

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.

Also, in the previous financial year, the Treasurer provided Council with an estimate of the costs of transferring membership and registration processes to a third party. When it was agreed to proceed with the contract, it was recommended by the Treasurer that the subject of fund raising should be a major consideration during the year. Although, it was discussed on at least one occasion, no plans were put in place. The consequence of this is that unlike previous years, where the Society has been showing a profit of just under £7,000 per annum, it is now in a loss making position.

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.

We know that the shows are running at a loss and the cost of rosettes has risen considerably. Council has therefore discussed and approved the revival of looking for sponsorship to help support the shows.

For these three reasons alone, it is paramount that the Society puts in place plans to ensure that its operations are financed adequately. It will be an agenda item in the new year.

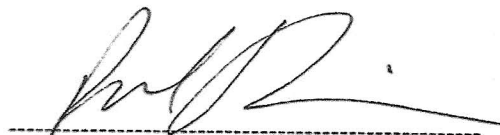
Source and Application of Funds			31st August 2022		
2021	Receipts	2022	2021	Payments	2022
120.00	Subscriptions 2020/2021	0.00	178.00	Stud Book Printing	145.00
14,391.15	Subscriptions 2021/2022	14,480.43	78.00	Catalogues Setting-up and Printing	110.00
135.00	Subscriptions 2022/2023	0.00	1,750.00	Newsletter Printing & Despatch	1,351.00
26.00	Show Affiliations	278.00	2,597.00	General Printing	1,319.74
3,225.00	Registrations	4,081.17	3,030.03	Postage	2,374.00
1,075.00	Stallion Licences	745.00	603.68	Meeting Expenses	851.44
376.02	Prefix Registrations	120.00	10,000.00	Honoraria	2,750.00
5,470.39	Transfers	3,800.28	2,120.00	Colt & Stallion Premiums	2,650.00
451.50	Sales of Goods	943.00	3,840.00	Mare Premiums	4,000.00
2,268.00	Entry Fees	3,614.00	345.00	Affiliation Fees	30.00
213.00	Catalogue Sales and Gate Money	704.00	556.80	Accountant Fees	720.00
11,250.00	Betting Levy Board / Grants	9,000.00	195.00	Central Prefix Register Payments	0.00
135.00	Social Events	741.35	70.00	Prize Money	260.00
36.69	Income Virgin Money	23.10	120.00	Cups and Engraving	217.72
4.30	Income Business Premium Account	3.39	1,213.09	Rosettes and Numbers	2,381.28
372.00	Donations and Event Contributions	2,674.35	2,957.43	Insurance (Events and Indemnity)	4,311.63
320.00	Sponsorships	440.00	2,586.70	Show Expenses	3,414.42
1,845.00	DNA / FIS Testing	1,265.00	176.45	Purchases of Sales Goods	94.99
120.00	Passports	675.00	90.00	Bank Charges	90.01
3,622.67	Centenary Fund Donations	0.00	2,054.06	DNA / FIS Testing	1,646.40
			0.00	Exhibitions, Events and Promotions	2,165.00
			26.00	Companies House	13.00
			301.40	Refunds	0.00
			228.54	Office Equipment	292.00
			853.20	Stud Book Software	1,489.20
			475.00	Website Hosting / Domain Name	483.60
			999.93	FIS Testing Premiums	2,199.88
			234.79	Accounting and Other Software	461.99
			70.00	Returned Cheques	0.00
			589.00	Telephone	235.99
			296.00	Stock Adjustment for Promotions	0.00
			0.00	Registration & Membership Services	7,700.00
			38,635.10		43,758.29
			6,821.62	Profit for Year carried down	-170.22
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Balance Sheet at 31st August 2022

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111.11	Deferred Income	0.00	19,226.43	Virgin Money	19,249.53
6,828.07	Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year	-170.22	8,015.29	Barclays Bank Current Account	12,689.59
			23,881.61	Barclays Bank BPA	20,885.00
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			626.87	Cash in Hand	377.62
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Notes Cash at Bank in Current Account is balance at 31 August 2022 (£12,981.59) less unpresented cheques and payment transfers (£292.00)
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 2022 and have been properly prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1985 applicable to small companies.



14/10/2022

Mr Paul Dickson
On Behalf of J T Rennie & Co
Reporting Accountant

Date

For the year ending 31 August 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.



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