary no later than 30th April 2019. These suggestions will be discussed at a meeting of the Executive Committee to be held in May 2019 and a record of suggestions will be brought to the next Council Meeting. At that meeting time will be left aside to allow for there to be an adequate discussion with a view to creating the blueprint for the way forward.

1. **Winter Fair 30 November 2019**

Following representations made at earlier Council Meetings a full summary of the likely financial out-turn from future Winter Fairs has been carefully considered, having received quotes for the venue going forward. It was explained that the cost to the Society of subsidising the show of the other native breeds was in the order of £500. It was unanimously agreed that in the current financial climate, the Society cannot continue to pay this Subsidy and it was further agreed that the Secretary should write to the Fat Stock Club to explain the position and to advise that if the current arrangements are to continue, in addition to the Fat Stock Club paying their share of advertising and first aid costs (net of their contribution for sawdust), a contribution from them of £500 for 2019 will be required.

1. **Area Meetings**

Alasdair Fletcher thanked all the Council Members who were retiring at this meeting namely, George Young, Shonah Campbell, Jim Greenhill, Heather Fraser, Alan Campbell, Eleanor Blount, Isabel McKie, Charlotte Young, Matthew Carrick, Linzi Kennedy, Joseph Horn, Alistair King, Malachy McKay and Robert Bailey. Area meetings have been held in all areas with the exception of the Republic of Ireland, who are finding it increasingly difficult to find representatives to serve on Council. It was agreed in this respect that Derek Bailey and Edward Cheasty be encouraged to continue to seek out possible new Council Members who could be co-opted on to Council at future meetings.

**Area Meeting (continued)**

The following nominations for Council were brought forward from the 2019 Area Meetings and it was agreed that these be presented to the Annual General Meeting for approval.

Area 1 – Beverly Walker

Area 2 – Karen Campbell

Area 3 – Sandy Aitken

Area 4 – June Malcolm

Area 5 – James Steel

Area 6 – Fiona Hardie

Area 7 – Elaine Ramsay

Area 8 - Kendall Young

Area 9 – Scott Greenhill

Area 10 - Dorothy Combe

Area 11 – Alan Matear (3 years) and Catherine Bell (1 year)

Area 12 - James Wilson (remaining on Council for a further period)

Area 13 – Philip Moss

Area 14 – Yvonne Hanna

Area 15 – Vacancy

A separate report has been circulated summarising the outcome of all area reports which had been received up until 14th March 2019. The Glasgow and Argyll area representative, Alan Campbell, gave his report to complete the area reports. It was noted that all representations made from areas will be discussed by the Executive Committee in the weeks ahead and that the outcome of these discussions will come to the next meeting of Council.

1. **Judge Panel**

The following properly completed nominations were received on behalf of: -

Ms Karin Anger-Marx – proposed by Tony Bull and seconded by Terry Edge;

Steven Leverett – proposed by Terry Edge and seconded by Mrs Jean Pleavin-Edge.

These appointments were confirmed.

A form is awaited for Marion Maclennan (Ridden only judge). This form has been posted to the Secretary but not received by the time of the meeting. It was agreed that assuming the form is received in a properly completed manner, Ms Maclennan’s nomination to the Judge Panel can be approved and can proceed.

1. **Royal Highland Show 2019**

Arrangements for the 2019 Celebration of Clydesdales at the 2019 Royal Highland Show were presented to the meeting. It was noted that costs associated with this event and suitable funding are currently being determined. There was discussion, particularly with regard to appearance money, and differing views were expressed**.** The following points of discussion are to be noted and the following decisions were taken: -

