

Report from the Annual General Meeting - Feb 2011

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

**12 FEBRUARY 2011 AT 1400 HOURS**

PRESENT: Julian Atkins

Jane Slevin

Wendy Mason-Smith

Tracey Venter

Linda Atkins (minutes)

E de Boer

B de Boer

D Bottomley

B Maurice

E Powell

APOLOGIES: H Elcome

S Van der Plas

J Moon

M Moon

**Action**

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising**

1. The minutes of the AGM held 31 January 2010 were read to the meeting by Julian and agreed as a correct record.

RESOLVED:-

To approve the minutes of the AGM held 31 January 2010.

2. Memberships

Julian presented the membership figures on behalf of Sylvia Van der Plas, Membership Secretary. Memberships in 2009 - 227 Full and 14 friends; 2010 - 234 Full and 17 Friends.

3. Financial Report

Julian presented his Treasurer's report and tabled the 2009 Annual Accounts which have been filed with Companies House. He detailed the 2010 forecast against actual and set out the budget for 2011. Challenges for 2011 were outlined and the introduction of emailing the newsletter to those members in

agreement, in order to reduce administration costs, was noted.

Julian confirmed that membership fees had been increased for 2011 for the first time in many years and the renewal cost is now £60 or £55 for direct debit payments (previously £50).

RESOLVED:-

To approve the 2009 Annual Accounts.

#### 4. Presidents' Report

Jane presented her President's report noting the success of the 2010 inspections and mixed support for regional events. She announced her intention to step down from her role as President and Director with effect from 1 May 2011.

Appreciation was unanimously expressed to Jane for all her work and support since joining the Committee 10 years ago.

It was noted that additional committee members would probably be sought through the next newsletter.

#### 5. WFHO

Jane reported on the meeting of the WFHO held January 2011 in Leeuwarden and noted that breeding privileges would no longer be awarded to horses in the EU. She also reported on changes to the taxation system in the Netherlands as discussed at the meeting. Delays in DNA testing by the KFPS were noted. Minutes from the WFHO meeting which are awaited, will be posted on the FHAGBI website.

#### 6. Keuring 2011

The 2011 Keuring is due to be held in Ireland and it is not intended to hold one in England due to the additional cost of holding 2 Keurings. It is likely to be held in Dublin, although it was noted that the KFPS demand a minimum of 30 horses for inspection. Minimum numbers would need to be finalised and paid for by 30 June 2011 to enable the Keuring to proceed. The date of the Keuring has not been finalised but is likely to be end September/early October.

#### 7. Health & Safety

The necessity to tighten up H&S was noted and it was noted that events organised under then FHAGBI banner must be approved by the FHAGBI Board and risk assessments completed.

#### 8. Website

Tracey circulated an analysis of website hits and advised that googleanalytics have now been introduced and would result in a higher level of analysis in future.

Appreciation was expressed to Tracey for her work which has resulted in an excellent website.

#### 9. Newsletter

The next newsletter due in April will be sent electronically where members have indicated that this is acceptable to them, in order to reduce printing and postage costs.

Appreciation was expressed to Wendy for the work she does to produce the newsletter.

## 10. Regional Reports

Scotland - Representative Helen Sinclair who is active in dressage. She hopes to promote Friesians within BD affiliation with perhaps an award and FHAGBI rosette for the member with highest points nationally. The national winner could potentially be considered for sponsorship by FHAGBI for the IBOP test (see minute 11).

North - Representative Elaine de Boeur. Elaine reported on the Ken Sudsbury clinics run in 2010 with more to be planned in 2011. An equine massage demo in 2010 had been well supported. A social ride is planned in Cumbria in 2011, which Tracey will escort. A physio day is also being planned for 2011 involving a mechanical horse.

Central - no representative. Jane reported on 2010 events, which had received limited support.

South - Representative Helen Elcome. A number of clinics had been arranged in 2010, with mixed support. The ridden clinics for 2011 are currently over subscribed but there is a reserve list. A carriage driving event with Barry Capstick is planned in 2011 as well as a presence in the Suffolk County Show.

South West - Representative John Dennis, a new member in the SW has volunteered to initiate events in that area.

Southern Ireland - Representative Wayne Saunders

Northern Ireland - Representatives - John & Mervyn Moon

Appreciation was expressed to the regional representatives for their work in organising regional events.

## 11. Sports Predicate/IBOP

Jane reported that it is hoped to enable the award of Sports Predicate in the UK. Discussions will be held with the KFPS regarding the award of Sports Predicate and the possibility of attaching IBOP tests to an Inspection.

## 12. AOB

12.1 Thanks were reiterated to Jane for all the work she has undertaken for FHAGBI.

12.2 In response to a question from Barbara, Julian clarified an entry in the accounts relating to HOYS.

12.3 In response to a question from Barbara Julian explained that there is no legal requirement to hold an AGM but considered it important to have a regular members meeting.

## 13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is to be advised.

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 1545 HOURS