1. **In attendance**

Jim Rochead (President), Alasdair Fletcher (Vice President), Capt Jim Anderson (Hon Treasurer), Sandy Aitken, Irvine Anderson, Mairi Barr, Alan Campbell, Dorothy Combe, Ian Craig, Janette Farley, Robert Hamilton, Fiona Hardie, June Malcolm, John McMillan, James Steel, Beverley Walker, David Walker, James Wilson and Kendall Young.

Apologies for absence were received from Peter Keron (Past President), Janis Ashworth, Derek Bailey, Alison Bell, Ronnie Black, Karen Campbell, Edward Cheasty, Neil Christie (Hon President), Norman Christie, William Clark, Allan Craig, Ian Douglas, Terry Edge, Gary Gorman, Elisabeth Grieves, Christine Halliday, Yvonne Hanna, William Massey, Alan Matear, Patrick McDonald, Philip Moss, Annette Noble, Elaine Ramsay, Amanda Stewart, Tom Tennant and Ian Young.

Prior to the formal business of the day, members of Council, standing in their places held a moment of silence to honour the memory of the late Mr Tom Clark (Hon. President).

1. **Minutes of Council Meeting held on 4th October 2019**

These minutes had been previously circulated and following proposal by Ian Craig and seconded by Janette Farley, were approved.

1. **Matters arising (not covered elsewhere)**
2. The Secretary reported that the new CD, containing excellent footage of the 2019 Clydesdale Celebration at the Royal Highland Show, is now for sale at £15 per copy.
3. Regulatory Matters – in light of the impending general election there was nothing further to report in this area.
4. World Show 2021 – Captain Jim Anderson has organised the Society’s sponsorship as confirmed at the Council meeting held on 4th October 2019, payment has been made and acknowledgement and thanks have been received by the show organisers.
5. **Current Finances**

An update and report on the current finances of the Society is shown at note 1 to the appendix to this minute.

Capt Jim Anderson (Hon Treasurer) endorsed the report and confirmed his satisfaction with the current investment valuations which are very much in keeping with the current overall state of the markets.

1. **Secretary’s report**

The Secretary reported in the following terms:

1. Further foal registrations for 2019 have been received and number of registrations for 2019 is satisfactory.
2. The Society continues to support the World Show 2022 team with publicity and support as requested by them from time to time. The Society provided the World Show 2022 team with a complimentary trade stand at the 2019 Winter Fair and attention was drawn to the World Show 2022 website which now contains details of sponsorship opportunities for the event itself and details of a fund raising dinner dance being held in early 2020.
3. The Society’s insurance cover has been renegotiated with a new broker who has secured additional cover, including Trustee Liability Cover, at a lower cost than in past years.
4. 2020 calendars remain on sale at £10 (£12 to post in the UK) and the latest Stud book is also still available at £13 (£15 to post in the UK).
5. The Secretary gave notice of the availability of a script for a talk which he has designed and developed on the history of the Breed. This, together with a PowerPoint presentation, can be made available to others who are asked to talk about the Breed at events local to them.
6. The Society has been asked to approve 3 Clydesdale Christmas Cards which Whistlefish has designed for sale for Christmas 2020. Proceed from the profits from these sales will benefit the Society. Council once more reiterated their gratitude to Whistlefish for their generous support of our work in 2019
7. The Horse Race Levy Board grant application for 2020 has now been submitted.
8. **Winter Fair 2019**
9. The 2019 Winter Fair was generally regarded as a success and a note of the finances of the day is shown at note 2 of the appendix to this minute.
10. The winners of all classes have been congratulated and particular mention is due to Champion Horse, Glebeview Lady Izzy (Charlotte Young), Reserve Champion, Pitmurthly Final Command Piper (Val Smith) and the winner of the new Champion of Champions Class – Redcastle Pretty Amazing Grace (Sandy Aitken) and Reserve Doura Magic Touch (Charlotte Young).
11. All stewards and helpers have been individually thanked
12. A number of suggestions for improvements for 2020 have been noted and these will be considered in the planning for next year’s show.
13. James Steel and Kendall Young offered to supply details of organisations which offer risk assessment and related areas of support – matters which may help the Society in the planning of future shows.

