

# SUSSEX CATTLE SOCIETY

## Report of a Meeting of Council held Wednesday, 10th May 2023 at the Society Office

1. **Apologies for Absence** were received.
2. **Complete Forms for Companies House/Charity Commission**  
Those present completed forms.
3. **Confirm Minutes of Meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023**  
Following a proposal by Mr. Hickman, seconded by Mr. Stevens the minutes were approved and signed.
4. **Matters Arising from 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023**
  - a) **Bull Registrations**  
It was proposed that there be a document outlining the Rules that must be adhered to. It was agreed that the Secretary would prepare a document outlining the Terms & Conditions for Registering Bulls for discussion at the next meeting.
5. **Confirm Minutes of Meeting held 11th April 2023**  
The minutes were approved and signed.
6. **Matters Arising from Annual General Meeting**
  - a) **Shows & Sales**  
It was felt that a window for a sale needs to be kept if the Society feels the need for a focus. Contact will be made with Hobbs Parker a date in April for a Native and Sussex Day. It was noted that Hobbs do not arrange their dates until late in the year.
  - b) **Publishing Redacted Council Minutes**  
It was agreed, that once Council Minutes had been approved a redacted copy could be published on the website and in the Newsletter in the form of a Report. The redacted version to be signed off by the Chairman and President.
7. **Finance Report**  
Balances at banks were reported as Current Account £24,932, COIF Deposit Account £34,236, compared with a combined total of £65,000 at the same time in 2022.
8. **New Members**
  - a) Mr. M. Hole, Montague Farm, Hankham, Pevensey, East Sussex
  - b) Ken Russell Farms Ltd., Dolls House, Vinehall Road, Mountfield, East Sussex
  - c) Rejoined - Iford Estate, Iford, Lewes, East Sussex
9. **Judges Panel 2023/2024**  
It was suggested that there be a clear criteria for the qualification process to enable Trainees to join the Judges Panel.

It was further suggested that Trainees should accompany Herd Competition Judges for at least two years.

It was agreed to try and put together a Trainee Assessment at one of the shows during the evening using a selection of animals.

It was agreed to discuss this further at the September Council Meeting.

#### **10. Judges Appointments 2023/2024**

This will also be discussed at the September Council Meeting.

#### **11. Herd Competition 2023**

It was agreed that this should take place during the last two weeks of July although Council is aware that both entrants and Judges may have to be flexible as weather and farming commitments can have an effect.

It was proposed that only animals pre-nominated on the entry form be considered for the Best Herd Sire and Best Cow & Calf rather than entrants asking the judges for their opinion as to which one should be judged. This was agreed.

Trainee Judges will be sent information so that they can arrange to accompany the Herd Judges.

It was agreed that the Chairman would invite the judge for the Championship.

#### **12. Autumn Farm Walk**

This will take place at the Montreal Estate and invites will be sent out nearer the time when a date has been arranged.

#### **13. Trailer Movements**

Mr. Peters will be asked if he can take the trailer to Heathfield. Mr. Harmer agreed to collect from Heathfield and take to South of England. Mr. Hickman agreed to remove from South of England and take to Kent. Mr. Hickman agreed to arrange for the trailer to be moved from Kent to Edenbridge.

#### **14. Any Other Business**

##### **a) Spring Live at Ardingly**

It was noted that a member had taken animals and Society information boards, etc. and that despite a request to members none had offered any help.

##### **b) Mrs. Libby Buchanan**

It was reported that Mrs. Buchanan's memorial service will take place on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 1pm, at Fletching Church.

Also the family would like to present an award in her memory, the Secretary will liaise on this.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 14.50.