

THE DALES PONY SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 1079619

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	03553410
Registered	2000-02-29
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE THE BREEDING OF HIGH CLASS DALES PONIES; TO ACQUIRE THE ASSETS AND DISCHARGE THE LIABILITIES OF THE UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATION KNOWN AS THE DALES PONY SOCIETY FORMED IN 1916

Activities: To promote the breeding of Dales Ponies. To register Dales Ponies and maintain the Dales Pony Society Stud Book.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Animals
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£55,462	£53,108	-	-
2024-08-31	£58,955	£54,708	-	-
2023-08-31	£51,950	£53,673	-	-
2022-08-31	£43,637	£43,832	-	-
2021-08-31	£45,457	£38,629	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anna Elizabeth Pennell		2021-11-13
Charles Robert Parker		2022-11-12
Claire Crow		2025-11-08
DAVID RAPER		2025-11-08
ERNEST COULTHARD		
Ellen Joyce Maxwell Jones		2020-11-14
Helen Beth Robinson		2021-11-13
JANET JAMES		2018-11-03
James Cockbain		2017-10-28
Lindsay Margaret Knight		2021-11-13
Penelope Jayne Eminson		2019-11-16
Valerie Strong		2023-12-11

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Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 03553410 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1079619

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025
FOR
DALES PONY SOCIETY

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DALES PONY SOCIETY

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

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DALES PONY SOCIETY
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31st August 2025.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, applicable law and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in 2005. The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objectives of the Society are to encourage, promote and improve the breeding of the Dales Pony to ensure the preservation of the breed for the public benefit. The Dales Pony Society encourages and promotes the breeding of registered pure bred Dales ponies in the Dales of England and throughout the world. The registration of pure-bred stallions, mares and geldings are recorded in the Dales Pony Society's Stud Book.

Through the provision of stud visits, study events and local Area events the Society works to educate and inform on relevant issues such as conformation of the Dales Pony, the health and welfare of ponies and the production of Dales ponies for use under saddle and in harness. Three Shows are held during the year which provide a wealth of opportunity to see the ponies up close and in action adding to further access to the breed. Participation by members of all ages and abilities is actively encouraged and proactive involvement develops members overall knowledge.

Information and assistance are provided to members and non-members in person, via telephone, email, and the website. In addition members receive an annual Yearbook and two newsletters a year. The Society also publishes literature on the Dales breed and provides a website that is accessible to members and non-members, with an active Facebook page.

Grants and bursaries are awarded to members at the discretion of the Council of Trustees to encourage good breeding and support younger members in advancing their skills.

DALES PONY SOCIETY
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The Dales Pony maintains its popularity for all disciplines including any type of work under saddle from Riding for the Disabled to working hunter classes; and in harness from snigging and forestry work to driving in show classes. Able to carry adults and children it often becomes a much loved member of the family and lives up to its promotion of the great all rounder.

The Society continues to provide a range of services to members and non-members including registrations, inspections and testing. At the August 2025 year end, membership of The Dales Pony Society stood at 517 a level that has been maintained for many years. In 2024, the Society registered 154 ponies, 67 were pure bred fillies, 73 were pure bred colts and geldings, 9 part bred fillies, and 5 part bred colts/geldings. There was 0 late registration. 16 stallions were licensed during the year including 6 colts bred abroad and licensed to DPS rules. 189 pure bred transfers were processed slightly down on the previous year showing there still continues to be a steady demand for Dales ponies for a wide range of uses.

Classed as 'Priority' on the Rare Breeds Survival Trust register of endangered breeds, the Society benefits from a grant from the Horserace Betting Levy Board to which the Society is indebted. The grant funding supports breeders through a stallion Premium scheme, FIS testing, DNA testing for all stallion licenses, and grants to mare owners for the registration of foals. All older stallions are/have been DNA tested, so we are now able to check parentage far more effectively.

Now in its third year, the Yearbook is sent to all members in the Spring. The book is a very popular initiative with articles from members and breeders and the opportunity to advertise studs, as well as commercial businesses. It is an excellent record of DPS events throughout the year and makes a good reference and source of information in years to come.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The results for the year ending 31st August 2025 are given in the statement of Financial Activities. The assets and liabilities are detailed on the Balance Sheet. The Statement of Financial Activities shows a net inflow of funds for the year of £2,354 (2024 - £5,246). This added to the funds brought forward gives a surplus to carry forward of £63,363.

Reserves policy

The Charity operates two main funds. Both are held in low risk bank based accounts and exist to provide adequate resources to allow the Charity to maintain operational capacity for the foreseeable future, given the circumstances in which it operates. Both funds are accessible in emergencies. The reserves, whilst not large; have not been needed for many years and the Trustees are fully aware of the need to keep a keen eye on financial matters to prevent any risk to the operation of the Society.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The society is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 12th December 1991. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. The company is registered as a charity in England and Wales.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Members of Council are elected by the Society's members at the AGM to serve a period of three years. The method of the election is detailed in the 'Articles of Association'. All members of Council are Trustees. They may continue to stand for re-election for a further term when their previous term is complete. Overall policy is determined by the Council. Day-to-day operations are the ultimate responsibility of the Council but are run on Council's behalf by the Honorary Secretary and the Treasurer who are in regular contact with the Chairman. The Company Directors are chosen by Council. At present the Company has four Directors.

The trustees have reviewed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems or procedures have been put in place to manage those risks. New Trustees are informed of their responsibilities as Charities Trustees and provided with a Confidentiality Statement to read and sign. New information sent to the Society by the Charity Commission is forwarded to all trustees.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number
03553410 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number
1079619

Registered office
1 Church Cottage
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E Coulthard
Mrs G M Cockbain
J R Cockbain
Mrs J M James
Mrs P J Eminson
Mrs E J M Jones
S M Longstaff
Mrs H B Robinson
Ms L M Knight
Miss A E Pennell
C R Parker
Mrs V F Strong

Company Secretaries
Ms L M Knight
Mrs A Lawn

DALES PONY SOCIETY

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 8 November 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Trustee

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Julie Young', written over a faint horizontal line.

DALES PONY SOCIETY

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Dales Pony Society for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
DALES PONY SOCIETY

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Dales Pony Society ('the Society')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Society for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Society's trustees (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Society are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Society as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Walter Dawson & Son

Julie Young FCCA ACA

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8 November 2025

DALES PONY SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

	Notes	2025 Unrestricted fund £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies		19,111	22,907
Charitable activities	4		
General		31,792	30,897
Other trading activities	2	4,235	4,351
Investment Income	3	324	472
Other income		-	1,194
Total		<u>55,462</u>	<u>59,821</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities	5		
General		<u>53,108</u>	<u>54,575</u>
NET INCOME		2,354	5,246
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		61,009	55,763
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>63,363</u></u>	<u><u>61,009</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET
31 AUGUST 2025

	Notes	2025 Unrestricted fund £	2024 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	9	2,082	1,342
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	10	6,318	4,013
Debtors	11	202	-
Cash at bank and in hand		58,238	56,320
		<u>64,758</u>	<u>60,333</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(3,477)	(666)
		<u>61,281</u>	<u>59,667</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>63,363</u>	<u>61,009</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
		<u>63,363</u>	<u>61,009</u>
NET ASSETS			
		<u>63,363</u>	<u>61,009</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds		63,363	61,009
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>63,363</u>	<u>61,009</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 August 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

DALES PONY SOCIETY

BALANCE SHEET - continued
31 AUGUST 2025

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 8 November 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

Trustee

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'D' followed by a cursive name that appears to be 'Dale'.

The notes form part of these financial statements

DALES PONY SOCIETY

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The Society is a charitable company limited by guarantee with no share capital, registered in England and Wales with company number 03553410 and charity number 1079619. Its registered office is detailed in the reference and administrative information on page 3.

The financial statements of the society, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the society has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the society to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost, then depreciated to their residual value over their useful economic lives. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Computer equipment - 25% on cost

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES		2025	2024
		£	£
Fundraising events		844	1,294
Sponsorships		1,866	1,840
Sales		1,525	1,217
		<u>4,235</u>	<u>4,351</u>
3. INVESTMENT INCOME		2025	2024
		£	£
Deposit account interest		324	472
		<u>324</u>	<u>472</u>
4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		2025	2024
		£	£
Event fees	Activity	5,746	5,737
Registration fees	General	16,046	15,160
Grants	General	10,000	10,000
		<u>31,792</u>	<u>30,897</u>
Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:			
		2025	2024
		£	£
General		10,000	10,000
		<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS			
		Direct	Support
		Costs	costs (see
		£	note 6)
General		35,548	17,560
		<u>35,548</u>	<u>17,560</u>
			Totals
			£
			53,108
			<u>53,108</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

6. SUPPORT COSTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Honoraria	15,500	16,000
Bank charges	30	90
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	350	58
Independent examiner's fees	1,680	384
	17,560	16,532

7. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025	2024
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	350	58
Independent examiner's fees	1,680	384
	1,680	384

8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2025 nor for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2025 nor for the year ended 31 August 2024.

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Computer equipment
	£
COST	
At 1 September 2024	1,400
Additions	1,090
	2,490
At 31 August 2025	2,490
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 September 2024	58
Charge for year	350
	408
At 31 August 2025	408
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 August 2025	2,082
At 31 August 2024	1,342

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

10. STOCKS	2025	2024
	£	£
Stocks	<u>6,318</u>	<u>4,013</u>
11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade debtors	<u>202</u>	<u>-</u>
12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	<u>1,797</u>	<u>282</u>
Accruals and deferred income	<u>1,680</u>	<u>384</u>
	<u>3,477</u>	<u>666</u>
13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES		

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 August 2025 nor for the year ended 31 August 2024.

