1. **In attendance**

Jim Rochead (President), Capt Jim Anderson (Hon Treasurer), Peter Keron (Past President). Sandy Aitken, Irvine Anderson, Alison Bell, Ronnie Black, Alan Campbell, Neil Christie (Hon President), Norman Christie, William Clark, Dorothy Combe, Ian Craig, Terry Edge, Janette Farley, Christine Halliday, Robert Hamilton, Fiona Hardie, Bill Massey, Alan Matear, Patrick McDonald, Beverley Walker and David Walker.

Apologies for absence were received from Alasdair Fletcher (Vice President), Janis Ashworth, Derek Bailey, Mairi Barr, Catherine Bell, Karen Campbell, Edward Cheasty, Tom W Clark (Hon President), Allan Craig, Ian Douglas, Gary Gorman, Elisabeth Grieves, Yvonne Hanna, June Malcolm, Malcolm McFadyen (Hon President), John McMillan, Philip Moss, Annette Noble, Elaine Ramsay, James Steel, Amanda Stewart, Tom Tennant, James Wilson and Kendall Young..

1. **Minutes of Council Meeting held on 7th June 2019**

These minutes had been previously circulated and following proposal by Janette Farley and seconded by Dorothy Combe, the minute was approved.

1. **Matters arising (not covered elsewhere)**
2. The President welcomed Alan Campbell back to Council, this time in his capacity as a member of the disciplinary committee.
3. Haddington Show. The Secretary noted that he had written to Haddington Show in response to their earlier letter confirming that the Society would be delighted to see the return of that show as an affiliate show and that the Society’s rules of affiliation would apply to that show as to all affiliated shows.
4. **Current finances**

Capt Jim Anderson (Hon treasurer) reported as follows:

*Current Account*

Statement balance at 3rd October 2019 £48,601

Less: Bill to be paid – Animal Health Trust £1,506

Less: Cheques issued not yet presented:

March 2019 – Horse Race Levy Board Payments (now expired) £460

June 2019 – Royal Highland Show £130

Balance from Gerard Fallowes 2019/2020 Grant £9,000

Restated Current Account Balance £37,505

*Stallion Account* £5,199

*James Bennett Account* £5,255

**Current Finances (continued)**

Investment valuations as of 3rd October 2019 were £52,507 (6th June 2019 - £53,090) for the James Bennett Fund and £99,441 (6th June 2019 - £100,340) for the Society General Fund. Despite the recent market uncertainty, the investment performance remain satisfactory.

1. **Secretary’s report**

The Secretary reported in the following terms:

1. Foal Registrations to date for 2019 are noted at note 3 to the Appendix to this minute.
2. The Society continues to support the World Show 2022 team with publicity and support as requested from time to time by their organising committee. The World Show 2022 will have a trade stand at the 2019 Winter Fair.
3. In response to recent requests and other confusion it is confirmed that Geldings cannot win the Clydesdale Horse Society Shield at Affiliated Shows. This will be re-emphasised in affiliation guidelines when affiliation papers for 2020 are issued in December.
4. The Society is currently looking at insurance arrangements for 2020 in conjunction with the brokers who helped with insurance cover for the 2019 Clydesdale celebration.
5. 2020 calendars are now available for sale.
6. A further contribution of £10,000 has been received from the Gerald Fallowes Trust for similar uses as to that which has been the case in recent years. The Trustees, who approved the Society’s spending plans, have been suitably thanked.
7. Whistlefish recently gave the Society a donation of £500 for Society funds and also granted the Society a £500 credit for the purchase of merchandise over the next year. Lyn Thompson has also been thanked in suitable terms.
8. Following discussion and a subsequent vote taken over two options which had been proposed at the meeting, it was agreed that effective from 1 January 2020 the cost for transfers of ownership will be set at £30. A £15 discount would be available for members of the Clydesdale Horse Society.
9. A letter has been received from Heather Fraser on behalf of Lothian and Borders Foal show advising that very reluctantly, due to falling numbers of entries, the increasing cost of renting available arenas and following the untimely passing of Robert Meiklem in the summer, the decision has been taken to wind up this foal show. Funds have been distributed according to the Constitution of the show and a trophy has been presented to the Society, to be awarded annually at the Society Winter Fair to the Champion Female at that show. It was unanimously agreed that the Secretary should write to Mrs Fraser in suitable terms and also that Mrs Jess Meiklem be invited to be the Society’s guest at the 2019 Winter Fair to present the trophy.

