

SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEES BOARD MEETING

**HELD AT SCOPE HOUSE, HORTONWOOD 33, TELFORD, SHROPSHIRE. TF1 7EX
HELD ON THURSDAY 9TH MAY 2024**

Chairman: Wallace Gregg (WG)

Trustees: Andrew Williamson (AW), Ben Yates (BY), Dawn Coryn (DC), Jane Whitaker (JW), Jimmie Baillie (JB), John Hartley (JH), Matt Winter (MW), Sandy Pirie (SP), Stephen Hill (SH), Wallace Patton (WP), William Williams (WW)

In attendance: Melanie Harmitt (MH), Andrew Jones (AJ), Michael Halliwell (MDH)

Apologies: Claire Jones (CJ), David Lawson (DL), Richard Thomas (RT)

Minute Taker: Hannah Williams (HW)

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES

- 1.1 Wallace Gregg welcomed the board members and the new head of Finance Dana Doody.
- 1.2 There were apologies received from David Lawson, Claire Jones and Richard Thomas.

2.0 ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

- 2.1 Members for election were proposed.
- 2.2 Steve Hill proposed, Andrew Williamson seconded, and they were accepted by the board.

3.0 COMMITTEE UPDATES

3.1 FINANCE

- 3.11 The finance committee were given a presentation from the Auditors WR Partners and were pleased to understand that the accounts were in good order with no corrections needed.
- 3.12 The board approved the 2023 annual report.
- 3.13 The board reviewed and approved the Q1 2024 management accounts.
- 3.14 The board were advised that planning permission for SBH was still awaiting final agreement but seemed in a positive position.

3.2 OPERATIONS

- 3.21 The committee reviewed the registration catch up service and it was agreed further investigation was to be done on location and repeat service provision to understand better the reasons members were using this provision.
- 3.22 The committee reviewed the profile of new members to better understand the activity of new members of the society.

3.3 SHOW & SALE

- 3.31 The committee reviewed the nominations for the Sue Cope Bursary and agreed to award the 2024 bursary to Cameron McGregor
- 3.32 The committee reviewed the nominations for the European Young Breeders School and selected the following team for 2024
 - Ollie Hay (Border & Lakeland)
 - Jess Thorpe (Cornwall)
 - Hannah Shepherd (Derbyshire)
 - Frank Griffin (East Midlands)
 - Liam Poyser (Staffordshire)
 - Ellie Saxby (Yorkshire)
- 3.33 The committee agreed to host a return exchange student for the Australian exchange 2024.

3.4 SCIENCE

- 3.41 The committee reviewed the current rules required for an animal to make EX93 and agreed an amend that an animal can score EX92 in one box and still achieve EX93 status.
- 3.42 The committee reviewed the criteria for the SP awards and agreed further work needed to be done and revisited at the next board meeting to make sure the award was kept current and of value to the members.
- 3.43 The committee discussed the recent price rise for an official US GTPI and agreed that HUK should offer both an official and the cheaper unofficial test and allow members to decide which test they wished to use.

4.0 REGISTRATION PRICING

- 4.1 The board reviewed the current costs for new entrants into the herd book and agreed a reduction in price for ASR's to £1.50 regardless of whether they were dead or alive.
- 4.2 The board also agreed to implementing an offer of 30% off all BSR & Full pedigree registrations for new members.

5.0 ELECTRONIC INVOICING

- 5.1 The board approved in principal for the Holstein UK Group to move to electronic invoicing for 2025 with an opt out option at an additional cost, still to be agreed, for members who wish to remain on paper billing.

6.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 6.1 The next Holstein UK Board Meeting will take place on Thursday 8th August 2024 at Scope House, Telford.