DALES PONY SOCIETY

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

	2025	2024
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	216	4,420
Subscriptions	<u>18,895</u>	<u>18,487</u>
	19,111	22,907
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	844	1,294
Sponsorships	1,866	1,840
Sales	<u>1,525</u>	<u>1,217</u>
	4,235	4,351
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	324	472
Charitable activities		
Event fees	5,746	5,737
Registration fees	16,046	15,160
Grants	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
	31,792	30,897
Other income		
Other income	-	<u>1,194</u>
Total Incoming resources	55,462	59,821
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Insurance	3,426	3,453
Telephone	224	214
Postage and stationery	7,208	8,582
Advertising	780	660
Sundries	2,442	2,164
Software costs	3,033	1,542
Event costs	6,766	5,988
Registration costs	<u>11,669</u>	<u>15,440</u>
	35,548	38,043
Support costs		
Management		
Honoraria	15,500	16,000

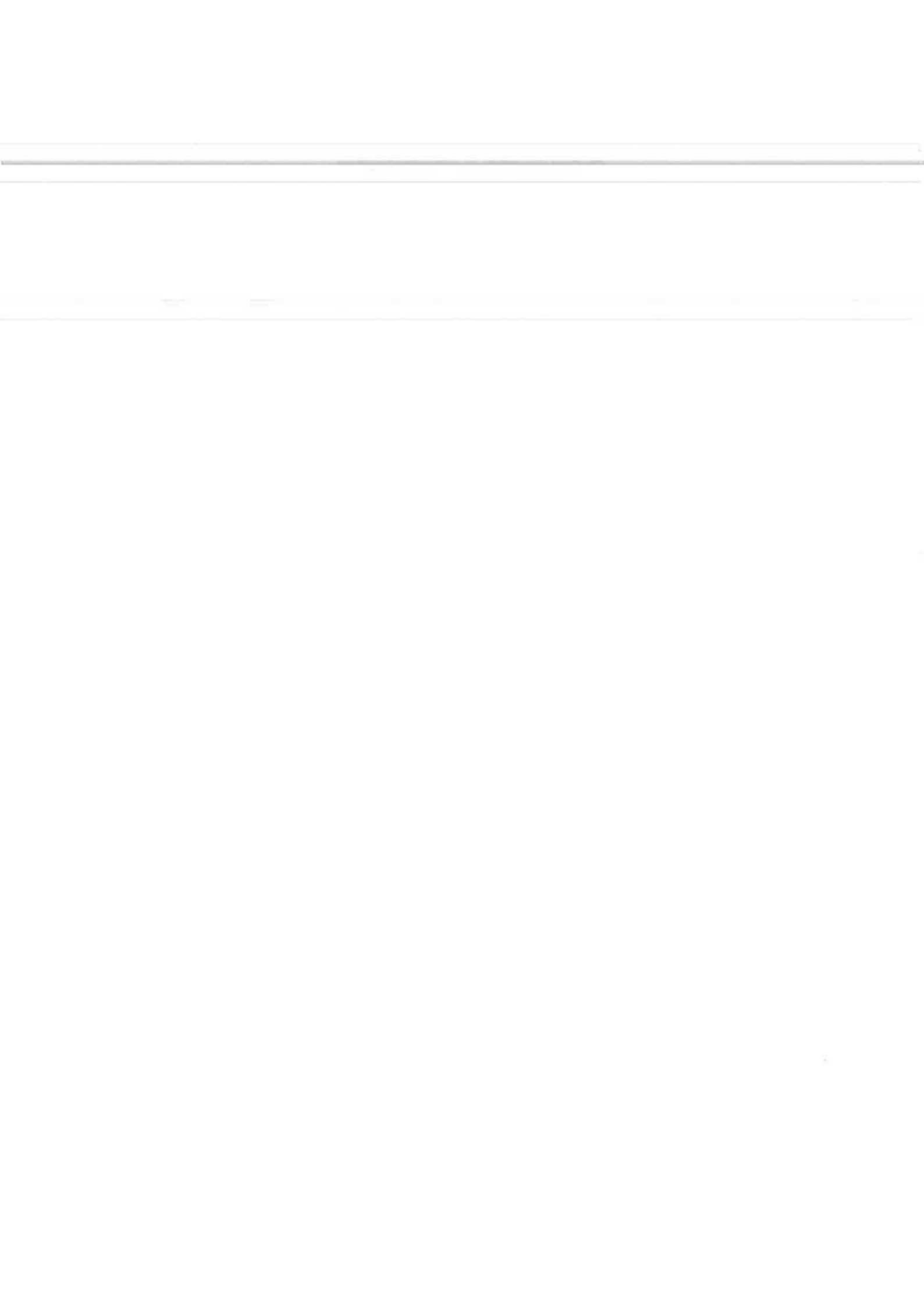
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DALES PONY SOCIETY

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Management		
Finance		
Bank charges	30	90
Computer equipment	350	58
	<u>380</u>	<u>148</u>
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	1,680	384
	<u>1,680</u>	<u>384</u>
Total resources expended	<u>53,108</u>	<u>54,575</u>
Net income	<u>2,354</u>	<u>5,246</u>

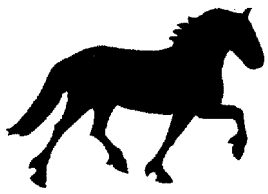
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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Dales Pony Society

Held on Saturday 09 November 2024

At the Parish Hall Barnard Castle, Co. Durham

at 6.30 pm

Before the meeting began, the Chair called for all present to stand for a minute's silence in memory of members who had died during the year; Joe Edmundson, Peter Jackson and Tommy Shaw.

Apologies

Apologies were received from James Cockbain, Tina Cockbain, Lucy Darvill, Moira Evans, Carol Ferguson, Lisa Ferguson, Hayley Henry, Stephen Longstaff, David Lovegreen, Irene Lovegreen, Matt Mason, Lindsay Monaghan, Anna Pennell, Laura Pennell, Julie Pennell, Richard Pennell, Helen Snowden, Anna Stonehouse, Michael Stonehouse, William Stonehouse, Colin Turner, Karen Turner, Robert Wall, Claire Whalley and Kate Wilson.

Review of Minutes from Meeting Held 11/11/2023

The minutes were agreed as a true record and were proposed by Glenis Cockbain, seconded by Anne Alderson and were unanimously accepted by the members present. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

Chairperson's Report

2024 has been another busy year for the Society, administration wise we have continued to refine and develop including moving to Xero for accounting, which was a new system for both our Treasurer Lindsay Knight and April.

Our Spring Stallion Show was our first event of the year, thanks to all our sponsors, competitors and supporters. There was a great atmosphere, many saying they enjoyed it, and Kevin Owen's photos certainly captured this.

Your Area Reps have been busy promoting our Society countrywide including; Julie Small took over the role as Area 2 Rep, a hard act to follow on from Lynsey Swales, providing another great day at the "Have a Go Show" whilst Lynsey Swales arranged rides for friends of the Area; Area 6, Jess Blowers and Sue Hobday put on another great Show, as did Val Strong with Area 5 classes within the Derbyshire Festival Show. Lisa Hargreaves arranged several get togethers for members of Area 14 whilst Jayne and Graham Mitchell took on promoting Dales at Liskeard Show. Mary Roach's Area 11's Photo Show again had bumper entries this year and for the Society it's such a good way to engage with our International Members, who are great supporters of the Society. Areas 1 and 3 had a coffee cake welcome for all Dales supporters at the Clydesdale Area 12 Show, Catherine York representing the Dales Pony Conservancy North America has joined us at our zoom meetings, building relationships, and gaining an insight to what is happening in the UK and letting us know what is happening in North America. Lots of our Areas have plans in place for over the winter period both with and without ponies, as Members we owe a lot to them.

Our 2024 Stud Visits went extremely well, and were enjoyed by those attending them, thanks go to Zana Jackson, Mark O'Connor and Amy and Richard Balmer and their families for hosting these.

The Summer Show was well attended, classes were all sponsored, entry numbers and ponies forward were good, thanks to all involved.

At HOYS we had a good selection of Dales Ponies forward and congratulations go to Tarbarl Hogmanay and Vicki Smith, alongside breeders the Stonehouse's and Hayley Henry. Congratulations also to the Pennell Family again taking the Breeders' award for the Dales.

Thanks go to all who this year have taken part in events showing the Dales breed to be a true all-rounder and versatile pony.

Our Judges' Assessment at Home Farm, Richmond on the 29th September went well with 9 applicants forward. One for the traditional ridden as already an In-Hand judge was invited straight to the Panel, others will go forward to probation and mentoring/probation. We have welcomed Kate Waite to our RP* Panel and elevated John Elliott to The DPS Judges' full panel.

Our 2024 Educational & Training Bursary Awards attracted good support, thanks to Anna Pennell for promoting the competition, the winners will be announced later in the Meeting.

This year the new Tudor Annie Cup competition has attracted exceptional entry numbers; these nominations again showed the versatility of our Dales ponies.

April has worked tirelessly throughout the year, ensuring Members and non-Members have received an excellent service. She has represented the Society at key meetings; Grassroots/826/NPS M&M amongst them ensuring the Dales Society is represented. The Council have worked hard and as a team, I have truly appreciated theirs and our President and Vice Presidents' support, especially Jill Graham.