**Secretary’s report (continued)**

1. Contact has been made by Don Carney, based in Aberdeen, a professional videographer who advised that he has a high-quality recording of the Clydesdale celebration at the 2019 Royal Highland Show. He would be willing to supply this to us, with full rights of ownership. It was agreed that the Secretary would visit Mr Carney and review the recording and if it is considered to be of suitable quality these rights could be purchased at Mr Carney’s asking price of £1,000.
2. **Winter Fair 2019**

Arrangements for the 2019 Winter Fair were discussed in the following terms: -

1. Chief Steward for the 2019 Winter Fair would be Mr Alasdair Fletcher (Vice President). Mr Robin Lang has been warmly thanked for undertaking this role for many past years and has also been invited to assist the show arrangements in another capacity in 2019. It was felt that extra support was also required to assist with the prize table and recording of results, something which Liz Lang, who has been invited to continue in this role, has undertaken for some years. A formal reply is awaited to these invitations. Terry Edge volunteered to assist in this latter role. [Post meeting note – Mr Alan Campbell telephoned to advise that Mrs Evelyn Campbell would also be every pleased to help out].
2. Funding was discussed. Funding to date has been received as follows - £3,000 from the Gerald Fallowes Trust and class sponsorship of £100 each from Capt Jim Anderson, Ian Roy and Derek Bailey. Neil Christie agreed to offer a further £100, as did Bob Hamilton (to sponsor the senior colt class). Despite these helpful offers, there remains a funding gap of around £3,500 (accepting that entry money will help reduce this). It was generally agreed (accepting that some members of Council are also heavily involved in fund raising for their own local shows) that every effort be made to plug this gap. Amongst other things the Secretary will produce a schedule for circulation to potential sponsors outlining the benefits they will receive for their sponsorship of the event. Council members were asked to advise the Secretary of the names of individuals or companies who might be willing to sponsor a national as opposed to a local event.
3. The judges for 2019 – Mr Walt Bedford (Winter Fair) and Mr Hugh Ramsay (Champion of Champions) - have both confirmed their availability.
4. Beverley and David Walker have agreed to provide sponsorship of £600 for the Champion of Champions class - £300 for first place, £200 for second place and £100 for third place. Mr and Mrs Walker were warmly thanked for this generous contribution.
5. **Council Composition and Area Meetings 2019**

The Secretary reported that there had been no further progress in securing a remaining nomination for Council from the Republic of Ireland. Derek Bailey continues in his attempts to find suitable volunteers.

1. **Regulatory Matters**

The Secretary outlined various development which stem from the current Brexit situation and he explained some of the work which the Society has been required to undertake to support and, with the help of civil servants at the Scottish Government, assist in their application for Third Country status listing. The situation remains very fluid.

The Secretary further outlined developments in connection with future audits of breed records, the continuing collaboration with other breed societies on the subject of retrospective microchipping for older animals and advice received which will be passed on to local shows concerning safeguarding of vulnerable people.

1. **Royal Highland Show**
2. Recognising the thanks which has already been giving to George Skinner, Benny Duncan and Janette Farley, the President wished to place on record his thanks to everyone whose contribution to the 2019 Clydesdale Celebration at the Royal Highland Show, made the event such a resounding success. It was unanimously agreed that this was a tremendous spectacle and great promotion for the Breed.
3. The President congratulated all winners from the Royal Highland Show. These were separately recorded in the July edition of the Society newsletter and are now listed, for the record, at note 4 of this minute.
4. Correspondence has been received from the organisers of the Royal Highland Show inviting recommendation for judges for the 2021 Show. Note 5 to this minute lists the names of those people recommended by members at the 2019 Annual General Meeting to which it was agreed to add the name of Andrew Whetton as a possible turnout judge and after which the secretary was authorised to submit these updated details.
5. **World Show 2021**

Captain Jim Anderson proposed that in keeping with past established practice the Society sponsors a class at the above show being held in Manitoba. The cost would be $(Can) 750 plus the cost of an engraved quaich. There was discussion and it was unanimously agreed that despite our charity status and our finite resources, this was one way in which the Society can support world-wide breed development. This was approved.

