**In Attendance**

Jim Rochead (President), Alasdair Fletcher (Vice President), Peter Keron (Past President), Capt Jim Anderson (Hon Treasurer), Irvine Anderson, Alison Bell, Ronnie Black, Eleanor Blount, Shonah Campbell, Neil Christie, Norman Christie, William Clark, Ian Craig, Terry Edge, Janette Farley, Gary Gorman, Elisabeth Grieves, Christine Halliday, Robert Hamilton, William Massey, Patrick McDonald, Malcolm McFadyen (Hon President), John McMillan, George Skinner, James Wilson, and Charlotte Young.

1. **Apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Janis Ashworth, Derek Bailey, Robert Bailey, Alan Campbell, Edward Cheasty, Tom W Clark (Hon President); Allan Craig, Heather Fraser, Jim Greenhill, Linzi Kennedy, Alistair King, Isabel McKie, Annette Noble, Amanda Stewart, Tom Tennant, David Walker, George Young and Ian Young.

1. **Minutes of Council Meeting held on 24th March 2018**

Having previously been circulated, the minute of the above meeting was placed on the table for approval and following proposal by Terry Edge and seconded by Ian Craig, this minute was approved.

1. **Matters arising (not covered elsewhere)**

**Future Event at Royal Highland Show – Celebration of Clydesdales**

Further updates were given of a meeting with Royal Highland Show representatives on 22nd August 2018 and where approval had been granted to proceed with the 2019 Celebration of Clydesdales at the 2019 Royal Highland Show. Arrangements for a new location for the Clydesdale Horse Society Exhibition Unit were highlighted along with the proposed plan for the day. This will include between 30 and 40 Clydesdales as part of the demonstration and it was noted that the majority of implements have now been sourced. The Society will require to pay for the ground storage area for these implements, which will form a permanent fenced display throughout the week of the Highland Show, although the Royal Highland Show promotes a Trust fund to which we have been encouraged to apply for recompense towards this cost. Excluding the additional ground rent, the budget for the event is estimated to be £6,000 and Council agreed to underwrite this cost subject to the Executive Committee and others seeking out additional finance and funding to help defray the financial impact on Society funds. There remains some hope that the Royal Highland Show will meet the costs of this event but further information in this regard is not yet to hand. On this basis it is opportune to prepare for the worst financial outcome scenario and to plan accordingly.

**World Clydesdale Show 2022**

Representatives of those involved in attempts to bring the 2022 World Show to Scotland will meet Council and give a presentation at the December Council Meeting.

**HOYS Prize**

It was reported that despite more than one attempt to offer a prize for the Ridden Heavy Horse class at HOYS no contact was made by HOYS to accept our offer.

**Stallion Premiums**

Following discussion at the last Council meeting there was further discussion concerning the award of Stallion premiums against the concerns raised and minuted at that meeting. It was noted that the successor funding for Stallion Premium payments, following the withdrawal of the Horserace Levy Board from the scheme, is still not known. Following the proposal of Peter Keron and seconded by Capt Jim Anderson it was unanimously agreed that the status quo should remain for 2019, assuming that comparable funding is found. The matter would be revisited once any new funding arrangements are known and once the objective of any new funding body becomes clear.

**Matters arising (not covered elsewhere) (continued)**

**Gathering at Royal Highland Show**

Following the success of the Saturday evening gathering of Clydesdale people at the 2018 Royal Highland Show it was unanimously agreed that the event be repeated at the 2019 Show.

1. **Report on Finances**

Treasurer Capt. Jim Anderson reported on the current finances of the Society as follows: -

Current Account at 30th September 2018 after payment of September Salaries - £32,941

The following payments are still to be met from the above balance: -

1. Foal premiums (cheques issued in April 2018) - £180
2. Foal shows Gerald Fallowes Sponsorship (cheques issued in July 2018) - £600
3. Gerald Fallowes - 2018 Royal Highland Show appearance money - £50
4. Franking Machine top up (end September) - £300
5. Animal Health Trust (Estimated bill still due) - £2,000

In addition, we have yet to utilise all of the £10,000 monies received from the Gerald Fallowes funding for this year except for the foal show payments ( 8 x£200 = £1,600), already disbursed. £8,400 from this grant still requires to be paid out before the 2019 Royal Highland Show.

Stallion Account - £5,265

James Bennett Account - £5,209

**Investment Values are as follows:**

**23rd March 2018 31st May 2018 4th October 2018**

Ordinary Fund £94,460 £100,830 £99,420

James Bennett Fund £49,800 £52,220 £52,480

The current change in market values is a reflection of prevailing stock market conditions in recent months.