Sadly, due to limited support we made the decision to cancel this year's Supper Dance. However, thanks must go to Stephen Longstaff for his work on this. Thanks to Kate and Richard Waite for organising this morning's Foal & Yearling Show, Jess Blowers for judging this for us, and all taking part and spectating. The entries were excellent and the weather was kind.

My special thanks go to our President, Jeff Daley, my Vice Chairman Ernest Coulthard, Life Vice Presidents, April Lawn who is inspirational, all the Council Members, Lindsay for all her work on our finances, Penny Eminson for heading up the upcoming Yearbook ably supported by April and Anna, Area Reps, Sarah Evans for the very popular Annual Points Awards ably assisted behind the scene by Matt Mason and to you, all our Members who have continued to support the Breed/Society over the last twelve months.

We have lots already planned for 2025 so watch this space.

I am really proud to say that I am Chairman of this Society.

Thank you

Honorary Secretary's Report

This year's AGM marks just over two years since I started in my role and just over one year since I also took over the passport administration work for the Society. I hope that Members have seen the benefits of bringing this work back in house, giving you back one point of contact and dealing with your enquiries in as timely a manner as possible. The change has enabled development of Society processes and procedures, to ensure consistency and efficiency across the work that we undertake for you as Members.

Members completing transfers and foal registrations will see new tick boxes on the forms related to GDPR preferences, please ensure you're selecting one of the options before returning forms to us. We're continuing to migrate processes online wherever possible and have recently revised the Members' Handbook which is now published on our website. Work is also currently underway looking at online show entry platforms. Many

members are preferring the ease of online services but rest assured, your yearbooks will still arrive in printed form and all documents are available in print on request.

Defra have been working on a new equine identification project which will see a digital equine traceability system. It's likely that soon, legislation will be put in place, ensuring equine movements are recorded much like those of other livestock, particularly for any overnight shows or events where the equine is away from where they are usually kept. Premises that keep equines will be required to register and county parish holding numbers will be used where they are already in place for farms and smallholdings. Recent changes to Government have slowed the introduction of the new legislation, but it is a matter of when, not if, it will be introduced. As soon as we receive further information, we will inform all members. In the meantime, it is important that you ensure we hold up to date information on our system about the ponies under your ownership. Don't forget that it is a legal requirement to notify us of any changes of ownership, castrations or deaths of ponies.

Grassroots, our online members' system, is a fantastic resource to check the information we hold about you and the ponies you have under your ownership. You can view ponies for sale and standing at stud, or make changes to your information including adding your CPH number online. All members can log in with your membership number and password that you have been sent using the link on our website. Please do use this resource and ensure all is up to date ahead of the legislation changes Defra are planning. Should you have any problems logging in, or do not have online access, please get in touch.

Noticeable changes have taken place to our stallion licensing process. The age in which colts can be put forward for a licence has been lowered from their third year to their second year. We hope this encourages colt owners to keep them entire for longer, making collection of genetic resources for artificial insemination ahead of, or at, castration more feasible. The stallion licensing veterinary report form has also been updated to meet stringent industry standards.

Our new stallion service logs have been used for the first time this season, allowing a quicker and more cost-effective return for stallion owners and allowing the Society to more easily identify animals born via artificial insemination or other such methods. The increased use of artificial insemination and reproductive storage is opening up a world of possibilities. Dales pony semen is being sold across the world and offers good prospects for breeders looking to benefit from diversifying into such options, particularly as we are seeing a rise in overseas registrations and memberships.

The Rare Breed Survival Trust status of our breed remains as 'Priority', in other words critically endangered. We know that with every generation bred, the rate of inbreeding within the breed increases and genetic diversity is lost. It is imperative that we try to breed from as many individual ponies in the stud book as possible to retain genetics within the breed, we must move away from the overuse of individual stallions and look for alternative mating choices where they are feasible. The changes we have made to the stallion processes and procedures go some way towards encouraging the use of more ponies as stallions. Most importantly, we must ensure that we continue to breed foals that are true to type and breed standard each year.

The introduction of Andy Dells' SPARKS conservation breeding tool for our ponies early last year has shown great promise, with hundreds of mare sheets requested. SPARKS works to maximise the retention of genetic diversity within the breed and to slow the level of inbreeding. 2024 has seen the first foals born through mating choices aided with the SPARKS tool. While we are still registering this year's foals and at present do not have final figures, we can see some positive indicative data. Foals born in 2023, which had no access to SPARKS data, resulted in 25% of registrations born through recommended green or yellow matches. In 2024, this figure currently stands at an increased 32.5%. There has been a shift in foals born through green matings from 12% in 2023 to 22% in 2024. This is a great step towards aiding the breed's survival.

Sales of youngstock has slowed slightly in comparison to the bustling covid years, but ridden ponies are still in high demand. Dales ponies have once again seen huge success throughout the year in show rings up and down the country, but also in a diverse array of different disciplines, proving their title as the great allrounder. Breeders can enhance prices they receive for youngstock by increasing handling and saleability of their stock. The British Horse Foundation introduced their 'Better Beginnings' initiative earlier in the year, with useful guidance to all breeders and owners of young ponies, which is well worth a read.

Our 2023 stud book, Volume 42, is available to buy this evening. In 2023 we registered 166 Dales Ponies to our stud book from across the world, our 4th highest ever number of registrations. 141 of these ponies were registered within the UK, which consisted of: 61 Section A colts; 64 Section A fillies; 2 Section A geldings; 3 Section B fillies and 10 Section B geldings. There was also one Section X filly, who was out of a Section X mare.

Overseas registrations consisted of: 4 Section A colts, 2 Section A fillies and 1 Section B gelding in Europe; with 6 Section A colts, 7 Section A fillies, 1 Section A gelding, 1 Section B filly, 1 Section B gelding, and 1 Section X gelding who was by an unlicensed stallion in North America. We also registered 1 Section A filly in Australia. 5 registrations entered our part bred register during the year.

18 stallions were licensed in 2023, 15 in the UK, 2 in North America and 1 in Australia. All of these stallions were tested clear of FIS. Our current rate of FIS carriers amongst the population of ponies tested is 13%, slightly lower than last year. However, this figure is becoming less of an indicator of FIS prevalence in the breed as targeted testing of potential carriers is undertaken to a greater extent.

236 transfers of ownership were submitted in 2023, more than 2022, thanks to a drive for owners to update their records. Membership figures remain similar to 2023 at just over 500 members this year.

I'd like to thank all of our members for their continued support, particularly those I pester on a regular basis for photos and show results. The Society would not be where it is without our fantastic officials and volunteers, who dedicate hours and hours of time to the Society for all our benefits. A big thank you to you all, from calculating the points competition, to pony providers, helpers and hosts at the Judges' Assessment Day, show volunteers and organisers, our dedicated Judges' panel, stud visit hosts, yearbook contributors, Council Members, our President and Life Vice Presidents who all do varying roles. You all do huge amounts behind the scenes and the Society wouldn't operate as it does without your support. Thank you.

Treasurer's Report

The main focus of my job this last financial year was to implement the moving of the accounts across to Xero. Although this has been a steep learning curve for me, we have now carried out our first year-end fully computerised. My job is made easier by the accountant retained by the Society being able to see all of the relevant information he needs to sign off the accounts. Every receipt, bill and invoice are now available at the touch of a button. The only evidence I am now asked for is minutes of meetings if they are required. You will see from the 'Source and application of funds' sheet that we are using some slightly different headings which were inherited from PLS when they used Xero for their accounts.

Many members are now using BACs to transfer money to the Society. This makes it quick and easy for those with internet banking, but we are always happy to receive funds in whatever ways you find the easiest. There is one huge issue with BACs however and that is the identifying of the amounts as they come into the bank. Issues arise when members do not say what the money is for and in some cases, they are paying for different areas like entry fees and sponsorship in one go. If I could encourage people to email me to tell me where to direct money it would be useful. Likewise, when you are paying for someone else whose name is different than that on the bank account. By putting the member's number on the payment, I can usually tell what it is, but an email also helps.

Last year we raised our fees and I'm glad to say that we are no longer in a negative position, but this year are showing a net surplus of £4247.00. This was also helped by the large donations received from the Caldew Riding Club and the East Anglian Native Pony Show as well as some individual members who gifted us large amounts. Thank you!

The Grant from the Horserace Betting and Levy Board also increased by £500 to £10,000. Premiums paid out this year were much higher in number than last year and will hopefully continue to support members who breed ponies especially.

Our reserves are untouched this year and are there to ensure the work of the society could continue in the event of a crisis. With slightly higher interest rates we had a bigger return on our saved money, but not too much!

We have also managed to save some money on Insurance again and the shows continue to break even. Costs are still rising though, particularly postage, so we continue to look at ways of moving our services and newsletters online, although paper-based items are always available for those who want them.

We will continue this coming year to keep a keen eye on running costs and will be looking to make savings where we can. Our DNA database is increasing, and all potential stallions are now DNA tested. We will continue to support members with premiums when they have their foals FIS tested.

Fees will remain the same this year and we hope for a number of years to come.

Adoption of Accounts

Adoption of the accounts was proposed by Penny Eminson and seconded by Hilary Fawcett and agreed by the members present. The accounts were signed by the Chair.

Election of Auditors

It was proposed by the Treasurer that J T Rennie & Co continue as the Reporting Accountant and this was proposed by Penny Eminson and seconded by René Bradley and agreed by the members present.

Election of 4 Council Members

Confirmation of Returning Council Members to serve for 3 years.