**Winter Fair 2019 (continued)**

1. The 2020 Winter Fair will be held at Lanark on 14th November 2020.
2. Beverley and David Walker confirmed that in the event of the Champion of Champions class being held again in 2020, they will be willing to sponsor it. Beverley and David were thanked for this and also for their generous sponsorship in 2019.
3. All sponsors of the 2019 Winter Fair have been thanked for their contribution towards the success of the show.
4. **Council and Area meetings for 2020**

The following Council members retire by rotation at the 2020 Annual General Meeting - David Walker, Norman Christie, Irvine Anderson, Tom Tennant, Mairi Barr, Christine Halliday, Ian Douglas, Allan Craig, Ronnie Black, Bob Hamilton, Catherine Bell, Gary Gorman, Terry Edge, Wendy Holmes, Edward Cheasty.

The Secretary will be in touch with each with a view to organising area meetings before the AGM which will be held on 14th March 2020.

1. **SEB HPOTY – 2019 Awards**

It was unanimously agreed the following horses be recommended by the Society for the 2019 HPOTY awards:-

Senior Horse – Redcastle Pretty Amazing Grace (Sandy Aitken)

Junior Horse – Collessie Connoisseur (Ronnie Black)

The secretary will be in touch with both owners in connection with the application forms and photographs required for presentation to the award body before the end of January 2020.

1. **Membership Applications**

**A**pplications for membership as outlined below were unanimously approved:

1. Sarah Greenshields, 12 Castle Dyke Way, Carstairs, Lanarkshire, ML11 8TH
2. Claire McGill, The Kennels, Newark Estate, Alloway, Ayr, KA7 4Jl
3. Maxine McCormick, 39 Alderlands Close, Crowland, Peterborough, PE6 0BS
4. Ronnie Walker, Burncrooks Farm, Stonehouse, ML8 3PS (readmission)
5. Toby Loader, 13 Big Tree Close, Compton Bishop, Axbridge BS26 2EY (Junior)
6. **Stud Prefix Applications**

A stud prefix application received from Julie & Lindsay Martin, Guildy Farm, Monikie, DD5 3QL (Guildy) was unanimously approved.

1. **Judge Panel**

A properly constituted application proposing that David Curtis joins the judges panel was deferred until the next Council meeting at which time Mr Curtis will satisfy the Society’s requirement that Judge Panel applicants must have been a member of the Society for a full 12 months before an application of this nature can be considered.

1. **Raffle**

It was unanimously agreed that despite the falling revenues from the annual raffle and bearing in mind the increased number of raffle prizes offered in the 2019 raffle, the 2020 raffle should proceed in similar manner to 2019.

1. **Correspondence**
2. Correspondence received from the Royal Highland Agricultural Society of Scotland in connection with the Society’s disclosure in Council Minutes of deliberations over judge suggestions for the Highland Show was discussed. Council decided that full minutes of all Council’s deliberations must be published with no omissions and that earlier disclosures in minutes should not be amended.
3. Application for financial support from County Londonderry Horse Breeding Society for funding of £150 from the James Bennet Fund to go towards their Young Handler league in 2020 was unanimously approved.
4. A letter of support granted to Lanarkshire Community Development Trust in connection with the construction of a Clydesdale statue in Lanark was discussed. It was agreed that the Society would publish details in the New Year, once known, of the planned crowd fund raising to be held in 2020 and that this initiative be brought back to the next Council meeting.
5. A report received from Clydesdale Breeders Denmark following their first foal show was referred to and it was agreed that this would be considered further when 2020 foal show funding is discussed next summer.
6. A letter of thanks has been received from Collette Stevenson, Depute Provost, South Lanarkshire Council, for the hospitality extended to her and her colleagues, especially by Jim Rochead, at the 2019 Winter Fair.
7. **Any Other Competent Business**

