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SOUTH WESTERN HEREFORD ASSOCIATION
A.G.M. MINUTES
28th November 2021
At Shrubbery Hotel, Ilminster.

1. Apologies

Jacky Hawke, Alec Faul, Mike Harris, Isobel Jennings, Steven Brockway, Ian & Caroline Tucker, Alan & Lin Gifford, Jamie Palmer, Jack & Gemma Burgess, Philip & Christine Caunter, Alexander Fraser, Giles & Mary Simpson, Pip & Angela Oxenbury.

2. Present

Mr & Mrs Geoff Jones, Mr & Mrs Jonathan Moorhouse, Angela Kerslake, Keith Prettejohn, Chris Woods, Mr & Mrs Roger Mitchell, Christopher & Emily Mitchell, Sally Mitchell and James Greenshill, Mr & Mrs Gerald Wood, Mr Les Gould, Colin & Ellen Layzell, Mr Paul Sneyd. Mr & Mrs Fred Voss

3. Minutes from the AGM held on 27th November 2020 and any matters arising.

Due to Covid restrictions this was held by Zoom. Due to no events being held during 2020 there was nothing to report. Technical issues were had by the Secretary and no minutes were taken.

4. Accounts for the year 2018/19 and Treasurer's Report and Auditor

A copy of the accounts were prepared and distributed. Treasurer Rosemary Moorhouse (RM) that new herd competition trophies had been purchased with the full agreement of the Committee held in February 2021. These are for members to keep. An added expense to the ledger was Public liability Insurance cover as this is now not covered by Hereford House. All were in favour of adopting the accounts as a true record. RM thanked the services of Albert Goodman Accountants who prepared the balance sheet.

5. Chairperson's Report

Jonathan Moorhouse (JM) took the Chair due to the position not being filled. JM reported that Covid had been very devastating and now there is a great need for us to be socialising and organising events to promote the Hereford breed again and hoped that we could have a full calendar in 2022.

6. Council Members Report

JM introduced Paul Sneyd, Director of Operations at Hereford House. Paul addressed the room and gave a report on his back ground and experience with an overview of change of policies and updating of the outdated procedures. There had been some unrest within the Council and hoped that issues had been resolved. The South West area had had no nominations for council member after the resignation of Mike Harris. This could be filled mid-term at any time by co-opting a breeder, but rules state that they must have more than 10 registered calves per annum.

7. Election of Officers

CHAIRPERSON : RM proposed and Edward Mills (EM) seconded that Les Gould be elected as Chairman. There were no other nominations. All were in favour.

VICE CHAIRPERSON : Les Gould proposed Colin Layzell who was happy to fill the position and was seconded by Roger Mitchell. All were in favour.

SECRETARY : Current Secretary stated that she would be happy to step aside if any person would like to take on this role. There were no nominations for Secretary. All were in favour of Angela Kerslake continuing as Secretary. Edward Mills stated that the Secretary ought to paid an honorarium in line with other area associations. A sum of £400 was agreed to be paid quarterly. Colin Layzell seconded. All were in favour

TREASURER : Keith Prettejohn proposed Rosemary Moorhouse continue as Treasurer and this was seconded by Les Gould. RM was happy to remain as Treasurer but would like the Committee to actively look for her successor. All were in favour.

8. Election of Committee Members

Ellen Layzell proposed by E Mills seconded by Angela Kerslake

Gerald Wood was co-opted shortly after the meeting. Proposed by Jonathan Moorhouse and seconded by Angela Kerslake.

9. Constitution

A draft of the proposed constitution has been distributed via email to members over the previous two years. The Executive Committee had approved the draft at a meeting held in February 2021. It was decided that approval would be sought at the next Annual General Meeting.

Les Gould proposed that the proposed constitution be adopted. Chris Woods seconded this motion. All were in agreement.

10. Herd Competition.

It was agreed that the winners in the national competition year (2021) be nominated as judges next year (2022). All winners agreed that they would do this. Edward Mills proposed David Pascoe for consideration to be a Judge. Alec Faull offered via email.

10. Any Other Business

- i) JM reported that the Area need more press and promotional coverage within the media and an official photographer to attend south west shows.
- ii) Roger Mitchell stated that the SWHA have three major shows in our area and they ought to be used as membership drives and have SWHA representation to promote the breed. AK stated although costly, a postal mailshot of the years' programme of events and news would be productive. The new Chairman and Vice Chairman stated that they would endeavour to motivate people to attend functions.
- iii) Amelia Wood stated that the £10 membership fee was far too low and proposed it should be raised to £25 per annum. Edward Mills seconded this and all were in favour. This would take effect 1st October 2022.