1. The Royal Highland Show has given grant money totalling £3,200 to cover the excess ground rent that this event will take up;
2. Relevant costs of the event are in the following areas – appearance money for up to 40 horses, commentator fee and display boards, haulage, insurance, possible support for flu vaccines for horses coming in for the event and not part of the show (to be set against appearance money);
3. 5 additional stewards will be required on the event (post meeting note – Janette Farley has volunteered for this role);
4. £2,000 of sponsorship for appearance money has been pledged;
5. The Gerard Fallowes Trustees have volunteered ‘last resort’ funding totalling £5,000. Following representations made by Capt Jim Anderson, it was agreed that we attempt to secure as much additional funding in addition to this offer, in order that our final request on the generosity of the Fallowes Trustees is kept to a minimum;
6. Application will be made to the Royal Highland Show Educational department for funding for that proportion of the costs considered as being educational in nature. The Royal Highland Show funding will not entertain funding for appearance money;
7. Following discussion on the actual level of appearance money being paid in which different sums were being mooted, Peter Keron proposed that a minimum appearance money fund of £2,500 be set for this event. If sponsorship received for appearance money extended beyond this sum, the fund could increase. Recognising that some horse owners have already pledged not to accept appearance money, this fund will be available to be divided amongst those who will be inclined to receive appearance money. This proposal was seconded by Robert Hamilton and there being no counter proposal, Mr Keron’s proposal was carried.

Separately, the Secretary made his annual plea for help with the manning of the stand at the 2019 Royal Highland Show and he advised that he would have a timetable for receiving names at the next Council Meeting.

1. **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 applications noted at note 2 below were approved and can be registered subject to suitable payment having been received.

1. **Correspondence**
2. Kirsty Hyslop – Kirsty had drawn attention to the fact that Stirling Show was considering the introduction of Junior Driving Classes and she wondered if the Society would be in a position to offer any sponsorship or prizes. This has been discussed by the Executive Committee who had noted (a) that Stirling Show was not, and had not been, affiliated to the Society for a number of years and (b) that the Society’s model for affiliation was not currently structured to cover such classes. It was agreed that the ideas from Stirling Show be reviewed with interest and if there is a take up of Junior Driving here and beyond, the matter could be considered further in the future.
3. Mrs Mary Bromilow had written to thank the Society for the award of Honorary Life Membership being conferred on her.
4. Denmark – A letter had been received from representatives in Denmark asking Council to consider an application for area status to be granted to Denmark under the Clydesdale Horse Society constitution. It was noted that at present there are 5 members of the Society in Denmark (including the 2 additional members being approved at this meeting). This letter and other correspondence received from Denmark had been fully discussed by the Executive Committee, and Council unanimously agreed that whilst every effort should continue to be made to encourage the development of the Breed in Denmark, including supporting any affiliated shows arranged in that country, separate area status cannot be granted at this time under the current constitution.
5. Mrs Hazel Roy – Hazel had asked the Secretary to convey to Council her very grateful thanks for all the encouragement and support she and Ian have received both from Council and the membership at large during her recent journey with illness. She is now cancer free and Hazel asked Council to accept her thanks for allowing Ian to take time out to be with her during her chemotherapy, surgery and other hospital visits. A month of what has been described as ‘belt and braces’ radiotherapy begins in early April, after which normal service should be resumed!
6. **Any Other Business**

The Secretary was invited to leave the meeting to allow for discussion on his terms of appointment (Private minute).

1. **Date of Future Meetings**

The date of the next meeting of Council was set for Friday 7th June 2019 at 10.30am at the King Robert Hotel, Bannockburn.

The meeting closed at 12.40pm with a hearty vote of thanks to the Chair.

**Signed ………………………………………………………….**

**Notes to Council Meeting Minute**

1. **Membership Applications have been received from: -**

Life Membership

1. Alana Johnston, Kirkton Farm, Bothkennar, Falkirk, FK2 8PD

Annual Membership

1. Mr David Curtis, Hale Fen Farm, 16 Hale Fen, Littleport, Ely, Cambs, CB6 1EL
2. Mr Tommy Hamilton, 4 Kippithill, Humbie, EH36 5PP
3. Mr Soren Lund Jensen, Esrum Sojev 19, Tikob, Denmark
4. Mrs Lise-Lotte Kahler, Esrum Sovej 19, Tikob, Denmark
5. Mr Lindsay Martin, Guildy Farm, Monikie, Broughty Ferry, DD5 3QL
6. Mr Sam Morrison, The Bungalow, Upperlenshie, Rothienorman, AB51 8XU
7. Mr Brendan McKay, 20 Sportsfield Road, Hamilton, ML3 8RF
8. Mr Paul McSorley, 29a High Street, Fortrose, IV10 8SX
9. Mrs Susan Melville, Eredine, Retinue Row, Methven, Perth, PH1 3PF
10. Mrs Delma Nulty, Higher Minn End Farm, Minn End Lane, Bosley, Macclesfield, Cheshire, SK11 0NZ
11. Stephen Osborne, 8 Yarm Lane, Great Ayton, North Yorkshire, TS9 6PJ
12. Miss Anna Pennell, Tod Hall Farm, Redworth, Darlington, DL2 2XG
13. Ms Audrey Ridd, Orchardfield Terrace, Wilkietson, EH27 8BG
14. Mrs Gillian Telfer, 46 Rowans Terrace, Aberdeen, KA22 7LH
15. Mrs Donna Timpson, Picardy, Westcliff Gardens, Westbrook, Margate, CT9 5DT
16. Chris Warden, Abercairney Cottage, Crieff, PH7 3NG
17. Ms Pauline Watson, 3 Redhouses, Newbrough, Hexham, Northumberland, NE47 5AA