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

1. Date for the Diary – The National Stallion Show 2020 will be held on 7th March 2020 at Morris Equestrian Centre.
2. Jim Rochead raised the question of the 4 paintings donated two years ago by Dorothy Whitaker and which have not, as yet, been sold. It was agreed that Jim Rochead will arrange for Jen Spiers to take good quality photographs of each painting and that we will publish their availability for sale on the Society Facebook page. In the event that no interest is generated from this, the matter will be brought back to the next Council Meeting.
3. It was noted that Alasdair Fletcher has replaced Jim Rochead as a Clydesdale representative on the Council of the National Stallion Show.
4. Kendall Young mentioned the Driving Extravaganza being held on 2nd May 2020 at which there will be Driving, Ridden and In hand classes. Kendall was encouraged to pass relevant information to the Secretary who will, in turn, publicise on the Society’s Social Media outlet.
5. Dorothy Combe advised that she would be willing to donate a gallon sized bottle of whisky, currently in her possession, to the Society for raffling. It was agreed that the Secretary would discuss this with Dorothy with a view to raffling it as a prize as the 2020 Royal Highland Show.
6. Captain Jim Anderson mentioned afresh the World Show 2022 fund raising dinner being held in February 2020, the detail of which is noted at item 5 (b) of this minute.

**15. Date of Next Meeting**

The next council meeting will be held on Saturday 14th March 2020 at Bannockburn at 10.30am followed by the Society Annual General Meeting at 2pm that afternoon.

The meeting closed at 12.15 PM with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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

**Notes to the Council Meeting Minute**

1. **Current Finances**

**Bank current account – balance £49,127.63**

To be paid from this sum when invoices received

Lanark Mart & Catering (WF)- £1,260

First Aid (WF) - £250

Sound system (2 years) (WF) - £400

Raffle prizes - £950

Champion of Champions prizes - £400

2019 – Royal Highland Show Appearance Money - £130

HRLB payments - £430

Animal Health Trust (for late registrations and stallions) - £194

Fallowes Trust 2019/2020 grant commitments not yet paid - £4,600

**Revised Current account position - £40,513.63**

**Stallion Account – £5,229**

**James Bennett Account - £5,255**

**Investment Valuations**

 **5th December 3rd October 6th June**

**James Bennett**  £53,289 £52,507 £53,090

**General Fund** £100,926 £99,441 £100,340

1. **2019 Winter Fair**

**2019 2018**

 **£ £**

***Income***

Door Entry Money 1,790 1,425

Show Entries 1,133 906

Stand Hire 50 25

Catalogue Adverts 95 100

Sponsorship 1,875 567

 4,943 3,023

***Expenditure***

Scottish Farmer Advert 153 306

First Aid (est) 250 228

Hire of Facility (bill awaited) 960 2,160

Coffee & lunches for sponsors, guests (est) 300 2,500

Shared with Fat Stock Club - -267 - Expenses / gifts 75 163

Cash Prizes 1,955 1,540

Young handler Prizes 135 80

Engraving, quaich and shield 63 100

Rosettes 463 433

Catalogue 279 285

Secretary Mileage 105 105

Sound system (est) 200 200

 4,938 5,583

Notes.

1. One stand hire for £25 awaited / World Show granted stand free of charge
2. Two pledges of sponsorship of £100 each not yet received
3. **2019 Raffle**

  **2019 2018**

 **£ £**

***Income***

Raffle Income \*2,315 \*2,981

Contribution from Whistlefish 250 250

 2,565 3,231

***Expenditure***

Raffle Tickets 217 217

Gaming Licence 20 20

Prizes 950 1,020

 1,187 1,257

**Surplus from Raffle 1,378 1,974**

\*Raffle income includes sale of 50 raffle books by Whistlefish.