



Ponies Association (UK)

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Minutes of the 26th Annual General Meeting of Ponies Association (UK) held on Saturday 31st January 2014 at The Haycock Hotel Wansford Peterborough PE8 6JA at 4 p.m.

President: Mrs P Campbell

Chairman: Mrs Davina Whiteman BHSI

Present:

Mrs P Campbell	PC
Mrs D Whiteman	DW
Miss A Grummitt	AG
Miss J Grummitt	JG
Mrs H Turner	HT
Mrs T Brooks	TB
Mr F Edwards	FE
Mr E Schofield	ES
Mrs C Maskell-Moseley	CM
Miss H Barton	HB
Mrs C Welby	CW
Miss F Rudd	Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

P(UK) President Mrs P Campbell welcomed all present to the 26th Annual General Meeting of Ponies Association (UK).

Apologies received from:

Mr R Bird	Mrs M Miller-Fieldhouse
Mrs S Thorne	Mrs K Doyle
Mrs D Collinson	Mr J Careless
Miss F Wallace	Miss S Turner
Mrs J Templeton	Mrs E Cosgrove

2. To adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 25th April 2014 at The Terrace Restaurant Newtown Walsall WS8 6JR

Mr E Schofield to be added to the present list on the previous minutes.

The president signed the minutes as a true and correct record.

Proposed by: Mr Edwin Schofield

Seconded by: Miss A Grummitt

3. To receive the Financial Report on Ponies Association (UK) and adoption by the Treasurer Mr Darren Price.

The President presented the Treasurers report due to absence of Mr Price.

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Proposed: Mr E Schofield **Seconded:** Miss J Grummitt

4. Adoption of the Annual Report - Mrs Davina Whiteman

Chairman addresses the members and guests.

Chairman would like to give huge thanks to our Patron Mrs C Welby, President Mrs Campbell and volunteers for all their time and help. The Winter Committee works extremely hard and they are running a fund raising evening Sausage and Mash evening on 20th February 2015 in Ely it is £10 per head.

The Winter Committee have agreed to run a dressage final at our Winter Classic 2015 which seems to be extremely popular, we have around 55 dressage qualifiers and there is a £500 prize fund. Through this success the Summer Committee have agreed to run a dressage final at our Supreme Championships 2015 also.

Unfortunately we have lost the Stoneleigh Show Ground and HOYS Qualifiers for 2015. This will be an income loss of £42,000. The Board have decided to move our Winter & Summer Show to a centre. The benefits of this is the rings, PA, Show Jumps and food are all provided for you ready to use. Within our £6,000 licence fee at Bury Farm this includes our parking, security and stabling team. Our licence fee at Stoneleigh was £25,000, the total bill for the show was £42,000. For the Winter Classic 2015 our Show Affiliation Fees were as follows: BSPA £150, Show Horse is £50 per section, in order to cover this we would need to generate quite a lot of entries. In order to have the honour to hold RIHS qualifiers there is hidden expenses in which the Winter Committee has to find funding for.

The issue for the summer is how we are going to ensure the vibrant atmosphere at the show. The partnership with Equifest which means any qualifier for 2015/2016 will be eligible to attend P (UK) Finals and vice versa. Helen Turner was particularly keen to reduce this cost to our members. For example if a member attended our show to compete in one Championship in hand class they would be required to pay £50 for an Adult Membership, £20 for a Pony Registration, £25 for their entry and £8 medical. The board have agreed to reduce entry fees and require only the owner to be registered as an Annual Adult Member in order to compete in P (UK) Championship Finals. Membership for owner is required plus the, rider and pony for RIHS Dalkeith. This is an extremely popular class and qualifiers are allocated to selected shows.

Mrs T Brooks suggested that additional qualifiers are added to the Summer Schedule in order to generate further income. We have senior qualifiers first round Olympia qualifiers, RIHS 2016 for Dalkeith and heavy horse classes which is a growth area.

Mrs Whiteman thanked everyone for their attention and support

Proposed: Mrs T Brooks

Seconded: Mr E Schofield

Chairman asked the members if there were any questions

Mrs T Brooks asked when the merge with Equifest was introduced, this unfortunately created a lot of confusion for competitors and show secretaries. When this was put on FB queries were referred to Tracey Brooks and Julie Templeton. Affiliated Shows contacted Tracy Brooks to ask if they even needed to affiliate to P (UK) as there was no fee to affiliate to Equifest.

DW It was a calculated risk which was taken by the Board of Directors. Shows appreciate the structure behind an affiliated society which offers them support and guidance if they have any administrative problems plus the confidence of a panel of judge who will conduct classes to the

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correct standard exhibitors expect. We have just enforced this with Equifest that they only accept panel judges.

5. Election of Directors

Members for election by rotation in accordance to the Memorandum & Articles of the Association
Mr Darren Price

DW we do have a profile for Mr Price which is on the page after the accounts.

Recommended by the Board of the Association

Proposed: Mrs D Whiteman **Seconded:** Mrs T Brooks

All members are in agreement.

6 Election of Auditor for Ponies Association (UK)

Mr D Price proposed Whittings and Partners LTD in his Treasurers Report.

Proposed: Mr D Price **Seconded:** Mr E Schofield

7. Election of Solicitor for Ponies Association (UK)

Greenwoods Solicitors.

Proposed: Mrs H Turner **Seconded:** Mr E Schofield

8. Future of the Association Mrs J.Templeton

Mrs Helen Turner presented the Future of the Association in Mrs Templeton's absence.

9. Any Other Business

Mrs H.Turner asked Mrs Whiteman to explain the gold ticket.

Mrs Whiteman responded, the golden ticket idea came from Mrs Turner whilst she was judging. The officiating Judge was given the opportunity to award a wild card to a competitor in the ring who was out of the placings but who deserved to be rewarded for effort. A golden ribbon was given. The downside of this particular format was how to ensure the panel judge received training. This was diluted back and discussed at length, our golden ticket is to be awarded to the champion of each flat ridden affiliated section or the winner where there is no championship such as amateur horse, hack, hunter & cob. This final has been kindly sponsored by Owens Horseboxes LTD. The final will be ran like our old Premier at the Summer Show.

We have also reintroduced qualification tickets. Mrs D Whiteman proposed a vote of thanks on behalf of the Association to the President for her work on the Disciplinary Committee as Chairman. Mrs C Dew is our new Chairman and Miss B Ensten is the new Vice Chairman.

Mrs Turner thanked Mrs Whiteman for all her time and effort which she puts into the association and Francheska Rudd for all her hard work.

Meeting closed at 16.38pm