Ridden Membership

1. Mrs Sally Ann Walker, The Annex, Trentham Grange, Holm Lane, Seamer, Middlesbrough, TS9 5LL
2. Mrs Julie Woods, 16 Coalgate Avenue, Tranent, EH33 1JS

Junior Membership

1. Edward Leverett, Pant Glas, Tyn y Morfa, Holywell, Flintshire, CH8 9JN

**Notes to Council Meeting Minute**

1. **Stud Prefix Applications have been received from**:
2. Caheragh – Mr Sean O’Sullivan, St Judes, 19 Cork Road, Skibbereen, Republic of Ireland
3. Helvetic Hill – Ms Julia Marano, Chemin Des Grandes - Bonnet, 14, Bellevue 1293, Switzerland
4. Kintra – Dr Jen Spiers, 20 Sportsfield Road, Hamilton, ML3 8RF
5. Saane – Mrs Lise-Lotte Kahler, Esrum Sovej 19, Tikob, Denmark
6. Marshall Meadows – Mr John Fairbairn, 1 Marshall Meadows Farm Cottage, Berwick-Upon-Tweed, TD15 1UT

 **Transfer of Stud Prefix**

Prefix – Ayton – transferred from Mr Ted Cumbor to Mr Stephen Osborne (letter from Mr Cumbor received)

Prefix - Biggart – transferred from the late Mr Hugh Dunlop to Mr Iain Dunlop

1. **Proposed Champion of Champions Competition**

To be organised by The Clydesdale Horse Society. Starting on 1 January 2019 there would be qualifiers for this event from throughout the year ending with a final to be held at the Clydesdale Horse Society Winter Fair in 2019.

The Champion Clydesdale at each show affiliated to the Clydesdale Horse Society in 2019 will be eligible to enter. The competition will be open to all champions including geldings. If the champion at any local affiliated show has already qualified, the reserve champion at that show will not be eligible to enter. This extra competition should help generate more interest at local shows and would give exhibitors something to strive for. It will be a fitting climax to our Annual Winter Fair.

Qualifiers at any show which takes place at a date after the date of the Clydesdale Horse Society Winter Fair in any year will be eligible to enter the following year’s Champion of Champion event.

This will be run as an extra class at the 2019 Winter Fair and there will be an entry fee of £10 per entry. The prize for the winner would be £100, a Champion Rosette and an engraved quaich. The reserve will receive £50 and a Rosette.

The Champion of Champions judge will be someone different from the Winter Fair judge and will be appointed by the Clydesdale Horse Society. Any exhibitor can qualify as many horses as they want but a horse can only qualify once a year.

**Notes to Council Meeting Minute**

1. **Membership by Area – 31st December 2019 (Just for Information) (Full and Life Members Only)**

Inverness-shire 43

Aberdeenshire 48

Angus & Perth 53

The Lothians 33

Glasgow & Argyll 47

Dumfries-shire 22

Wigtownshire 16

Ayrshire 35

Stirling & Fife 56

Lanarkshire 27

Cumbria 26

Yorkshire (North East) 50

South of England & Wales 67

Northern Ireland 94

Republic of Ireland 12

Overseas 34 \*

Total 663

\*Overseas is split as follows: -

Sweden 7

Canada 3

USA 5

Australia 3

Germany 7

Denmark 3

Switzerland 1

Norway 1

Poland 1

Holland 1

France 1

South Africa 1

Total 34