As there had been no new nominations for the Council, the returning members were confirmed as:

Mr Ernest Coulthard, Kirkby Stephen, Cumbria

Mrs Janet James, Rugeley, Staffordshire

Miss Anna Pennell, Richmond, North Yorkshire

Mrs Helen Robinson, Clitheroe, Lancashire

Any Other Business:

There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 19:00 and was followed by presentation of special trophies, stallions to be awarded Premiums, Young Person Bursaries, Summer Show trophies, Points Competition awards, a raffle and refreshments.

Presentation of Special Trophies

Ernest Coulthard presented the Langrigg Cup for achievement by a Junior Member to Emma Eccles. Emma had achieved fantastic results throughout the year including winning the DPS Ridden Pony of the Year Final. Emma shows ponies in a highly professional manner and provides a good example to many.

On behalf of Robert Wall, Emma Eccles presented the Wall Family Trophy for exceptional service to the Society to Ian Graham. Janet James informed the meeting that Ian had done a lot of work for the Society over the years, had kept the Society in touch with policies and legislation and had made sure everything was in order. Ian had worked tirelessly as the previous Treasurer and continues to support the Society.

On behalf of the Pennell family, April Lawn presented the new Tudor Annie Trophy to Justine Jameson's Tarbarl Magic Cloud for achievement outside of the show ring in the current year. Tarbarl Magic Cloud is a young mare who qualified for the British Riding Club National Hunter Trial Championships and went clear at the final.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
The Dales Pony Society

No (if any)
1079619

Accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/09/2023	To	Period end date 31/08/2024
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Income

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Subscriptions	18,225	-	-	18,225	15,095
Donations	4,420	-	-	4,420	1,885
Activities for generating funds (registrations, shows etc)	20,274	-	-	20,274	19,641
Levy Grant	10,000	-	-	10,000	9,500
Interest receivable	419	-	-	419	165
Other Receipts	5,617	-	-	5,617	5,664
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	58,955	-	-	58,955	51,950
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	58,955	-	-	58,955	51,950
A3 Payments					
Cost of charitable activities	36,881	-	-	36,881	42,506
bank interest and charges	90	-	-	90	90
professional fees	337	-	-	337	493
Honoraria	16,000	-	-	16,000	10,584
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	53,308	-	-	53,308	53,673
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
new laptop	1,400	-	-	1,400	-
stock movement	-	-	-	-	1,478
Sub total	1,400	-	-	1,400	1,478
Total payments	54,708	-	-	54,708	55,151
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,247	-	-	4,247	- 3,201
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	52,074	-	-	52,074	55,275
Cash funds this year end	56,322	-	-	56,322	52,074

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	bank balances	56,225	-	-
	cash held	96	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	56,322	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	stock	4,013	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Trade Creditors	Unrestricted	60	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
Janet James	Janet James	19.3.25
E Coulthard	Ernest Coulthard	21.3.25

Date: 1st November 2024

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Emailed to Lindsay Knight



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FEE NOTE

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To fee for professional services as follows: -

Completion of independent examination of accounts for year ended 31st
August 2024 from the information and explanations supplied to us:

£ [REDACTED]

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VAT @ 20% £ [REDACTED]

£ [REDACTED]

Payment Terms – 14 Days

To pay by BACS:

Account Name: J T Rennie & Co, Sort Code: 30-25-88, Acc No: 00416268

VAT REG.NO. 402 8125 90

THE DALES PONY SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 1079619

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Chairperson's Report

2023 has seen another year of major change and moving forward for the Society.

Your Council have worked tirelessly throughout the year, hosting and enabling lots of events; Andy Dell provided us with our SPARKS data enabling us to host a SPARKS seminar for our Members at Barnard Castle, April took the lead on explaining the system and the benefits of this tool for the Society. On the 1st April we had our well attended Roadshow at the Unicorn Centre, Stow, with the Dartmoors, Exmoors, Fells & Highlands. Thanks to Rodger James and to our pony providers Sarah Evans & Matt Mason, Megan Goff and Lynette Morrison. Lynette as many will know has also been busy with our merchandise sales. This day was both educational and enjoyable for Members and Non-Members of all the Breeds involved. The Roadshow was followed up for the Dales Society with April Lawn delivering a SPARKS presentation for our Southern Members and others that hadn't been able to attend the first event.

Our Judges Assessment at Home Farm, Richmond went well with four applicants taken forward to probation, two have completed their probation requirements and have now been added to the B Panel, along with Lucy Jones who completed her requirements from the previous assessment. The other two from the 2023 assessment move forward to a second year of probations in 2024.

After that we had our Spring Stallion Show, Kate Waite & Co ensured the promotion of the Show, we saw increased entries and sponsorship, as well as the smooth running on the day! With Stephen Longstaff along with Ernest Coulthard and Charlie Parker taking on the lead for the set up and dismantling. A great Show and lots of camaraderie throughout. Thanks go to Kim Evans who stood in this year to take photos as Kevin Owens had prior commitments.

Jamie Cockbain represented the Society at the Rare Breeds Survival Trust Event at the RHEGED on the 18th May. So important that we are represented at such events.

Your Area Reps have been busy throughout the season promoting the Society in all disciplines as well as social events, including Lynsey Swales has endeavoured to get all on board with her "Have a Go Show" whilst Mary Roach with her photo Show has engaged with our International Members, both so important.

Ian Graham ensured a seam free handover to Lindsay Knight in her treasurer role.

July saw a huge change with the Society taking back full ownership of the admin for the Society from PLS. This has streamlined the processes and enabled us to return to a one stop service for our Members and others. Thanks must go particularly to April and Lindsay Knight for this but also to LVP's Jill Graham and Jo Ashby who were also key in the planning.

Our 2023 Stud Visits went extremely well, thanks go to David & Irene Lovegreen, the Pennell Family and Helen and Mark Snowden for hosting and all supporting these, especially our President Jeff Daley who added value to the events.

Despite the weather our Summer Show was well attended, lovely ponies forward and numbers up on recent years.

Ian Graham delivered a joint trustee training event for the Dales & Fell Pony Societies on the 12th September. This was most informative and brought those present up to speed with requirements and these details have been cascaded.

At HOYS we had a good selection of Dales ponies forward and congratulations go to Ernest Coulthard for breeding Langrigg Thomas winner of the Dales Section, interestingly exhibited by a producer better known for having plaited show ponies, as well the Pennell Family for taking the Breeders award for the Dales. Thanks go to all who have shown our Dales ponies or taken part in events showing the Breed to be the true all-rounder throughout the Country during the year.

Our 2023 Educational & Training Bursary Awards have attracted good support, thanks to Anna Pennell for promoting this competition , winners will be announced later in the Meeting.

April has worked tirelessly throughout the year including in more recent weeks a late notified requirement from Grassroots which she devoted many hours to ensuring completion and our compliance, huge thanks April!

Again, for this weekend it has been great to have so much support from everyone; Stephen Longstaff and Anna Pennell, we appreciate you organising the Supper Dance and Kate Waite and Richard for organising this morning's Foal & Yearling Show, Colin Turner for judging this for us, and Lucy Jones for all the fabulous photos, and all taking part and spectating the entries were excellent!

My special thanks go to our President Jeff Daley, my Vice Chairman Ernest Coulthard, our Life Vice Presidents, April Lawn who is inspirational, all the Council Members, Lindsay for all her work on our finances, Penny Eminson for heading up the upcoming Year Book ably supported by April and Anna, Area Reps, Sarah Evans for the very popular Annual Points Awards ably assisted behind the scene by Matt Mason and to you, all our Members who have continued to support the Breed/Society over the last twelve months.

We have lots already planned for 2024 so watch this space.

I am SO proud to say that I am Chairman of this Society.

Thank you

Honorary Secretary's Report

What a first year in post it's been. The Society has seen another year of significant change in 2023, but I do believe firmly for the better. I didn't envisage this time last year that I'd also be undertaking the passport administration work for the Society that Pedigree Livestock Services were previously delivering. However, it became clear early on that lots of efficiencies could be made by bringing this work back in house. The main benefit being to give Members back one point of contact, to ensure dealings with the Society are as timely and productive as possible.

I continue to encourage members to get in touch with me with any questions, not forgetting the vast community of other Officers, Council Members and Volunteers within the Society, that are always willing to assist in varying matters. I'd like to thank all of the Members of the Society that help in their roles, big or small, it is all hugely appreciated and the Society simply wouldn't exist without you.

Spring was incredibly busy, with the final in the series of the educational Native Pony Roadshows held in the South, a fantastic experience for members and non-members to learn all about the breed. There was also an Assessment Day for new Judges, along with introduction of the SPARKS breeding tool at Breeders' Conventions; and the publication of the all new Society Yearbook, reflecting on the year gone by. The Yearbook has given us a splendid account to display on our shelves for years to come, here's to many more editions and with particular thanks to Penny Eminson and the yearbook team for the hours spent producing it. Events continued as we moved into Summer with fantastic entries at the Society shows, well attended stud visits and busy area events across the Country.

Working successfully across other rare equine breeds, the SPARKS genetics breeding tool was kindly run for Dales Ponies for the first time by its creator, Andy Dell. Based on genetics conservation tools used for rare species by zoos across the world, it provides a genetics tool for Dales breeders to maximise the retention of genetic diversity within the breed and to slow the level of inbreeding.

Working as one tool alongside the good decisions of breeders for usual breeding traits such as type and movement, the tool has potential to be incredibly powerful in aiding the survival of our much loved breed. To date over 300 mare sheets have been requested for mares of breeding age, a fantastic figure and if just a

proportion of these use recommended future mating matches, we are on the right steps to securing the breed's future.

