1. **In attendance**

Alasdair Fletcher (Vice President), Capt Jim Anderson (Hon Treasurer), Sandy Aitken, Irvine Anderson, Janis Ashworth, Alison Bell, Catherine Bell, Ronnie Black, Neil Christie (Hon President), Norman Christie, Dorothy Combe, Janette Farley, Scott Greenhill, Christine Halliday, Robert Hamilton, Fiona Hardie, June Malcolm, John McMillan, George Skinner, James Steel and Kendall Young.

Apologies for absence were received from Jim Rochead (President), Peter Keron (Past President), Derek Bailey, Karen Campbell, Edward Cheasty, Tom W Clark (Hon President), William Clark, Allan Craig, Ian Craig, Terry Edge, Gary Gorman, Elisabeth Grieves, Yvonne Hanna, William Massey, Alan Matear, Patrick McDonald, Philip Moss, Annette Noble, Elaine Ramsay, Tom Tennant, Beverley Walker, David Walker and James Wilson.

Vice-president Alasdair Fletcher advised that President Jim Rochead remained under ‘doctor’s orders’ and that he had been asked to Preside over this meeting. Mr Fletcher welcomed all new Council Members to the meeting.

1. **Minutes of Council Meeting held on 16 March 2019**

These minutes had been previously circulated and attention was drawn to the amendment to the original version of the minute which contained an error in the section concerning ‘rules’ for the Champion of Champions event. The minute has now been updated and following proposal by George Skinner and seconded by John McMillan, the minute was approved and signed by Alasdair Fletcher.

1. **Matters arising (not covered elsewhere)**
2. The Secretary had spoken to Bryan Lindsay concerning the provision of a trophy for the Winter Fair in this matter is now in Mr Lindsay’s hands to organise.
3. All local shows have been advised of the new Champion of Champions class being held at the 2019 Winter Fair. A query had been raised by Northern Ireland concerning entries from their Foal Show which will habitually take place after the date of the Winter Fair. It was unanimously agreed that the winner from the 2018 Co Londonderry Foal Show and also the 2018 Grampian Foal show would qualify for the 2019 Champion of Champions event and that future years will follow this pattern
4. The Secretary confirmed that the annual accounts prepared to 31 December 2018 have now been submitted to Companies House and OSCR. He further confirmed that all new director appointment nominations from the Annual General Meeting have also been submitted to Companies House.

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**Matters Arising (not covered elsewhere) (continued)**

1. Stallion Premium Parade. Council was reminded that at the meeting of 16 March 2019 Council Members had been encouraged to bring forward suggestions as to how the Stallion Premium Parade and related Premium Awards should be organised and conducted going forward. One suggestion had been received to the effect that all stallions forward at the stallion show (up to a maximum of 10 stallions under the rules) be awarded Premium Status.

There was discussion and questions were raised and it was finally agreed: –

1. The current format of the stallion parade and the stallion premium panel would be abolished.
2. Stallion premiums status up to a maximum of 10 premiums shall be awarded to entries at the National Stallion Show. If the number of entries forward exceeds 10, the Stallion Judge at the National Stallion Show would be invited to select the best 10 stallions which would qualify Premium status.
3. The same procedure would apply in Northern Ireland where a maximum of 2 premiums can be awarded when there are up to 4 entries in their parade and a further premium can be awarded in the event that the number of entries are 5 or more. The Northern Ireland Council Members will require to be informed of this decision and the need for them to appoint their own judge going forward.
4. The Secretary of the National Stallion Show will require to be informed of this change.

These changes to procedures were proposed by Ronnie Black and seconded by James Steel and unanimously agreed.

1. Denmark. The Secretary confirmed that he had written to those representatives from Denmark who were seeking to secure Area Status for Denmark advising them that this arrangement was not possible under our Constitution. This decision had been acknowledged by them.
2. Stallion premiums for 2019 were awarded in Northern Ireland to Carnaff Churchill Sir James and Doura Aird Ambition. Peter Tennant had presided over the judging and he is to be thanked for this and for agreeing to meet his own costs of travel and accommodation.
3. Current finances

Capt Jim Anderson (Hon treasurer) reported that the current account balance as of 31 May was £44,154.56, and that there were no outstanding bills to pay.