1. **Youth Proposal**

A proposal had been submitted by Bryan Lindsay and others which is attached at note 6 to this minute. There was discussion. There was unanimous agreement that this was an excellent, additional way to try and support young folks. Some reservations were expressed with some of the detail, however Council unanimously agreed that Mr Lindsay and his colleagues be encouraged to take this matter forward, as described, and they were thanked for their enthusiasm. Council was also unanimously of the view that this should be promoted as a Clydesdale Horse Society initiative at Clydesdale Horse Society Affiliated Shows only (this may encourage other shows to affiliate), that the event should be encouraged to be begin at the 2019 Winter Fair, and that the position be reviewed at the Council Meeting at October 2020 so that successes can be championed and any lessons learned in light of experience can be considered for ‘tweaking’ in the future.

1. **Membership Application**

**A**pplications for membership are outlined at note 1 to this minute and all names were approved for membership.

1. **Stud Prefix Applications**

A number of stud prefix applications and transfers of stud prefix have been received as set out at note 2 to this minute and these were all unanimously approved.

1. **Subscription related matters**
2. The Secretary reported that he was now encouraging all new membership applicants to sign up for payment of future subscriptions by bank standing order.
3. As requested at the last Council meeting, the Secretary had reviewed the current practice of lapsed membership and the possibility of the payment of an administration fee for lapsed members who wish to re-join the Society. It was recommended that there should be no future administrative penalty in such circumstances. Lapsed members require to re-join the society and pay the joining fee afresh and he considered this to be sufficient. This was approved.

**Subscription related matters (continued)**

Mr Willie Clark reminded Council that a lapsed member must immediately be removed from the Panel of Judges. This position was greed. Mr Clark further reminded Council of a decision taken in 2009 where it had been agreed then that there shall be a 5-year time delay, during which time full subscriptions must be paid without a break, before any lapsed member wishing to re-join the Society can be reconsidered for the membership of the Judge Panel.

There was discussion. It was finally agreed that going forward and with immediate effect any lapsed member shall not be allowed to re-join the Judge Panel until after one year has passed of full membership of the Society. For the avoidance of any doubt, lapsed members wishing to re-join the Judge Panel will require to re- apply to Council in the normal manner - and their re-instatement will not be automatic.

Similarly, any new member shall not be permitted to become a judge until a full year of membership has passed, noting in all cases that membership takes effect from the date of the Council Meeting at which such membership is granted (not the date of the application).

1. **Judge Panel**

There were no items for consideration under this heading.

1. **Correspondence**
2. The Lord Chamberlain has clarified that the Society should receive an invitation to the Royal Garden Party at Holyrood House every two years going forward during the Prince of Wales’ current patronage of the Society.
3. It has been suggested that the Society should be represented at the Clydesdale Show at Kittochside next year. It was agreed that this be pursued.
4. Communication has been received from the families of the late Robert Meiklem and the late Mrs Olga Hanna thanking the Society and individual members for their support and messages of sympathy following the recent sad bereavements experienced by both these families.
5. **Any Other Competent Business**

The President invited any other competent business and the following was raised: -

**Any Other Competent Business**

1. North of Fife Foal Show. Ronnie Black thanked the Society for the £200 received from Gerald Fallowes funding. He also advised that he would collect and deliver back the Society Exhibition Unit which will be present at that show this year.
2. Lanark Foal Show. Dorothy Combe thanked the Society for the £200 received from Gerald Fallowes Funding.
3. The Secretary noted a late apology from Mairi Barr who had broken down en route to the meeting.
4. The meeting heard from Willie Clark concerning earlier discussions regarding multiple shields being awarded to the Balmoral Show. He had researched the situation and had discovered that these arrangements dated back to the 1950’s along with similar arrangements for the other ‘Royal Shows’. There was discussion. It was agreed and Council ratified its earlier decision that currently any show which is affiliated to the Society, including the Balmoral Show and the Royal Highland Show, will qualify to receive one shield only each year.
5. Patrick McDonald questioned whether the Society had 5-year plan to increase breed numbers. There was discussion. Many views were expounded and a number of people expressed the opinion that breed numbers were very much dictated by the market place. The President thanked Mr McDonald for raising the issue and the discussion concluded with the comment that any suggestion at any time from anyone which would help promote, develop, sustain and increase our Breed should always be welcomed. This is something which is everyone’s responsibility.