2024 will see the first foals born through mating choices aided with the SPARKS tool. This will provide us with our first set of reliable figures; however, there are some indicators we can already consider. Foal registrations for 2023, which had no access to SPARKS data, so far show just 25% of foals being born through SPARKS recommended matches, with 75% of foals born being of a higher inbreeding rate than is desired or causing genetic dilution within the breed. When we look at mating records received so far in 2023 for potential foals in 2024, we can see over 40% of matches are using good SPARKS recommendations, plus far fewer highly inbred matches. For any of you that missed the Breeders' Conventions, an article will be included in the new yearbook or don't hesitate to get in touch for more information.

Our 2022 stud book, Volume 41, is available to buy this evening. In 2022 we registered 117 ponies to our UK stud book, these registrations consisted of: 35 Section A colts; 59 Section A fillies; 5 Section A geldings; 11 Section B fillies and 4 Section B geldings. There was also one Section X colt who was out of a Section X mare and two Section X fillies, one out of a Section X mare and one by an unlicensed stallion.

Overseas registrations consisted of: 3 Section A colts and 3 Section A fillies in Europe, with 6 Section A colts, 8 Section A fillies and 1 Section B gelding in North America. This brought total registrations of pure bred Dales ponies across the world to 138 ponies in 2022. 11 registrations entered our part bred register during the year.

There was a clear skew of female registrations to male in 2022; skews in sex born can be caused by high inbreeding rates within a breed and is something we need to keep a close eye on moving forward.

9 UK stallions were licensed in the year, one of which under a provisional licence under our licensing of colts out of Section B mares policy. All of these stallions were tested clear of FIS. Our current rate of FIS carriers amongst the population of ponies tested is 14.6%, slightly higher than last year's 14%. However, this figure is becoming less of an indicator of FIS prevalence in the breed as targeted testing of potential carriers is undertaken to a greater extent.

152 transfers of ownership were submitted in 2022, less than 2021 following a peak after covid restrictions were lifted, but still a good figure. The market remains strong for well-produced all-rounders and I'm always receiving calls and messages from people looking for their next pony. Many of these calls are from people new to the breed and looking for their first Dales, it's always nice to see a transfer come in from a new member keen to join the Society. Membership figures remain similar to 2022 at just over 500 members this year.

I look forward to meeting more of you in 2024 as I'm slowly putting more names to faces. It promises to be another busy year for our much loved breed.

Treasurer's Report

Against a background of 10% inflation and continued pressure on the personal finances of those who wish to keep ponies we have maintained our finances, and in many cases increased them throughout the year. The work put in by volunteers to run and support the shows, stud visits, social occasions, educational talks, promotion of the breed at various venues and the judges means that we are able to keep as high a profile as possible.

Our income comes from our membership with extra support in the form of a grant from the Horserace Betting Levy Board (HBLB). Without either of these sources remaining secure we would not be able to run the Society or provide passports for ponies. Membership has remained fairly constant over the years with 511 members joining or rejoining this year which is a rise of approximately 20 members over 2022. However we do know that membership fluctuates by this amount yearly and remains relatively stable. The grant from the HBLB this year was £9,500 and is used to support the work of promoting and supporting the breed, some of which is paid to breeders in the form of premiums to help them maintain and improve the breed.

Our reserves are untouched this year and are there to ensure the work of the society could continue in the event of a crisis. The pandemic was such a crisis and we were lucky that we came through that period without having to

use reserves to any great extent. Compared to many other Pony Societies we carry very low reserves. However as a Charity we aim to use all of our yearly income to support the work we do over the year. This means that members know their money is actively used to support them and the activities we run over the year.

Income this year has risen considerably over 2022. We made a real effort to get sponsorship for all of the classes at the breed shows and for the first time in many years the shows did not make a loss. We also changed suppliers for rosettes and sashes saving us money. With more entries at the shows we also made more money on raffles and sales, and social events were well supported this year. We had a larger number of foals registered and more transfers went through. This reflects a more secure and stable market as the pandemic recedes and things return to a more normal way of working. The HBLB grant also increased by £500 this year. We also carried out an insurance review and were able to lower the premium without loss of cover.

Having finished last year's balance sheet with a small loss this year we have made a larger loss now standing at -£1722.80. This is despite all the good work carried on by members to raise funds. The main areas where our budget has increased are to do with the way we now run our services. We decided to move away from PLS who were providing our registration and membership services and take those services back in-house. This meant an increase in the Honoraria we paid to the Honorary Secretary to reflect the increase in work. We expect this to save us money in the 2024 financial year however and provide a better service to members. Other costs have also increased including printing, consumables and particularly postage which has gone up considerably. We hope that having the Secretarial service in house will cut down on any duplication that may have occurred when we were contracted out. This is where the main effects of inflation can be seen.

We aim this year to keep a keen eye on running costs and will be looking to make savings where we can. We will continue to build up our DNA database and will be using the HBLB grant to support this. Premiums awarded to mares having foals this year will support matings designated green or yellow on SPARKS to support our aim to protect the genetic diversity in the breed.

Council have considered our financial position this year at some length and this has led to the conclusion that we need to increase our fees. We have already notified members of the increase in membership subscriptions for 2024. From January 2024 other fees and tariffs will apply to many of the services we provide to pony owners and breeders. We have tried to keep the rise as reasonable as possible and have compared ourselves to other societies to make sure we are in line with what they charge.

Source and Application of Funds			31st August 2023		
2022	Receipts	2023	2022	Payments	2023
14,480.43	Subscriptions 2022/2023	15,095.24	145.00	Stud Book Printing	170.00
278.00	Show Affiliations	512.00	110.00	Catalogues Setting-up and Printing	320.00
4,081.17	Registrations	5,058.12	1,351.00	Newsletter Printing & Despatch	611.00
745.00	Stallion Licences	1,230.00	1,319.74	General Printing	1,748.93
120.00	Prefix Registrations	597.52	2,374.00	Postage	4,430.86
3,800.28	Transfers	5,183.03	851.44	Meeting Expenses	1,215.97
943.00	Sales of Goods	1,525.89	2,750.00	Honoraria	10,584.00
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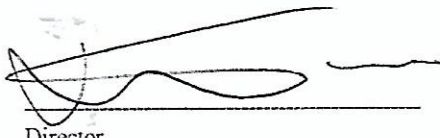
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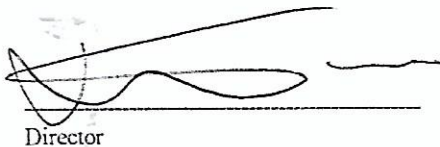
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Chairperson's Report

2022 has been another year of change and moving forward for the Society.

The Council and Officers have worked together as a team. Meetings have been a mix of zoom and face to face meetings.

Kate Waite has made an excellent job with her first year as Show Secretary, supported by her husband Richard, Daughter Kate, and the Council Show Group, with help on the set-up from Amy & Richard Balmer and Charlie Parker. Show numbers have been down slightly since covid however, the camaraderie has been excellent and some nice ponies forward. The trend on numbers has been countrywide and must be in part due to the economic uncertainty.

Dales have been represented at the three Rare Breed Roadshows; Middlesborough, West Lothian & Okehampton, thanks go to all who have played a part in these, speakers, pony providers and attendees.

Stud owners have kindly hosted open days for us; Caphouse, Carrock, Castle Hill, Griseburn, Highclose, Kynaston, Pennybrook, Rosebarr and Sunglow. All fabulous days and we really do appreciate the hard work that went into hosting these.

Area Reps have been busy with events and shows, Dave Sanders and Val Strong have resurrected classes and a show for their members. All Areas have worked hard for the members, not just those interested in showing.

Congratulations must go to Andrew & Helen Horn as breeders of Griseburn Major, on taking the overall M&M Championship at the 2022 Horse of the Year Show (HOYS) and recognising the hard work and dedication of Joe Watson & Rob McIver. I was fortunate to be sitting in a prime area that evening and it was a very proud moment!

Thanks go to all those who have flown the flag contesting shows countrywide, including the Pennell family had an excellent time at HOYS achieving numerous top placings in the Dales and Junior Ridden classes. Shows are the place to showcase our ponies however, we are so fortunate to be well represented in many spheres; dressage, endurance, pleasure rides, snigging, and many other areas in between.

PLS continue to build on their knowledge and relationships with our members. We have been most fortunate that Jo Ashby has continued to support them following the handover and provide guidance for us. I'm appreciative of the work done by Claire Crow during her six months as Honorary Secretary. Jill Graham has worked hard throughout the year and been a great support to myself and the Council. As you know Ian Graham returned as treasurer on a temporary basis and continued as Company Secretary. Ian is about to relinquish this demanding role, handing it over to Lindsay Knight. A hard act to follow Lindsay but we know that Ian will be there to support you!

The Society has been pleased to welcome April Hughes into her new role and great that she has settled in so quickly. Many of you will know April from her previous involvement with the Young Committee and the Midlands Area.

For this weekend it has been great to have so much support from everyone; Stephen Longstaff & Anna Pennell, we appreciate you organising the Supper Dance and Kate Waite for arranging this morning's Foal Show.

My personal thanks go to our President Jeff Daley, Life Vice Presidents, Council especially those who have taken on sub-group responsibilities, Penny Eminson for heading up the Newsletters and upcoming Year Book, Sarah Evans for the very popular Annual Points Awards and to you, all the members who have continued to support the Breed over the last twelve months.

