

**FRIESIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION**

**OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND (FHAGBI) LIMITED**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT HARBOURS HILL FARM**

**20 FEBRUARY 2016 AT 1400 HOURS**

PRESENT: Tracey Venter  
Julian Atkins  
Wendy Mason Smith  
Sarah Dobson  
Delia Harris  
Elaine Simpson  
Helen Sinclair (by Facetime)  
Kathryn Borrill  
Trischa Ellis  
Vicki Knapp  
Jacqueline Murray  
Pauline Sinclair  
Linda Atkins (minutes)

APOLOGIES: John Moon  
Mervyn Moon  
Kim Begley  
Elaine de Boer

**Action**

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes of the AGM held 21 February 2015 were agreed as a correct record.

RESOLVED:-

To approve the minutes of the AGM held 21 February 2015.

2. Presidents' Report

Tracey presented her President's report giving a review of 2015 (see attachment). She thanked those present for attending the meeting and Julian and Linda for hosting the meeting and producing minutes of meetings.

3. Memberships

Wendy reported that memberships had risen to 253 full and 17 friends in 2015 compared to 217 full and 17 friends in 2014. Memberships to date for 2016 are 197 full. She advised that she is in the process of handing over the role of Membership secretary to Delia. In response to a question from Kathryn, it was noted that there is no record of the number of Friesian horses currently in the UK. The new Defra database is now due to be introduced in May 2016.

Julian used graphs to illustrate the growth in memberships 2004 – 2015, and welcomed the continuing reduction in non-renewals.

#### 4. Financial Report

Julian presented his Treasurer's report and tabled the 2015 Annual Accounts which were approved and signed and will be filed with Companies House. Julian noted that FHAGBI had made the highest ever profit in 2015 of £5,729 - due to an increase in memberships; successful Inspections; favourable exchange rate; stringent cost control.

Julian reported on targets for 2016.

RESOLVED:-

To approve the 2015 Annual Accounts.

#### 5. Officers

Julian advised that since he no longer owned a Friesian horse he could not be re-elected as a Director – he would be due for re-election in 2018 and he therefore announced his intention to resign as a Director in 2018.

In accordance with the Articles of Association, Sarah stood down as a Director and was then re-elected.

Elaine and Delia were welcomed on to the Committee and it was noted that Delia would take over the role of Membership Secretary and Elaine would assist with the development of FHAGBI and major events.

#### 6. Review of 2015

See President's Report attachment.

#### 7. Membership rates - 2017

Julian and Tracey reported on a meeting with Ids Hellinga, KFPS to discuss proposals for FHAGBI to introduce a third tier of membership. It was agreed that from 2017 FHAGBI should have 3 membership levels:-

Gold (£60 + Joining fee £20) – as current Full member - for members wishing to register horses.

Silver (£30) a new category for registered (in their own name) Friesian horse owners interested in leisure activities with their horses. Does not include membership of KFPS. Passports will be updated for cost of postage but no changes to registration papers and horses cannot be inspected or IBOP tested.

Bronze (£20) – as current Friend member - for people who have an interest in Friesian horses but who do not currently own a Friesian horse.

Ids Hellinga, KFPS has confirmed that the KFPS would not require a monetary contribution from Silver members. 50% of the Gold members subscription would continue to be paid to the KFPS.

## 8. 2016 Activities

The venue for future Inspections was discussed. The difficulty in finding a location which is suitable for the Inspections and within reasonable travelling distance for the majority of members was noted. The Board advised that any suggestions of an alternative suitable venue would be considered but would need to meet the Board's requirements and be within reach of sufficient horses (KFPS require a minimum of 25 horses for an Inspection).

Tracey reported on plans for a 4 day Friesian Festival in August 2016, to include an Inspection subject to horse numbers. Potential activities to include clinics, drill riding/display, mounted games, carriage driving taster sessions, display of Friesians through the Ages and a celebrity Quadrille display.

Details of a New Forest Ride on 16 July 2016 were discussed and Julian agreed that FHAGBI would donate £10 per member towards their costs.

## 9. AOB

9.1 Attendees voted on the sample rosettes displayed to select the FHAGBI rosette for 2016.

9.2 The production of clothing with the FHAGBI logo was discussed. It was agreed that this should be investigated with clothing manufacturers with a view to members purchasing items directly. Kathryn and Ashley Erskine (member who had suggested FHAGBI clothing) to make enquiries with clothing companies.

## 10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is to be advised.

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 1730 HOURS