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**Current Finance (continued)**

This balance includes £6,850 of restricted fund money received for the Clydesdale Celebration at the 2019 Royal Highland Show and in respect of the residual payments from the Gerald Fallowes Trust funding for 2018-2019. In addition, it was noted that 15 foal premium payments totalling £670 and issued in March 2019 have not yet been encashed.

An order has also been placed at a cost of just under £3,000 in respect of medals and shields for affiliation purposes and this cost is likely to cover the next two years.

The Stallion bank account balance at 30 May 2019 is £5,265 and the James Bennett bank account at the same date stands at £5,209.

Investment valuations as of 6 June 2019 total £53,090 for the James Bennett fund and £100,340 for the Society General Fund. These valuations represent an increase of 2% as compared with the comparable position at the last Council Meeting and an increase of 9% compared with the balance at 31 December 2018, when the market was particularly low.

1. **Secretary’s report**

The report of the Secretary had been tabled previously and was in the print. A copy of this report will stand alongside the minute.

In addition to the items listed the Secretary reported that he and his wife had been invited by the Shire Society to the 2020 Shire Spring Show and, in addition, the Society had been invited to take a trade stand at the Shire Society 2020 Boot Camp being held in May 2020. Both invitations have been accepted.

The Secretary noted that the number of final entrants for the photographic competition was 117 and that the winners will be announced at the Royal Highland Show.

1. **Winter Fair 2019**

Arrangements for the 2019 Winter Fair were discussed and the Secretary read a letter received from the National Fat Stock Club confirming that they would not be in attendance this year. The Society’s classes would continue to be held in the penning area, as Lanark Market would require the Society to purchase the appropriate flooring for the Highland Hall in the event that this option was to be selected.

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**Winter Fair (continued)**

It was remitted to the Executive Committee to establish revised stewarding arrangements for the 2019 Winter Fair, taking into account in particular, current health and safety matters and particularly following a health and safety incident at one of the foal shows in 2018.

Two names were brought forward as potential judges for the 2019 Winter Fair - these being Willie Craig (proposed by John McMillan and seconded by Robert Hamilton) and Walter Bedford (proposed by James Steel and seconded by Ronnie Black). A vote was held and Walter Bedford was nominated as the 2019 Winter Fair judge, subject to his agreeing, with Willie Craig the nominated reserve.

Nominations are sought for a judge for the Champion of Champions class at the 2019 Winter Fair. Under the rules this person requires to be a different judge from the Winter Fair judge. Following proposal by Kendall Young and seconded by George Skinner, Hugh Ramsay was nominated and he will act as Champion of Champions judge, subject to his agreeing. Neil Christie was nominated as the reserve judge for this event following proposal by Janette Farley and seconded by Robert Hamilton.

1. **Council Composition and Area Meetings 2019**

The Secretary reported that there had been no further progress in securing the remaining nomination for Council from the Republic of Ireland. Derek Bailey’s vast contribution to both Council and the Breed was recognised. [Post meeting note – Derek remains on Council until 2021 and he does not retire next year as stated erroneously at the meeting].

A paper that was distributed setting out the various questions raised at 2019 area meetings and, in an effort to expedite discussions, the Executive Committee’s proposed responses to these were attached. This paper is attached to the notes at the end and which accompany this minute.

There was discussion concerning item 4 of that paper (White Coats) at which point item 13(a) of the agenda – an email received from Bruce Ferguson was also taken. Mr Ferguson was ostensibly recommending that the practice of wearing white coats at all shows be discontinued, Council was reminded that the practice of wearing white coats was a recommendation and a guideline in the Society’s affiliation paperwork. It was also recognised that whilst some shows continue with this tradition, at other shows white coats are nowhere to be seen. The Society’s policy of not interfering with local show rules and arrangements was also re-confirmed.

