



CYFARFOD CYFFREDINOL BLYNYDDOL / ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY 10th NOVEMBER @ 6.30pm

CANOLFAN ADDYSG / EDUCATION CENTRE PENTREFOELAS

COFNODION / MINUTES

Presennol / Present:

10% of fully paid up individual (incl. life) members and affiliated trials = 233 = **23**
2021b (26), 2021a (16), (2019 (27), 2018 (31), 2017 (39)

Gwynfor Owen chair, Cai Pritchard vice, Paul Roberts, Dylan Davies, Arwel Staples, Arwel Jones, Beate Behr, Bryn Davies, Gwyn Ll. Davies, Osian Jones, Emlyn Jennings, Hafgan Pugh, Trystan Powl-Jones, Alun L. Jones, Kate Pritchard, Glyn Jones, Henry Hughes, Cyril Roberts, Idris Thomas, Arthur Roberts (P), Tom Bebb, Emma Mac, John Arfon Jones

23 present – quorate

Declaration of interests – none reported

Martin Davidson (Secretary / Treasurer)

Translator also present

Ymddiheuriadau / Apologies:

Keith Jones, Gayle Forrester, Kevin Davies, Claire Ridge, Hefin Evans, Andrea Turner, Huw Francis, Arwel Ll. Owen, AledOwen, Hefin Roberts, Iolo Jones, Dewi Jenkins, Alan Jones (D), Barry Hopwood, Arthur Roberts (B)

iv	<p>Cofnodion cyfarfod diwethaf (cywirdeb) / Minutes of last meeting (accuracy): AGM (2) reconvened 11th December 2021 (Aberystwyth) Accepted as a true record</p>
2.	<p>Materion ddim ar y rhaglen / Action arising not on the agenda:</p> <p>College initiatives: reported that some progress is being made to engage students and Llysfasi and Newtown colleges. Little interest to date from Glynllifon. Plan is to use the Welsh National 2023 as the catalyst for some form of competition.</p>
3.	<p>Trustees Charity Commission Annual Report 2021/2022:</p> <p>Circulated to members (and posted on website). Contents noted and accepted e.g. membership (incl. life members) figures remain stable at 217. New members in year was 21. Trials diary entries at 56 also remains stable. Social media (Facebook 2,000 followers) and website activity continues to grow year on year.</p> <p>Members were reminded of the Society’s Charitable objects and the need to share any initiatives with the secretary.</p> <p>“Promoting responsible working sheepdog ownership, breeding and training” “Promoting matters pertaining to dog welfare in general” “Improving the working standard of working sheepdogs by organising and promoting open and members only sheepdog trials”</p> <p>Dog and Sheep welfare advice: Draft advisory note circulated for comment. The advice is a proactive step to evidence the Society’s objects. Discussion about whether to defer until ISDS position clearer but paper accepted (with some minor amendments) following a vote.</p> <p>Agreed that the Society should adopt and post on the website etc. with immediate effect, noting that it may be further amended if the ISDS produce a similar paper.</p>
4	<p>Trustees Charity Commission Financial Report 2021/2022:</p> <p>Circulated to members (and posted on website). Contents noted and accepted in particular - £1,305 operating surplus generated in year. £10,076 operating cash at year end. £21,611 reserves at year end.</p>