1. **Report of the Secretary**

The Secretary reported verbally as follows:

1. Foal Registrations this year to date and as of 3rd October 2018 are as follows – Colts (80), Fillies (90), Grade Up (4), Unregistered colts (2), Earlier year fillies / mares (6), Earlier year colts / males (3), Stallions (12). In addition, we have issued 10 passports to ‘part breds’ under minimum operating standard regulations and for which the Society received £500.

Registrations numbers in earlier years –

2014 – 218

2015 – 229

2016 – 215

2017 – 197.

**Report of the Secretary (continued)**

1. 2019 Subscriptions – it is proposed, in an effort to expediate payment of annual subscriptions in 2019 and in an attempt to ease the workload of collection, that subscription notices will be issued to all annual members along with the January newsletter.
2. 2019 Photographic Competition – Shona Harrison has agreed to sponsor the photographic competition once again in 2019 and she has been invited to judge that competition. This was agreed.
3. The Secretary reminded Council members that given the current lack of information concerning successor funding to the Horse Race Levy Board Scheme, the Society would this year be potentially subsidising DNA testing on filly and stallion registrations. The likely cost would be less than £1,000 and this was noted.
4. Pedeweb – following the appeal made in the July 2018 newsletter only two members have expressed an interest in using Pedeweb. A demonstration will be given to interested Council members following the December 2018 Council meeting.
5. Gerald Fallowes Trust – it was reported that the annual contribution for 2018 / 2019 of £10,000 has now been received.
6. Royal Highland Show – the Secretary thanked everyone who had helped out on the Society stand at the 2018 Royal Highland Show. It had been a successful stand from all angles, helped out greatly by the presence of Mary Bromilow who was in attendance signing her new book. The Secretary reminded Council that with the current indisposition of Hazel Roy, additional help will be required at both the 2018 Winter Fair and the 2019 Stallion Show. President Jim Rochead congratulated all the major winners at the 2018 Royal Highland Show, details of whom are listed at note 6 below.
7. The Society website, which has now been in existence for 2 years, is in need of some modernisation and this will be attended to over the Winter months.
8. Facebook is working well, and the Society now has 2,300 followers on its Facebook page.
9. **Central Equine Database (CED)**

The Secretary reported that CED is now up and running with minimum fuss and minimum disruption to day to day activities. Judging by recent contact received from the administrators of the data base, it is clear that it is being regularly monitored and policed. A recent CED update newsletter reported that DEFRA has indicated that all equines will need to be retrospectively microchipped by October 2020. This will be another sizeable compliance job for the Society to have to tackle and members / owners will be contacted once the detail is available. It is noted that new MOPS (Minimum Operating Standards for Passports) have been issued in England and we await the Scottish equivalent version.

1. **Royal Patronage**

Correspondence has been received from Clarence House advising that The Duke of Rothesay’s patronage of the Clydesdale Horse Society will continue but that it will automatically come to an end in August 2023. The Secretary will write to Clarence House and acknowledge.

1. **Judges for the Royal Highland Show**

The nominations of suggested judges for the 2020 Royal Highland Show were received at the 2018 Annual General Meeting. It was proposed by Robert Hamilton and seconded by George Skinner that Ian Craig’s name be added to the list of ‘In Hand Male’ judges at note 5 of this minute. With that it was unanimously agreed that this list be submitted to the Royal Highland Show (RHS). It was further agreed that when writing to RHS a request be made to establish whether or not names of candidates nominated for individual categories in earlier years are retained or dropped if the suggested nominee is not selected for that particular year of judging. This will help inform us for future selection.

1. **Judges Panel**

The Secretary reported: -

1. That a full review has been made of all judges for GDPR purposes as instructed at the last Council meeting and the outcome is noted at note 4 below.
2. A new judge nomination form has been designed and is now being used.
3. Properly constituted judge nominations have been received utilising the new judge nomination form in respect of Mr Gawin Holmes, Mr Ryan Jackson, Mrs Heather Fraser, Mr John Smith and Mr Alasdair Matheson and these were unanimously approved. In Mr Matheson’s case, as he was a not previously a member of the Society, his application to join was approved in advance of his application to become a judge being approved.
4. **Young Stockman and Young Handlers**

At the 2018 Royal Highland Show there were 5 Young Stockman entries and 21 Young Handler entries for the respective competitions. To date 24 Young Handler medals have been issued in 2018 so a big class can be expected in 2019 and sufficient numbers of stewards will be required to assist. It is agreed that efforts are required to try and promote and boost the numbers for the Young Stockman class.

There was discussion concerning the current scoring sheets used for both competitions. It is clear that the young people value getting these forms as feedback, but it is noted that the time taken to complete them is becoming quite lengthy. Going forward: -

1. Judges will be invited to meet the entrants after the event to discuss their results in more detail. This proved to be very successful in 2018;
2. Judges will be encouraged to keep their written comments brief, pertinent and to the point.
3. Judges will be informed that someone from CHS will be allocated to act as their scribe on the day.