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**Council Composition and Area Meetings 2019 (continued)**

There was discussion and differing opinions were expressed. It was agreed: -

1. that the current guidelines should remain in place for affiliated shows and that these shows should continue to have some latitude in the matter;
2. that it would remain a condition of showing at the Clydesdale Horse Society Winter Fair, that white coats should still be the worn.

There was also discussion concerning item 12 - the cost of life membership - which currently sits at £800. The meeting was reminded that the basis for the sum was the equivalent of 20 years of membership using the current annual membership rate of £40. There was discussion and it was agreed that the rate of £800 remains a reasonable sum to pay for life membership.

The Secretary was invited to produce a note capable of distribution to potential new members, which articulates the benefit of being a member of the Society.

There was also discussion concerning the cost of Ridden Membership and the suggestion at item 10 that Ridden members could perhaps be invited to pay a slightly higher subscription and in return they could, perhaps receive some additional benefits from the Society. There was discussion and it was unanimously agreed that ridden membership should remain as it stands at an annual cost of £10 (£12 to join) and that the clear distinction between the rights of annual members and ridden members should be sustained. Every encouragement was given to those who might consider converting their membership to annual status.

1. **Disciplinary committee**

By rotation, George Skinner retires as a member of the disciplinary committee at this time and following proposal by Mr Skinner and seconded by John McMillan the name of Mr Alan Campbell was brought forward as our new disciplinary committee representative. The secretary would write to Mr Campbell in this regard and Mr Skinner was thanked for his usual, helpful contributions.

1. **Royal Highland Show**
2. arrangements for the Clydesdale Celebration at the 2019 Royal Highland Show were discussed and the paper was made available for interested members of Council to uplift at the end, which articulates the planned activities for the Celebration on Friday, 21 June 2019. The Celebration will involve around 43 horses and a plea to all for help as stewards was sustained. A number of new names were offered and these would be passed on to Benny Duncan. Benny Duncan and George Skinner were thanked for the huge amount of work they have put into the arrangements for this event.

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**Royal Highland Show (continued**)

George Skinner brought before Council a proposal that participants in the Clydesdale Celebration be asked to wear bib and brace overalls, for the ‘in hand’ section. He had secured sponsorship of £400 to supply these overalls on the condition that the Society would meet the balancing cost of £400. This was approved.

1. The Secretary reported that a good number of folks have volunteered this year to assist with the manning of the Society stand but that anyone else who wishes to volunteer would be made to feel most welcome.
2. The stand opening hours were confirmed as being similar to earlier years, with the exception that the stand will close before the Clydesdale Celebration on the Friday afternoon to allow everyone the opportunity to see the display.
3. A plea was made for helpers to assist with the stewarding of the Young Handler Final and the Young Stockman event on the Sunday morning of the Royal Highland Show and Christine Halliday volunteered, advising that she would get Jackie Marshall to assist.
4. Alasdair Fletcher outlined arrangements for the Society soirée on the evening of Saturday 22nd June in the Clydesdale stabling area, running from 7 PM to 10 PM. The Society would provide food in the form of a lamb roll and drinks would be available on a ticket basis, with tickets costing £3 per drink as was the case in 2018.
5. **Membership Applications**

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

1. **Stud Prefix Applications**

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

1. **Judge Panel**

Three names were brought forward as new judges for the Society Judge Panel – these being Laura Henry (a re-admission as a Ridden Judge following re-instatement as a member), Isobel Duncan (Harness judge) and David Mouland (for In Hand, Ridden, Harness and Turnout).

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**Judge Panel (continued)**

Attention was drawn to a ruling made at Council (and which had been raised by a Council member) from 25th September 2009 which suggested that any lapsed members who applies for readmission to membership and who was previously on the Judge Panel would require to wait for a period of 5 years before re-admission to the Judge Panel could take place.

There was discussion and the suggestion, proposed by George Skinner and seconded by Capt Jim Anderson, and which was accepted, that this rule, which has never been encapsulated into the Society Articles of Association, was somewhat outdated and that it should be revoked. This was approved and all three applications were approved.