Thank you

Honorary Secretary's Report

I'd like to start by thanking you all for the warm welcome I've received to my new role as Honorary Secretary within the Society, it's a pleasure to be able to play my part in preserving the breed that I so love. I gained some insight to the tremendous amount of behind the scenes work that takes place by so many when I was a member of the Society's Young Committee, but it's only now that I truly appreciate the scale of input required to operate on behalf of our Members, alongside meeting ever changing legislation.

I must express my gratitude to those who have kept the administrative side of the Society running through another year of turbulence, and for the seamless handover they are giving me. In particular Jo, Jill, Ian, Janet and Lindsay, there will perhaps be a week, in the not too distant future, where I don't have to pick your brains about one matter or another. Although I'm well aware that it's unlikely I'll ever become such a fountain of Dales Pony knowledge as Jo and I hope she'll accept my forgiveness in advance for the questioning that lies ahead.

Thanks also to Penny for last minute production of Members' newsletters and for the heads up on just how long it takes to stuff 500 envelopes! The team behind the new yearbook are busy shaping articles and it promises to be a lovely keepsake to reflect on 2022 with our fantastic ponies, across all disciplines. Please do continue to send us any updated contact details including email addresses, as we endeavour to keep you well informed of upcoming Society events.

We continue to develop the working relationship we hold with the team at Pedigree Livestock Services, who having now been through an annual cycle of Society administration, are becoming more familiar to us all. Following a visit to the PLS offices, we will be looking into any efficiencies that can be made across our processes and continuing the shift of the Society to a more digital facing world.

Whilst the Society as a whole has been undergoing change over the past few years, 2021 figures from the newly available Volume 40 of the studbook, show a move back towards normality following Covid.

In the UK in 2021, we registered 41 Section A colts, 53 Section A fillies and 2 Section A geldings. 4 Section B fillies were registered, along with 7 Section B geldings. Registered as Section X, were 1 colt which was by an unlicensed stallion and 1 filly which was out of a Section X mare. This resulted in a UK total of 109 foals entered into the studbook, up slightly on 2020.

9 UK stallions were licenced in the year, all having been tested clear of the FIS gene. One of these stallions was licensed provisionally under the new ruling for licensing correctly marked colts out of Section B mares, agreed by the Council to maintain genetic diversity. 3 stallions were licensed in North America.

Overseas registrations totalled 21 ponies, comprised of 4 colts and 4 fillies in Europe, and 5 colts, 4 fillies and 4 geldings in North America. This gives a total of 130 registrations overall.

Part bred registrations comprised 6 colts and 5 fillies in the UK, 1 colt in Europe and 2 fillies in North America.

Following lower numbers in 2020, undoubtedly due to Covid restrictions, transfers were back to more normal levels in 2021. There were UK transfers of 5 stallions, 27 colts, 85 mares, and 46 geldings. Alongside 47 international transfers.

FIS testing has continued throughout the year, with grant payments in place for all breeding stock. The rate of carriers vs. non carriers remains at about 14% in the breed, meaning measures taken have prevented an increase in the faulty gene in the population.

Membership numbers have remained steady on last year at just over 500, after a slight dip during 2020 due to Covid. As ever, it would be fantastic to see greater membership figures.

I look to you all as Members to assist me in this journey. We're all here because of our love of Dales Ponies, we must pull together to ensure the preservation of a genetically diverse, true to type, fantastic breed. A Society's Members and volunteers are what make an effective organisation; from newsletters to shows, to area events and stud visits. It all forms part of a Society for us all to enjoy, and all efforts are appreciated.

Finally, please don't hesitate to get in touch, whether it be an administrative enquiry, to have a chat about your ponies, or to share an interesting historical article. I look forward to seeing how, together, we can progress the Society for the better of the breed.

Treasurer's Report

In July the Council appointed me the new treasurer to take over from Ian Graham. The transition has been slow due to the bank mandate still being unavailable. Ian and I will continue to work together to ensure a smooth takeover when the mandate comes through.

For the first time in a number of years, the Society is showing a loss on the Balance Sheet. Although it only shows £170, it should have been in the region of £2,400 as the Society should have spent the additional grant money of £2,250 that was given to the Society when the Horserace Betting Levy Board changed its timetable for issuing the grants. This change was reported to the Council by the Secretary at the time in the previous financial year.

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In addition, the latest submission to HBLB on the expenditure of the grant includes a statement that the additional £2,250 which the Society received will be distributed in the current financial year.

Subscriptions have remained about the same as in previous years, but transfers had reduced, however registrations had increased but not enough to compensate for the loss of trading most likely due to the insecurity of the financial situation in the country due to the recent pandemic. The reduction in FIS testing was expected as the catch up on older animals is reducing. However, the testing premiums identified in the previous financial year were paid out in this financial year, but this was planned expenditure in previous submissions to the HBLB.

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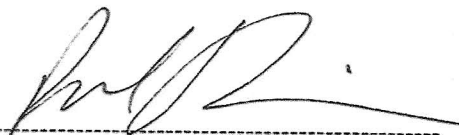
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On Behalf of J T Rennie & Co
Reporting Accountant

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Mrs Janet James

THE DALES PONY SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 1079619

Accounts

Dales Pony Society Annual General Meeting – November 2021 – Combined Reports

Chairperson's Report

What a year! All Council and Officers embraced Zoom Meetings. We have had monthly meetings, slightly more regular than in previous years, plus Face-to-Face meetings for interviews for Honorary Secretary and Pedigree Livestock Services (PLS).

The Zoom meetings have worked well in this difficult and challenging year. Having not had a show since Spring 2019, our Spring Show had to be cancelled due to Covid constraints, but we were fortunate in that we were able to incorporate it into our Festival at Richmond in June, even though spectators were not permitted.

Our Summer Show went well although entries were down from 2018 but spectators were allowed to attend. There was great camaraderie and we had positive feedback- which for Council was great. Thanks, in particular, to René Bradley, Ian Graham and Penny Eminson for their hard work towards these shows.

Our members and their ponies have showcased our Breed around the country in all disciplines, including a mentionable achievement by the Pennell family qualifying a record number of ponies for Horse of the Year Show with various owners. Well done all! We are immensely proud of what you all have achieved.

2021 has certainly been a time for change. As you know Jo Ashby has stepped down as our long-standing Secretary, though I am glad to say, considering her last official day was 31 August, she has spent a lot of time since supporting PLS as well as time with our Honorary Secretary to ensure a smooth transfer and great customer service for our members and all.

As you know, 31 August saw the last official day for Jill Graham – she too has continued to support the Society. Claire Crow now holds the position of Honorary Secretary and is building up her knowledge, primarily supported by Jill and Jo.

We have recently had a successful Judge's Assessment Day at Nipna Rare Breeds Farm, where Mr and Mrs Pennell, Anna and Laura made us more than welcome. We originally had eight applicants but due to circumstances only four came forward. Thanks to all who were there – a highlight of the year for me. Our next assessment will be in 2023, if enough interest, but earlier if there is a surge in candidates.

We have also welcomed two new Life Vice Presidents, Keith Metcalf and Robert Wall, in recognition of what they have done for the Society. Moving forward, we have already started to link with our Area Representatives and will be scheduling our first Zoom meeting very soon.

Following a presentation to Council, we hope to arrange a virtual presentation from Dr. Andy Dell on genetics and breeding over the Winter months. We are planning Stud Visits for 2022, dates to be confirmed, mainly in the surrounding area, but as far afield as Cornwall and Surrey – so watch this space.

Kate Waite will be taking on the role of Show Secretary, working alongside Council and a small sub-group. Thanks to René Bradley for her work as Show Secretary.

My personal thanks, for their support over the past twelve months go to:

Council Members; President Jeff Daley; Life Vice Presidents; Officers: Jo, Jill and Ian;

those behind the scenes: Marion Lowe for merchandise sales, Sue Webster Affiliations Secretary, Grace Snowdon for the Dales Despatch and more recently as Native News Representative;

Anyone and everyone who has helped and supported our Breed over the past twelve months.

I will conclude by saying that we will be moving to a blend of meetings for Council, some face-to-face and others by Zoom.

General Secretary's Report

It is good to see members face to face again at this AGM, following last year's postal AGM due to the coronavirus pandemic, which is still lingering on although thanks to the vaccination programmes, at least there is more normality to life generally.

The Spring Show was scheduled to take place on the first Saturday in May, its normal date, however this was before restrictions were lifted, and it was eventually postponed and re-arranged to run as a separate show at Richmond Equestrian Centre alongside the Dales Pony Festival on June 26th. The Summer Show ran as normal at Streatlam on August 7th, and although pony numbers were well down at these events, members appreciated being out and about again and able to have a good catch up with friends and fellow members. Hopefully 2022 shows will see a return to pre pandemic numbers at the Breed Shows, and the Dales Pony Festival will take place again in June at a new venue, Camden Equestrian Centre near York. This is an excellent venue with good stabling, and many thanks to Freda and Ritchie Longstaff for arranging the booking for us. We hope to see a much increased entry in 2022 if this show is to remain a permanent feature on the Society calendar. Sadly it was deemed wiser to forego the Supper Dance this year, as with the onset of winter, Coronavirus cases were increasing rapidly, however we hope this event will be back, bigger and better than ever next year.

Council has continued to work throughout the pandemic, firstly by email and then by the introduction of Zoom for Council meetings which has been very successful, with meetings now being held monthly. It is likely that in the future Council meetings will be a mix of Zoom and some face to face, making it much more possible for members from further afield to become Council members by limiting physical travelling and saving time and money as well as contributing to the green agenda.