**15. Date of Next Meeting**

There was discussion as to whether a meeting of Council in December was necessary, bearing in mind that on what is habitually a Saturday meeting under our new arrangements, it would prove to be very difficult to find a suitable Saturday around the time due to the hosting of foal shows. On balance Council felt that a meeting should be held and the next meeting was agreed for Friday, 6th December 2019 at 10:30 AM at the King Robert Hotel.

The meeting closed at 1:05 PM with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

**……………………………………………………………………………………… Signed**

**Notes to the Council Meeting Minute**

1. **Membership Applications have been received from: -**
2. Bertolt Aab, Vogelwiedstrasse 9a, Frankfurt, Germany (Annual)
3. Zoe Ainsworth, 4 Kings Avenue, Falmouth, Cornwall (Ridden)
4. Gavin Barker,Furnace Farmhouse, Bedgebury Road, Goudhurst, Kent (Annual)
5. Katrina Bell, 2 Druids Close, Bury St Edmunds (Annual)
6. Victoria Clayton (Secretary Shire Horse Society) (Annual)
7. Anna Craig, 31 Kirk Road, Newport Upon Tay (Ridden)
8. Hannah Crowe, Flat B, Meanygate Farm, Common Lane, Scarsbrick, Southport, PR9 8AH
9. Harold Dunning, Grange Farm, Whixley, York (Annual)
10. Deborah Ford, Startlewood, Hopton Nesscliffe, Nr Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 1DJ
11. Rachael Gilliland, 12 Ballytwillan Road, Gleno, Larne (Annual)
12. Mercedes Goodwin, 11 Thorpe Lance, Eagle, Lincoln (Ridden)
13. Alen Gosling, Treviskey House, Redruth, Cornwall (Annual)
14. Sharon Hepburn, Midcoul Farmhouse, Dalcross, Inverness (Ridden)
15. Jason Holder, Colloe Grove Farm, Littleogan, Gloucestershire (Annual)
16. Gitte Munch Jensen, Sonderskovvej 10, 4293 Dianalund, Denmark (Annual)
17. Taco Van Der Louw, Groenedijk 5, Steenbergen, Netherlands (Annual)
18. Matthias Marx, Gnannenweiler 7, 89555 Steinheig, Germany (Annial)
19. Shirley McLauchlan, Rowan Cottage, Clashmore, Dornoch (Ridden)
20. Steph Morley, 19 Tatham Court, Crawley (Annual)
21. Stephen Nolan, 45 Sandringham Drive, Chorley (Annual)
22. Lauren Smith, Moucums View, Scotlandwell (Ridden)
23. Jodie Stafford, 8 Gloweth Villas, Truro (Ridden)
24. Thomas Tomlinson-Greenway, Green Oak Farm, Rossmore Road East, Cheshire (Annual)
25. Michelle Woods, Lainshawmains Farm, Stewarton (Ridden)
26. **Stud Prefix Applications have been received from**:
27. Katrina Bell – address above – Prefix: Kimbermore
28. Harold Dunning – address above – Prefix: Grange Farm
29. Deborah Ford – address above – Prefix: Startlewood
30. Emma Heywood, Lutterington Farm, Bishop Auckland – Prefix: Stonygill
31. Taco Van Der Laow – address above – Prefix: Padmos
32. Mark Noble & Hannah Size – Ashmore, Tocher, Inverurie – Prefix: Ashmore
33. Lynne Wallace, Oakmount, Ochiltree, Cumnock – Prefix – Oakmount