There followed some discussion concerning the generality of the situation where membership has lapsed and an application was received by that person to re-join the Society. A number felt that there should be in place an additional administration fee which would apply in such circumstances and there were different views as the quantum of this fee, with some folks suggesting a figure of £30 in addition to the payment of the subscription and the re-joining fee. It was remitted to the Secretary to review the position and to report back to the next Council Meeting where a final decision will be taken, prior to the 2020 subscription season.

1. **Correspondence**
2. Bruce Ferguson’s email correspondence concerning the wearing of white coats at shows had been considered at item 7 above and a decision had been taken.
3. A letter had been received from Haddington show to the effect that they were keen to re-affiliate with the Society and for in hand Clydesdale classes to be reinstated at that show in 2020. This letter also commented that as part of these arrangements they are looking to have someone appointed to take overall responsibility for all Clydesdale and Ridden Heavy Horse classes at their show and, as well as inviting suggestions from the Society for someone appropriate to that role, they made the suggestion of the name of Mr Elliott Anderson.

The matter was discussed by Council who once again reaffirmed that it is not the position of the Society to become involved in arrangements at local shows but that Mr Elliott Anderson would seem to be an ideal candidate for the role which is being suggested.

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**Correspondence (continued)**

It was agreed that Haddington Show be allowed to re-affiliate with the Society provided that they were content to comply with our affiliation rules and guidelines in respect of those classes which affiliation would cover. The Secretary was invited to write to the show in these terms.

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Alasdair Fletcher invited any other competent business and the following was raised: -

1. James Steel asked for a response from the Society concerning the recent publicity in connection with the reintroduction of Clydesdales at Glasgow’s Pollok Park. The matter was discussed by a number of folks who had been invited to earlier meetings in this regard although it was confirmed that no recent official contact made with the Society itself.
2. The Executive Committee was invited to comment on any updates which had been received from the 2022 World Show Committee. The Secretary confirmed that he had not yet been invited to attend 2022 World Show committee meetings, as was suggested at the December 2018 meeting of this Council might be the case. The Secretary further confirmed that the Society continues to be very supportive towards the organisers of the 2022 World Show and that the Society would continue to assist with promotion and publication as previously agreed.

It was further confirmed that at the Stallion Show in March the Secretary had extended an invitation, which had been accepted, for the 2022 World Show Committee to make use of half of our Society gazebo, at no cost, at the 2019 Royal Highland Show and from where that committee could promote their show and sell some of their merchandise. This arrangement is on the understanding that the Society would not be responsible for the insurance of any merchandise left by them in the gazebo overnight.

1. The Secretary reported an incident which had emerged at the 2019 Balmoral Show where the Society had been asked to supply 2 engraved shields for yearling or 2-year-old colt and filly classes as published in that show’s schedule. This arrangement is at odds with the Society’s normal affiliation practices of awarding one shield per affiliated show. There was discussion and the secretary was invited to write to Balmoral show confirming that in future years under affiliation with us, only one shield will be provided as is the case with every other affiliated show.

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**15. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of council was agreed for Friday, 4 October 2019 at 10:30 AM at the King Robert Hotel. The question of hosting this meeting on Saturday, 5 October 2019 was raised. Council was reminded that in recent times it had been agreed that 2 Council Meetings per annum would be held on a Friday and 2 on Saturday and that the Council Meetings in December 2019 and March 2020 would be the Saturday meetings in the current year.

The meeting closed at 12:45 PM with a vote of thanks to Alistair Fletcher for standing in as chair for this meeting.

