**SOUTH WEST HEREFORD ASSOCIATION**

**A.G.M. MINUTES**

**26th October 2018**

**At the Beambridge Inn, Wellington.**

1. **Apologies**

Mr & Mrs George Faul, Miss Jackie Hawke.

1. **Present**

Laura Bowyer, Mr & Mrs J Burgess, Mr & Mrs P Caunter, Mr & Mrs A Fraser, Mr & Mrs A Gifford, Mr M Harris, Mrs I Jennings and Martin Symes, Mr & Mrs G Jones and Sonya, Mr & Mrs R Mann, Mr & Mrs A Miller, Mr E Mills and Lesley, Sally Mitchell and James , Mr & Mrs J Moorhouse, Mr & Mrs D Norman, Mr & Mrs P Oxenbury, Mr W Pierce, Elisabeth Pierce & George Kemp, Keith Prettejohn and Angela Kerslake, Chris Woods.

1. **Introductions**

The Secretary introduced new faces which were in attendance. Richard and Joanna Mann. Laura Bowyer and new breeders Alexander and Angelique Fraser, David and Valerie Norman and Jack and Gemma Burgess.

1. **Minutes of the AGM held on 3rd November 2017.**

A copy of the minutes were distributed and read. Isobel Jennings stated that they should have included the discussion of having a breed stand at the Royal Cornwall show. Angela Kerslake stated that she had written to the show secretary and the request was turned down.

Jonathan Moorhouse proposed that the minutes be adopted as a true record with the above amendment and Chris Woods seconded. The majority were in favour.

1. **Accounts for the year 2017/18 and Treasurer’s Report**

A copy of the accounts which were prepared by AC Mole was distributed. Jonathan Moorhouse asked how most members pay their membership. Isobel stated that the majority were by standing order on 1st October and the deposit account holds over £4,200. Most of this injection was from the Cornish Club. Christine Caunter asked what the sundry expenses were which couldn’t be answered at the time. It was decided that the Accounts be formally adopted on a later date when the question could be answered. Isobel declared that she had paid some cheques in to the wrong bank account earlier in the year.

1. **Chairperson’s Report**

Isobel Jennings stated that she is very sad that she felt the Secretary Angela Kerslake could not liaise or communicate with her. She also stated that she has been very busy. Jonathan Moorhouse thanked Isobel for her work as Chairman.

1. **Council Members Report**

Jonathan Moorhouse spoke of how much he has enjoyed himself as President of the Hereford Cattle Society this year. Hereford House has seen many changes recently and the new system in place seems to be working very well. Jonathan introduced Laura Bowyer, who was in attendance to the room, as the new Marketing Manager. He spoke on ‘modern’ genetics and the problems that might arise. The Hereford breed is a precious commodity and we will need to protect it.

Mike Harris reported that Council Members are liaising more nationally and it is exciting times ahead. Laura has worked at The Farmers Guardian and will be a great asset to promoting the breed. Laura stated that HCS are going to increase all their communications including to non-computer users.

1. **Election of Officers**

CHAIRPERSON : Jonathan Moorhouse took the Chair and stated that Isobel Jennings is standing down. He asked the floor if there were any nominations. There were none so Jonathan offered his services. Edward Mills proposed and Alan Gifford seconded this proposal and all were in favour.

VICE CHAIRPERSON : Jonathan Moorhouse proposed and Chris Woods seconded that Keith Prettejohn remain as Vice Chairman. All were in favour.

SECRETARY : Chris Woods proposed and Chris Caunter seconded that Angela Kerslake continue as Secretary. All were in favour.

TREASURER : Chris Woods proposed and Martin Symes proposed that Isobel Jennings continue as Treasurer. Jonathan stated that he and his wife Rosemary would be agreeable to take on this role jointly. Edward Mills proposed Jonathans offer and Alan Miller seconded with a majority of show of hands this offer was accepted.

1. **Election of a Committee**

The list of existing representatives from each County was read out which forms the Executive Committee: Cornwall: Jackie Hawke and Chris Wearne. Devon: Philip Caunter and Alan Gifford Somerset: Jonathan Moorhouse, Angela Kerslake and Isobel Jennings Dorset: Les Gould and Mike Harris. South Glos: Edward Mills

Jonathan proposed to re-elect the existing Committee en-bloc. All were agreeable.

**10. Any Other Business**

1. The Chairman thanked Richard Mann, who was in attendance, for his time given up to judge this year’s Herd Competition which bi-annually the overall winner goes forward to the national competition. It was agreed that next year’s in-house competition would be judged by the winners of each category. The winners were in attendance who agreed.
2. Isobel Jennings read a letter from Jackie Hawke giving her apologies and that she wished the club continues to thrive.
3. Laura Bowyer addressed the floor and thanked the Club for the invitation to attend. She spoke of her education and background and of her roles within the Society.
4. Edward Mills suggested paying an honorarium to the Secretary. Mike Harris and Richard Mann stated that other Clubs do this.
5. Jonathan informed the meeting that the SWHA constitution is out of date and needs to be reformed and members attending were given a paper copy. It was decided that this would be discussed at a later meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

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