Transfers of Prefixes

Boat – from Mrs Agnes Jackson to Mrs Agnes Jackson & Allan Craig

Dapple – from Gary Gorman & Mrs Aleksandra Gorman to Gary Gorman

Bluefield – from Gary Gilliland to Rachael Gilliland

**Notes to the Council Meeting (continued)**

1. **Foal Registrations at 3rd October 2019**

2019 Born

Fillies – 98

Colts – 94

Grade up – 5

Unregistered Colt – 1

Currently unprocessed applications: -

1 filly received 3rd Oct

1 Colt to be DNA’d to establish sire

1 colt with dam missing on application

2 colt and 3 fillies – application completed in German

1 filly could be out of one of two stallions

**Stallions**

7 registrations in 2019

4 stallion applications awaiting information

**Foal Registrations at 3rd October 2019**

Earlier Years

Fillies / mares – 8

Grade up 2018 – 1

Colt – 3

Unregistered male – 1

1. **Royal Highland Show 2019 – List of Winners**

**Supreme Champion** – Doura Magic Touch (Charlotte Young)

**Reserve and Cawdor Cup and Female Champion** – Bencannon Majestic Flowergirl (Jennifer Reid)

**Gelding Champion** – West Forth Solo (Jimmy Tennant)

**Males**

3-year-old or over stallion or colt – Lutterington Harry (Harry Emerson) – Reserve Male

2-year-old colt – Doura Magic Touch (Charlotte Young) – Champion Male and Overall Champion

Yearling Colt – Blackford Stewarty Boy (David Stewart)

4-year-old or over gelding – West Forth Solo (James Tennant) – Best Gelding

3-year-old gelding – Hawthorn Highwayman (Edith Gunn)

**Females**

Mare of any age with foal at foot – Towerview Gisele (John & Margo McIntyre)

Foal – Mrs Agnes Jackson

4-year-old or older yeld mare – Roughlands Alana – (Iain Johnston)

**Notes to the Council Meeting (continued)**

**Royal Highland Show 2019 – List of Winners (continued)**

3-year-old or older yeld mare or filly – Bencannon Majestic Flowergirl (Jennifer Reid) – Champion Female – Cawdor Cup Winner – Reserve Overall Champion

2-year-old filly – Littleward Meghan – (Matthew Carrick) – Reserve Champion

Yearling filly – Roughlands Kiera – (Iain Johnston)

**Ridden**

Champion – Glenside Matthews Flower of Scotland (John & Margo McIntyre)

Reserve – Peggyslea Andy (Annette Noble)

**Harness**

Champion – Benny Duncan (with Geordie)

Reserve – John Goodwin (with Sidney)

**Young Stockman**

Champion – Kiera Gowans

Reserve – Hannah Lindsay

**Young Handler**

Champion – Heather Keron

Reserve – Kiera Gowans

**Heavy Horse Turnouts**

Champion – Hugh Ramsay – team of six

Reserve – John Goodwin – team of four

Single Horse Twin Axle Farm Wagon or Commercial Vehicle

Champion – Victor Scott

Reserve- John Goodwin

Single Horse Single Axle Farm Cart or farm Wagon

Champion – Benny Duncan (winner of Gerald Fallowes Trophy)

Reserve – George Skinner

Team of Four Horses

Champion – John Goodwin

Reserve – John McMillan and Family

Unicorn Formation

Champion - John & Margo McIntyre

Reserve – Victor Scott

Pair of Horses

Champion - Hugh Ramsay

Reserve – John M McMillan and Family

Open Single Cart Class

Champion – Hugh Ramsay (driven by Elaine Ramsay)

Reserve – John & Margo McIntyre

Team of Six Horses

Champion – Hugh Ramsay

Reserve – John McMillan and Family

**Notes to the Council Meeting (continued)**

1. **Royal Highland Show – Judge Recommendation for 2021**

**In Hand Male**

James Ingram

Willie Craig

Jimmy Tennant

**In hand Female**

Christine Halliday

Ian Douglas

Graffin Hanna

**Ridden (Ridden) Ridden (Conformation) and Young Handler**

Laura Henry Heather Fraser

Kirsten Douglas Kevin Wilson

Kirsty Aird Charlotte Young

**Turnouts**

Willie Craig

Andrew Whetton

James Kypfer

**Harness**

Lorraine Clark

Hugh Ramsay

Erica Bracken

**Notes to the Council Meeting (continued)**

1. **Youth Activity – Letter from Bryan Lindsay**

Bryan & Helen Lindsay

North Hillend Farm

Crossford, South Lanarkshire

22nd July 2019

**High Level Proposal – Introduction of Young Handlers League**

**Introduction**

It is a pleasure to see so many young people participate at this year’s Young Handlers Final at the RHS. For some of these young people, the event is the highlight of their year which they have clearly worked hard towards it and we should clearly commend them for that.