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**Notes to the Council Meeting Minute**

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

**Annual Membership**

1. Stewart Adamson, Easter Glentore Farm, Airdrie, ML6 7UY (Junior transition)
2. Mrs Suzanne Anderson, Dairsie Farm, Roundyhill, Forfar, DD8 1QS
3. Mrs Lauren Champion, Treweatha Farm, Merryment, Liskeard, Cornwall, PL14 3LS
4. Antony Duncan, 17 Treesbank Road, Kilmarnock, KA1 4RU
5. Miss Laura Harris, 84 Harlow Terrace, HG2 0PN
6. Laura Henry, Kinshaldy Farm, Leuchars, KY16 0DR (from Lapsed)
7. Miss Jennifer Hinton, Between Woods, Moss Brow Lane, High Legh, Knutsford, WA16 0RG
8. Miss Haylie Lawson, West House, Templeton, Arbroath, DD11 4QP
9. Steven Melvin, 24 Willowbank, Birnam, Dunkeld, PH8 0JN
10. Gillian Plenderleith (awaited and not received)
11. Mrs Karen Rees, 166 Pearl Street, Roath, Cardiff, CF24 1RB
12. Ms Jolanda Rosbergen, Austinplein g, Herlingen, Netherlands, 324gBL
13. Sue Sayers, Bricklewood, Brightwalton, Newbury, RG20 7BP

**Ridden Membership**

1. Miss Kate Buckle, 48 Greenings Court, Warrington, WA2 7DU
2. Miss Vicki Cursiter, Kapiti, Holm, Orkney, KW17 2RY
3. Jamie Forsyth, Ayton Castle Stables, Ayton Castle, Nr Berwick, TD14 5RD

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**Ridden Membership (continued)**

1. Mr Paul Hotson, 63 Dering Crescent, Leigh On Sea, SS9 5RD
2. Ms Allison Lawson, 4 Stable Yard, High Street, Saxilby, LN1 2WD
3. Miss Claire McBreen, 36 Parkhead Avenue, Kilwinning, KA13 7NP
4. Miss Tierney McKinnon, 86 Merafield Drive, Plympton, Plymouth, PL7 1TR
5. Miss Lauren Meek, 3b Alexandra Drive, Bathgate, EH48 1ST
6. Mrs Carol Oliver, 841 Edenfield Road, Norden, Rochdale, Ol11 5TA
7. Joanne Scott, 89 Drumsurn Rioad, Limavady, Co Londonderry, BT49 0PD
8. Miss Emily Silver, 33 Aspen Drive, Gorebridge, EH23 4PZ
9. Mrs Martine Stiles, Marapana, Brightwalton, Newbury, RG20 7BS
10. Richard Telford, Ayton Castle Stables, Ayton Castle, Nr Berwick, TD14 5RD
11. **Stud Prefix Applications have been received from**:
12. Davmor – David Burnett, Greenside of Blebo, Cupar, KY9 1JU
13. Dunbraantay - Steven Melvin, 24 Willowbank, Birnam, Dunkeld, PH8 0JN
14. Foxcote Valley – Christine Yorke, Chrisberne Lodge, Rectory Farm, Foxcote, Radstock, Somerset, BA3 5YE
15. Patchwood – Karen Rees, 166 Pearl Street, Roath, Cardiff, CF24 1RB
16. Pitmurthly – Valerie Smith, Pitmurthly Farm, Redgorton, Perth, PH1 3HX
17. Stal de Blinkhof - Jolanda Rosbergen, Austinplein g, Herlingen, Netherlands, 324gBL
18. Tillietudlem - Bryan Lindsay, North Hillend Farm, Crossford, ML8 5QN

**Area Meeting Feedback – 2019 – Recommendations Report**

1. Aberdeen area - could the venue for Lanark for the Winter fair be reconsidered – Aberdeen area is suggesting alternating between Lanark and possibly Howe.

Executive Committee Response – Lanark is considered to be central and has been booked for the next 3 years.

1. Aberdeen area - could Council meetings be 2 on Friday and 2 on Saturday to allow for members who work!

Executive Committee Response – This arrangement is now in place.

1. Aberdeen area - could some money from Fallowes Trust go to shows with decorated harness classes?

Executive Committee Response – Gerald Fallowes Trust already sponsors 2 such classes at RHS – Best Decorated Harness (Floral) & Best Decorated Harness (Wool)

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**Area Meeting Feedback – 2019 – Recommendations Report (continued)**

1. Aberdeen area - dress code.  No white coats or ties being worn by handlers at many shows which are affiliated to the Society.