I have been dismayed this year by the amount of time the Council and Officers have had to spend dealing with complaints and grievances mostly caused by rude, thoughtless and provoking comments made on social media platforms, particularly Facebook. Can I please ask members to think very carefully about what they say on these platforms and forums. In common with most other Societies, the DPS has a Social Media and Electronic Communications Policy, which is published on the website and was published again in full again in the Autumn Despatch. We expect all members to abide by this, and also the Members Code of Conduct published in the Members Handbook. All members, their families, officials and volunteers must be treated with courtesy and respect at all times, including on social media, and the Society will not tolerate abuse or bullying of any kind.

There has been a tremendous amount of work going on behind the scenes this year as we prepared for the administrative changes brought about by Jo Ashby's retirement after over 30 years as Secretary. The changes have been well publicised and all members should now be aware of the new structure. We are delighted that Pedigree Livestock Services, who are represented here tonight by Alison and Lucie, are providing us with excellent service in dealing with registrations, passports, transfers, memberships and all other database related activities and feedback from members has so far been excellent. We are also delighted to welcome Claire Crow as the new Honorary Secretary for the Society, looking after all other Society matters.

I would like to mention the Ridden Pony of the Year competition. In years gone by this was a hotly contested and prestigious event, but in recent years numbers have dwindled. Despite a relaunch of the competition last year, with lovely new qualifying rosettes, substantial prize money and a new high profile venue for the final, out of the seven ponies eligible to compete disappointingly only one entered. It may well be that this competition has run its course and is no longer of interest to members, and this was debated by Council recently. It was agreed to give it one last shot, and

increase the number of qualifying shows also, but if it is not supported in 2022, then it will be the last one. This really is a case of use it or lose it.

I would like to take this opportunity to offer sincere thanks to our outgoing Secretary, Jo Ashby, for all she has done for the breed, the Society and its members over the past 30 years. I have been helping out with some of the work for the past couple of years, to create enough time for Jo to prepare for the handover and an interesting and challenging experience it has been. Members should not underestimate just how much of her life Jo has given to the Society over the years, most of which is largely unseen. Jo & I will be helping out for a while yet, until the new team is fully established, and will continue to help the breed develop and move forward in the future, especially with the work on preserving genetic diversity within the breed which has just started with the help of Andy Dell from the Cleveland Bay Society. This is already influencing Council's thinking, and the change to stallion licencing to allow the provisional licencing of stallions out of Section B mares to broaden the stallion lines available is a direct result of data showing a serious narrowing of current stallion lines.

This will be my last report as General Secretary and I would like to thank Chairs Anne Alderson and Janet James for their help and support throughout my time as General Secretary, my long-suffering husband and DPS Treasurer Ian, and I'd also like to thank our Despatch Editor in Chief Grace Snowdon who works tirelessly producing our twice yearly magazine, Rene Bradley our retiring Show Secretary, Sue Webster for looking after the show affiliations, Penny Eminson for her help on show days and arranging printing, Marion Lowe for her help with selling merchandise and everyone else who willingly puts in time and effort to help run the Society.

Secretary's Report

In the time honoured tradition, I will begin with the registration numbers from 2020, all of which are published in Volume 39 of the studbook, which is newly printed and for sale here tonight.

In 2020 we registered 42 section A colts and 42 section A fillies. 3 fillies were registered in Section B, together with 10 colts and geldings. That is a UK total of 97 foals newly entered into the studbook.

10 stallions were licensed in the year, all having been tested clear of the FIS gene.

Overseas registrations comprised 3 colts and 2 fillies in Europe and 3 colts, 4 fillies and 1 gelding in North America. We also registered for the first time 1 colt and 1 filly in Australia. This gives 15 overseas registrations, and an overall total of 112 new registrations in the year.

1 stallion was licensed in Europe and 2 in North America.

Part bred registrations were all in the UK and were 1 colt, 5 fillies or mares and 2 geldings.

2020 was a fairly quiet year for transfers, no doubt due to the Covid lockdown, and 8 stallions, 28 colts, 66 mares and 47 geldings changed hands.

Membership was lower than usual during 2020 and only increased in the later part of this year, again probably due to shows being cancelled thanks to Covid. Membership is currently just under 500. I think most people would agree we need more members.

FIS testing has continued steadily during the year. Do not forget we now pay grant for testing fillies as well, and it is always a good selling point if the pony has FIS certificate prior to advertising. The rate of carriers versus non carriers remains at about 13 % in the breed, which is good to see – the measures we have taken have prevented an increase in this faulty gene in the population.

On this subject, there are numerous faulty genes in equines, and proliferation of problems caused by them is the worrying result of in-breeding in any closed studbook. There are concerns over the decreasing stallion lines in Dales ponies, due both the loss of breeders able and knowledgeable enough to keep their own stallions, and the overuse of fashionable lines which win in the show ring.

These concerns have prompted Council to have the studbook assessed for levels of in-breeding, with the help of Andy Dell. Andy did a lot of work to help rescue the Cleveland Bay from really dire straits, so his expertise is well tested. The "Sparks" system of assessing any possible matings for levels of in-breeding using a "traffic light" type rating is simple and easy to use and it is hoped to have this information for breeders prior to the 2022 breeding season. This should help sensible choices to be made.

It was with the importance of maintaining genetic diversity in mind that the Council agreed to license correctly marked section A colts from section B mares, and both upgraded and downgraded mares qualify. These colts will be issued with a provisional license and their offspring carefully limited and monitored before a full license is issued.

It is true that the rarer lines are sometimes not the top ponies, but genetic diversity is utterly vital in preventing the further rise of deleterious genetic disorders in Dales ponies. The breeders in history did not produce a wonderful sound working pony for us to ruin with the dictates of fashion and lack of knowledge when we have the ability to prevent it.

The HBLB grant was increased recently and the Council has been trying quite hard to spend this extra money on preserving some of the rarer stallion lines and also allowing easier access to a variety of stallions for our far-flung small breeders who have one or two mares. This has proved harder than it should have been but will be the subject of continuing effort.

So 2021 has been a difficult year, not least because of the changes to the administrative team due to the retirement of myself and Jill Graham. That this has been achieved is mainly due to the hard work put in by Jill and we should all be profoundly grateful for her energy and professional expertise – it has not been a simple exercise.

I am very happy with the excellent start made by the new team at PLS, keeping our treasured stud book safe, and members will be getting used to addressing questions and requests to Alison and Lucie, both of whom are here tonight – please do say hello to them, they are now part of the team. Any transfers and registration forms tonight should go to them.

Claire Crow, who has taken over the Society administration, is already well known to members, and is making good headway in learning the complex range of tasks to be carried out.

So it has been a tricky year, with the extra difficulties caused by Covid restrictions but business has continued with the help of Zoom. Council members have not had an easy time and we can but hope for a better year ahead. I would urge all members to have a little more respect for each other. Like it or not, we are all bound together by a common purpose, and our much admired breed of pony deserves better.

It was 34 years ago that I first had to give a report to the AGM as a newly appointed secretary and I have a strong memory of the fear and trepidation. I felt facing that room full of experts and being borderline phobic about public speaking – (and everything was read out those days, including the full minutes) You have listened politely to my ramblings ever since!

This last report has given me much thought and I have not found it easy to write – so many years, so many changes, and so many members no longer with us – but in the end, and at risk of sounding like a Sunday sermon, it comes down to telling you how thankful I am. Thankful to have had the job, Varied, unrelenting and often challenging work with great peaks and troughs; for being able to work with the historic studbook with its fascinating history, it is completely unique and so much to be safeguarded.

Thankful for the Council – Completely dependable in their support at all times and kindly forgiving of my many mistakes; -- and also for the Officers and volunteer helpers– all excellent, professional and in control.

Thankful for you the members – You are delightfully enthusiastic and charming, and for the most part polite and patient – I will miss all the phone conversations about your ponies.

Lastly I am thankful for the ponies themselves – Utterly wonderful, complicated and absorbing – Our capable, defiant survivors. Serving them these many years has been, with a doubt, an absolute honour.

Treasurer's Report

Due to the continuing situation of many changes in social and political conditions, for the second year running it has been difficult to make a comparison with previous years' financial positions.

The Society made a profit for the year of £6,828, only a marginal decrease from last year of £149. Although the first eight months continued to see the reduction in activities as in last year, the last four months saw increases in many areas due to reduction of several restrictions which had been in place for eighteen months.

Subscriptions made a recovery to the level seen in the 2019 financial year. Although there were slight decreases in Registrations and Stallion Licences, the number of Transfers gained momentum giving rise to an increase of £1,800. There was a slight increase in requests for FIS testing after the large reduction experienced in the last financial year and this also gave rise to an increase in both testing fees.

Revenue from Affiliations was exceptionally low, but this was because other organisations that started to run shows later in the year already had DPS Special rosettes purchased in previous years.

Donations reverted to a level that reflected the lack of activity in the earlier part of the year.

However, there were two major occurrences that contributed in a major way to the profit this year. The first was the retiming of the distribution of the Horserace Betting Levy Board grant by the advance of 25% early in the year but then followed by the full grant of £9,000 later in the year. This advance was to support organisations suffering from the economic climate during the early part of the year. The second was the transfer of £3,623 from the Centenary Fund donations from the control of the sub-committee to the main body of the Society. Much donated was specifically to advance the awareness of the Society, the Dales Ponies themselves and the development of the Society.