Recognising the impact which the youth will have on the future of our breed in years to come, we would like to explore additional ways to ensure they remain engaged and excited about showing and competing.

It is widely acknowledged that, whilst many shows include a Young Handler class, these are often poorly attended with only a single young person taking part. We believe therefore that this is an area which could be potentially be improved upon with minimal effort.

We would therefore like to make the following proposal to the CHS executive and seek their support and guidance in progressing this.

**High Level Proposal**

We would ask that the CHS consider supporting the establishment of a Young Handler League running for the 12-month period up to the Annual Winter Fair. This league would consolidate the results from all affiliated shows which take place during that year.

The primary objective is to encourage the youngsters to compete as often as possible with awards for most wins, most events attended and an additional award for everyone who competes at an agreed number of competitions over the course of the year.

Like most leagues, points would be allocated dependant on both results (wins) and events attended:

* 1st place: 4 points
* 2nd place: 3 points
* 3rd place: 2 points
* All other competitors: 1 point

**Notes to the Council Meeting (continued)**

**Youth Activity – Letter from Bryan Lindsay**

A perpetual trophy (or shield) shall be awarded at the end of the season to that individual who has accumulated most points with a second trophy also being awarded to the individual who has competed the greatest number of times.

Furthermore, having received a pledge of £100 to be provided as a cash price to the overall winner, we shall offer cash prices to the top three places Young Handlers as follows:

* 1st place: £100
* 2nd place: £50
* 3rd place: £30

In addition, a medal shall be presented to every individual who has competed at least 10 times over the course of the season.

We would suggest that the Winter Fair is the perfect place to end the league and present the trophies should the relevant young people be able to attend.

**Financial Implications**

Helen and I are happy to fully sponsor this initiative and provide both trophies and medals as suggested above. There is therefore potentially no financial impact to the CHS.

Having said that, it has been suggested that the CHS may wish to ensure that each competitor has junior membership of the society, thus both growing the membership base and increasing membership revenue accordingly. Alternatively, the society may prefer to offer free junior membership as a prize similar to the awarded medals discussed earlier in this document.

**Supporters of this proposal**

Recognising that Helen and I are still relatively new to the Clydesdale community we have sought to seek guidance from other well-known individuals and ask them to potentially act as informal ambassadors and help publicise the creation of the Young Handlers League across the UK and encourage as many young people to take part as possible.

We have had initial conversations with the following individuals and are delighted that they have agreed to support this initiative moving forward:

* Delma Nulty
* Jacqueline Pettigrew
* Matthew Burkes

**Notes to the Council Meeting (continued)**

**Youth Activity – Letter from Bryan Lindsay**

If this proves to be successful we are hoping that it will be a springboard to a number of other youth initiatives, but we definitely need to start small and takes things one step at a time.

**Next Steps**

We very much hope that the CHS Executive agree to support this initiative. There are obviously several details which we will need to iron out, the key one relating to how we engage with both the young people and the local shows to ensure we accurately capture all results.

We will additionally need to consider shows outside of Scotland where young handlers may be competing against those showing other breeds. However, that issue has already been identified and options suggested.

We would also plan to recruit a number of adult helpers to help co-ordinate and administer tracking of shows and results during the course of the year.

However, none of these challenges are insurmountable and we are confident that the league can prove successful.

Bearing in mind the proposal that the league starts and finishes at the Winter Fair, we would hope to at least receive provisional approval from the CHS as soon as possible to allow us to start publicising the league, canvas for helpers and finalise the rules around competing.

Should the CHS have any questions or comments please do not hesitate to contact us.