5	<p>Annual dinner and AGM 2023:</p> <p>Noted low uptake (17) in 2022 making the event unfeasible. Members agreed to consider options for 2023 e.g. revert to a central location and for each member/trial to sell 5/10 tickets. Trustees to address.</p>
6	<p>Defibrillator purchase:</p> <p>Members noted £750 approx. (after grant) cost of purchasing a machine for Society trials and loan to affiliated trial societies. Approx. £200 per annum over guaranteed life of machine including renewing battery and pads. The meeting noted the value of having a machine and</p> <p>Agreed to pursue grant offer and purchase defibrillator from reserves</p>
7.	<p>Appointment of officials 2023:</p> <p>President - Mr J.R. Griffith proposed and endorsed subject to his acceptance.</p> <p>Trustees - dealt with as a motion below</p> <p>Secretary & Treasurer - Agreed to continue to enter into an annual service agreement with Martin Davidson to provide these services. Rate to be agreed at the beginning of 2023. It was noted that this will be the 6th year of this arrangement and members need to start giving some thought to succession planning albeit there are no immediate plans to end the agreement. In the interim and as a safeguard it was agreed that Arwel Staples (on behalf of the Society) will familiarise himself with the administrative arrangements.</p>
8	<p>Motions: <i>Passed / Lost / Withdrawn</i></p> <p>1. Trustees 2023-2025 – 1 new committed trustee is required for 5 of the old counties i.e. all except ‘Caernarfonshire’. Proposed: Trustees</p> <p>The following new trustees were elected - Anglesey: Arwel Ll. Owen Denbighshire: Alun L. Jones Flintshire: Brynley Williams (if he accepts) Meirionnydd: Emlyn Jennings Montgomeryshire: Aled Jarman (absent but has agreed since)</p> <p>2. Additions to Society and Nursery rules (currently advisories): Proposed: Trustees a) Fresh sheep must be used in every Society trial final e.g. Championships (incl. young handlers and brace) and Nursery finals (Society and All Wales). No sheep to be run twice.</p>

	<p>LOST – to be reworked and re-presented at next AGM</p> <p>b) <i>If there are sufficient sheep to run 4, that a shed be included in each Nursery heat and all other affiliated trials are encouraged to adopt the same rule.</i></p> <p>LOST</p> <p>3. Nursery Heats 2023: <i>It is proposed that a ‘puppy class’ be included in each heat. Entry criteria – “Dog not been on a trial field before the 1st August of the current year”. This will give younger dogs valuable early experience of trials (South Wales have similar class).</i></p> <p><i>Proposed: Montgomeryshire members</i></p> <p>LOST</p> <p>4. Amend Nursery rule [4] for completeness: <i>“A dog must not have been the winner of any previous NWSDS [add - or All Wales] Nursery Final”.</i></p> <p><i>Proposed: Arwel Staples</i></p> <p>PASSED</p> <p>5. That the membership fee for members aged <u>under 18</u> be reduced to £10 from 2023 (currently applied to approximately 10 i.e. £150 lost income).</p> <p><i>Proposed: Trustees</i></p> <p>PASSED</p> <p>6. Addition to Nursery rules: <i>“If a Nursery Heat is being run with other classes handlers must run their dogs in the nursery heat first”.</i></p> <p><i>Proposed: from the floor Gwynfor Owen and seconded Dylan Davies</i></p> <p>PASSED</p>
	<p>Refreshments: Due to an unfortunate error (the booked date was overlooked) there were no refreshments served. When the error was identified profound and very sincere apologies have since been received.</p>
9	<p>New Chair & Vice Chair 2023:</p> <p>Mr. Cai Pritchard (Caernarfonshire) as Chair and Mr. Aled Owen (Denbighshire) as Vice Chair were elected.</p>

10	<p>Trophy draw 2023:</p> <p>Rhiwlas – Aber & Llanfairfechan or Cwm Main</p> <p>John Jones – Llangwm</p>
11	<p>Trial venues 2023:</p> <p>Championships (Caernarfonshire) - Abersoch</p> <p>Nursery Final (Caernarfonshire - All Wales in South) – to be confirmed</p> <p>Class 2 & 3 (Denbighshire) – Penyfed?</p>
12	<p>Royal Welsh Show 2023:</p> <p>Handlers (under 25) -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mari Elen McNaught 2. Iwan Griffith <p>Reserve Robin McNaught</p> <p>Judge (Tuesday) – Arwel (Ed) Jones</p> <p>Judge (Wednesday) – Osian Jones</p>
13	<p>Judges panel amendments:</p> <p>Additions:</p> <p>Arwel (Ed) Jones Elgan Jarman Gwilym R. Davies Trystan Powl-Jones</p> <p>Removed:</p> <p>Paul Roberts</p>
14	<p>Any other business:</p> <p>None</p>
<p>Meeting closed at 9.00pm</p>	