The main increases in General Printing were due to more printed information needed for last year's AGM and restocking of passport covers and pre-printed standard pages. Show Expenses returned to normal levels for holding both the Spring and Summer Shows plus a slight increase for the inclusion of some of the Performance Show activities.

The assets on the Balance Sheet are satisfactory and the Society is financially sound.

In addition to the normal activities, the Treasurer has taken part in discussions, undertaken investigations and given advice on the sub-contracting of Registrations, Transfers and Membership activities to a third party.

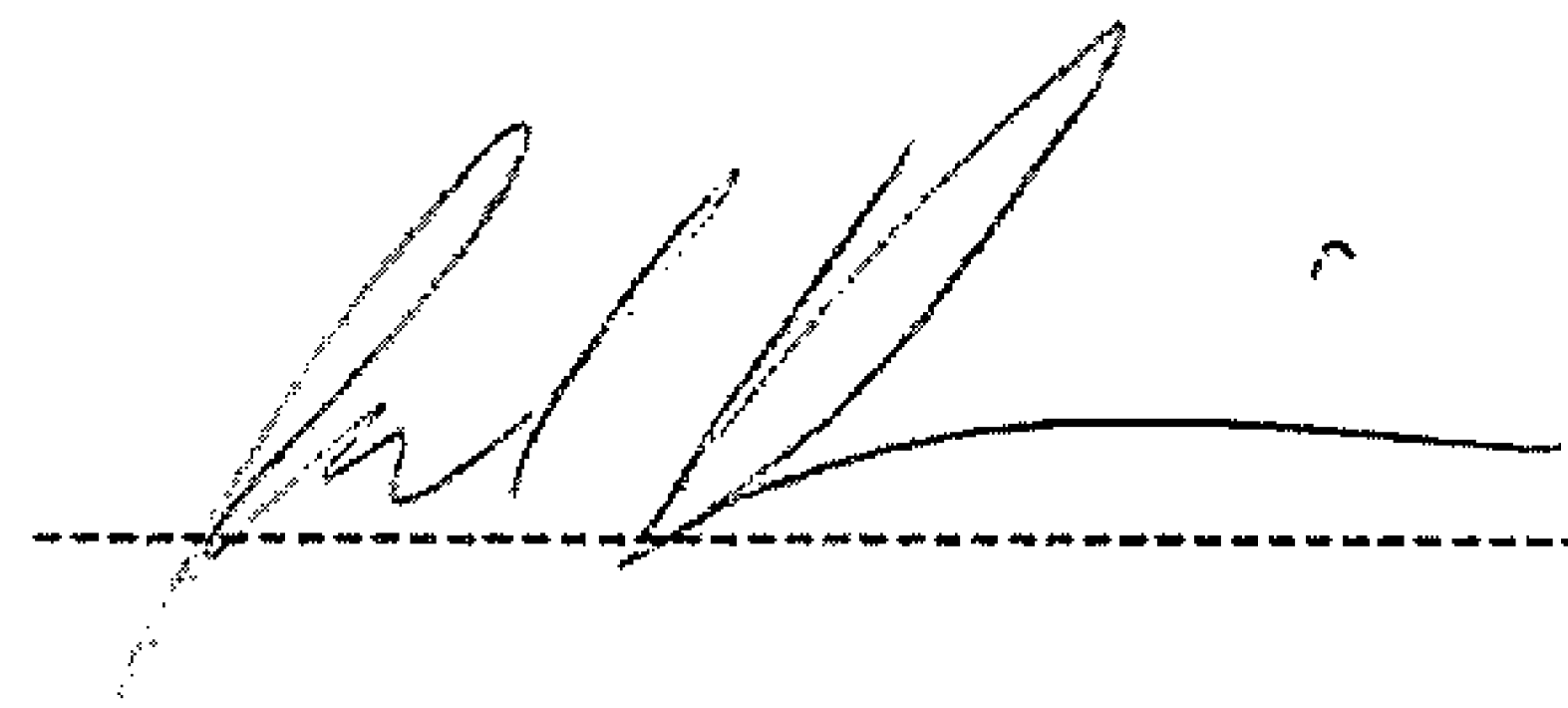
Due to the costs of last year's audit and the adoption of a financial package for future proofing the Treasurer role, the Council approved, under Section 485(3) of the Companies Act 2006, the recommendation of J T Rennie & Co for the Reporting Accountant for this financial year.

Source and Application of Funds			31st August 2021		
2020	Receipts	2021	2020	Payments	2021
30.00	Subscriptions 2019/2020	120.00	279.00	Stud Book Printing	178.00
11,741.72	Subscriptions 2020/2021	14,391.15	0.00	Catalogues Setting-up and Printing	78.00
0.00	Subscriptions 2021/2022	135.00	1,465.00	Newsletter Printing & Despatch	1,750.00
440.00	Show Affiliations	26.00	1,553.83	General Printing	2,597.00
3,382.62	Registrations	3,225.00	3,087.12	Postage and Telephone	3,702.58
1,339.48	Stallion Licences	1,075.00	579.30	Meeting Expenses	603.68
206.31	Prefix Registrations	376.02	10,000.00	Honoraria	10,000.00
3,660.32	Transfers	5,470.39	2,900.00	Colt & Stallion Premiums	2,120.00
1,200.03	Sales of Goods	451.50	2,000.12	Mare Premiums	3,840.00
615.00	Entry Fees	2,268.00	306.00	Affiliation Fees	345.00
0.00	Catalogue Sales and Gate Money	213.00	0.00	Accountant Fees	556.80
9,000.00	Betting Levy Board / Grants	11,250.00	147.50	Central Prefix Register Payments	195.00
1,068.50	Social Events	135.00	0.00	Prize Money	70.00
143.31	Income Virgin Money	36.69	61.98	Cups and Engraving	120.00
28.69	Income Business Premium Account	4.30	539.87	Rosettes and Numbers	1,213.09
3,843.64	Donations	372.00	2,719.57	Insurance (Events and Indemnity)	2,957.43
60.00	Sponsorships	320.00	611.00	Show Expenses	2,586.70
1,298.00	DNA / FIS Testing	1,845.00	363.80	Purchases of Sales Goods	176.45
120.00	Passports	120.00	67.50	Bank Charges	0.00
0.00	Centenary Fund Donations	3,622.67	1,524.81	DNA / FIS Testing	2,054.06
			251.20	Exhibitions and Events	0.00
			13.00	Companies House	26.00
			73.00	Refunds	301.40
			0.00	Office Equipment	228.54
			921.60	Stud Book Software	853.20
			450.00	Website Hosting / Domain Name	475.00
			1,195.60	FIS Testing Premiums	999.93
			89.99	Other Software	234.79
			0.00	Returned Cheques	70.00
			0.00	Stock Adjustment for Promotions	296.00
			31,200.79		38,628.65
			6,976.83	Profit for Year carried down	6,828.07
<u>38,177.62</u>		<u>45,456.72</u>	<u>38,177.62</u>		<u>45,456.72</u>

Balance Sheet at 31st August 2021					
2020	Liabilities	2021	2020	Assets	2021
44,064.20	Surplus as at 31st August 2020	51,041.03	2,987.55	Stock (at cost)	2,607.34
0.00	Deferred Income	111.11	19,189.74	Virgin Money	19,226.43
6,976.83	Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year	6,828.07	4,866.01	Barclays Bank Current Account	8,015.29
			23,766.20	Barclays Bank BPA	23,881.61
			0.00	Barclays Bank Community	3,622.67
			0.00	PayPal	0.00
			231.53	Cash in Hand	626.87
<u>51,041.03</u>		<u>57,980.21</u>	<u>51,041.03</u>		<u>57,980.21</u>

Notes
 Cash at Bank in Current Account is balance at 31 August 2021 (£8,015.29) less unrepresented cheques of none (£0.00)
 The above accounts do not reflect the 31 Challenge Cups held by the Society (insured value £8,700.00)

In my opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs at the 31 August 2021 and have been properly prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1985 applicable to small companies.



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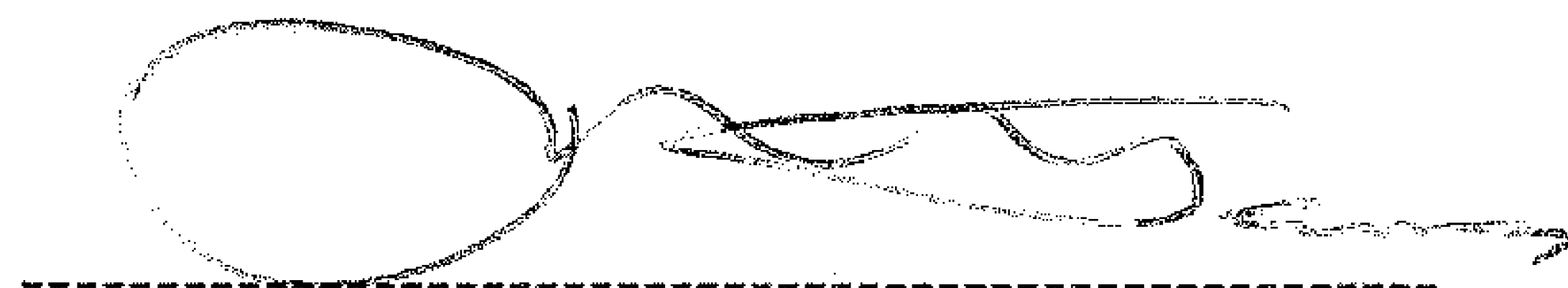
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