Executive Committee Response - This is at odds with affiliation guidelines which are issued to every show. We have to rely on show officials to police this – but this will be mentioned again with affiliation papers when these are issued for 2020 and subject to the decision at item 7 of this minute.

1. Ayrshire – could the print size of the AGM notice that came out with the newsletter be increased – last year’s print was too small, especially for older members – could next one be in a slightly larger print?

Executive Committee Response – last year, smaller print was tried to reduce paperwork being issued to members and to conserve weight (for postage costs) when this was being issued. No problem to revert to a bigger type.

1. Stirling and Perth – generally supportive of the 2022 World Show, but wanted more information, especially about finances and funding of the event.

Executive Committee Response – many of the questions raised by areas concerning the World Show are matters for the World Show committee. CHS will be supportive of the World Show 2022 and will help as much as possible with publicity and equivalent support. CHS as a Charity has limited financial resources and the Trustees (Council) of CHS have a legal and fiduciary duty to manage our finances in all matters, with due care. This will be the approach we will always take when it comes to taking financial decisions affecting our affairs.

1. Lanarkshire - World Show 2022 – following full and frank discussion we were in agreement that at this stage the CHS should NOT be involved financially due to current lack of availability of financial information.

Executive Committee Response – as item 6 above.

1. Lanarkshire - This year's (2019) Winter Fair was discussed. It was agreed that a more substantial contribution should be made by the other breed societies towards the increasing costs.

Executive Committee Response – see decision at item 6 of this minute.

1. Lanarkshire - discussed the possibility of having an additional class at this year's show, for 2019 Champions of CHS affiliated shows.

Executive Committee Response – this event is now in place for the 2019 Winter Fair.

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**Area Meeting Feedback – 2019 – Recommendations Report (continued)**

1. Cumbria - Members and non-members discussed memberships. A Ridden member advised that this form of membership was rather cheap, that they would prefer to pay more to have literature (even £20/25.00). Alternatively. could there be a mid-membership to allow entry into the society to still get knowledge, meet people, info on society etc, but not being able to vote.

Executive Committee Response – A change in the membership structure would involve a change in our Constitution. The Executive Committee believes that the current membership structure is about right but see further comments at item 7 of this minute.

1. South of England and Wales – World Show 2022 grade – up horses being allowed to compete at all levels at the World Show

Executive Committee Response – See statement at item 6 above – this is a matter for the 2022 World Show Committee, of which we are not a part.

1. Northern Ireland - membership to the society was an issue. Everyone in attendance agreed that the cost of *life membership* at £800 was too expensive and were worried that it would deter people from going for this option. A question was asked about how many people had become a life member since the fees were raised to £800? These points stem from people feeling like we don’t really benefit from being a member as there are other charges on top of the membership each year.

Executive Committee Response – see item 7 of this minute.

1. Northern Ireland - regarding World Clydesdale Show 2022; Fundraising ideas were discussed; which included barbeques and dances; if insufficient funds were raised for the show to go ahead, what would happen to any money that had been previously raised? Is the show going to be opened to entry of half-bred Clydesdale type horses or just pedigree horse?

Executive Committee Response – See statement at item 6 above – these are all matters for the 2022 World Show Committee, of which we are not a part.

1. Northern Ireland - several members all live at the same address and each member receives correspondence which is individually stamp addressed, is there any way that members residing in the same address can receive their correspondence but perhaps only in one envelope and therefore saving on postage?

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**Area Meeting Feedback – 2019 – Recommendations Report (continued)**

Executive Committee Response – in the last year the Secretary had been criticised by some for issuing joint correspondence to members of the same family on the grounds that individual members each paid a subscription and therefore were each entitled to receive individual correspondence. This stance is technically correct – all members of the same membership type are entitled to be treated equally.

Of course, any family who wishes to have this arrangement superseded for their own family circumstances are free to contact the Secretary and ask for different arrangements for them – and this will be carried through.

**13.**