During 2018 a very successful Young Handler competition has been run in Northern Ireland by the County Londonderry Horse Breeding Society. It was agreed that the Society will give further sponsorship totalling £100 towards this event in 2019. This funding will come from the James Bennett Fund. ***Post meeting note*** – following receipt of an anonymous donation for this purpose the funding to be given to this event is increased to £150.

1. **Winter Fair**

Arrangements for the 2018 Winter Fair are well in hand, but entries are still low. Council members were encouraged to promote the show amongst members in their areas in an effort to boost entries before the closing deadline in 3 weeks-time.

1. C**ouncil and Area Business**
2. Cumbria

There remains a Council vacancy in the Cumbria area and it is hoped that at the 2019 Area Meeting a replacement can be found.

1. Appointments to Council

Robin Skimming is now appointed as area representative for the Wigtownshire area.

1. **Membership applications**

Membership applications received from the names noted at note 1 below were approved subject to each satisfying the terms and conditions of membership and suitable payments having been received.

1. **Stud Prefix applications**

The Stud Prefix applications noted at note 2 below were approved. The Stud Prefix alterations noted at note 3 were also approved.

1. **Correspondence**
2. **Mr Alan Matear**

Alan Matear contacted the Society with a query concerning the definition of ‘Brood Mare’. It appears that in his area at certain shows this year differing definitions may have been used for this class category. Whilst matters must always lie at the discretion of the individual show, and it must be hoped that individual shows will articulate in their schedule the definition they propose to use, the Society cannot be prescriptive with rules to cover every showing situation. It was agreed the Society’s best practice guideline would be to be mirror, to a degree, the definition used by the Royal Highland Show (RHS) and that the following definition of ‘Brood Mare’ is therefore appropriate as guidance:

“Mare of any age, with foal at foot or due to foal in the year of the show”.

The only difference between this definition and that used by RHS is that RHS stipulates the date of 31st July as the latest ‘due to foal by’ date. The Society is of a mind, as a guideline, that this date can be a little more flexible and individual Shows may wish to select a ‘due date of foaling’ more appropriate to the date of their show.

1. **Perth Show**

A letter of thanks was received from Perthshire Agricultural Society for our sponsoring of rosettes at this year’s Perth Show.

1. **Haddington Show**

Report was given of a telephone conversation between the Secretary and Allan Thompson of Haddington Show on 25th July 2018 in which Mr Thompson advised that after a gap period Haddington Show was considering the reintroduction of In Hand Clydesdale Classes at their 2019 Show. Council agreed that in the event of Haddington Show wishing to re-apply for affiliated status in 2019 this would be in order provided that the Rules of Affiliation were adhered to by Haddington Show.

1. **Rare Breed Show**

The 2018 Rare Breed Show is taking place on 6th October and the Secretary will keep a watching brief on the re-introduction of Clydesdale classes in 2019 and will publicise accordingly.

1. **Mr Bryan Lindsay**

A generous offer has been received from Mr Lindsay whose family is keen to supply a trophy for use in the Clydesdale world. Various suggestions were made all linked to the Royal Highland Show. It was agreed that the Secretary should speak with Mr Lindsay to establish, in a little more detail, the nature of his offer. It was further agreed that during the 2018 Winter Fair, when trophies were being reassessed, any opportunity for an additional trophy at that show can be identified and discussed further with Mr Lindsay. Council was at pains to stress that Mr Lindsay’s generous offer is to be warmly welcomed.

Mr Malcom McFadyen spoke at this stage, outlining concerns he has regarding his perceived lack of publicity given for a trophy presented by his family to the Royal Highland Show. Mr McFadyen was of a mind that he was contemplating withdrawing the trophy from use. President Jim Rochead expressed the view that it would be a great shame if this situation materialised and he suggested that if anyone from the Society could assist to help clarify matters for Mr McFadyen he should feel free to ask.

**Correspondence (continued)**

1. **RBST Equine Seminar**

The Secretary mentioned the above seminar being held on 13th October in Shropshire at which it has been highlighted that the ‘Clydesdale’ is the only Rare Breed not being represented by attendance on the day. This event has been widely publicised by the Society and evidently no one has taken up the offer to attend. More information is available from the Secretary.

1. **AOCB**
2. **Watch Scotch**

President Jim Rochead reminded Council of the note circulated with the last newsletter concerning the forthcoming TV Documentary being produced by Watch Scotch production company. He highlighted that that there is a still a need for hair samples for DNA testing purposes from 2017 foals. There was discussion and various views were expressed. It was highlighted that for GDPR purposes the Society could not make personal information and DNA results available to Watch Scotch and that the involvement by anyone in this is a matter of personal choice. If anyone is of a mind to participate by providing hair samples the Secretary has an address for Watch Scotch which he will be happy to supply.

1. **Patrick McDonald**

Mr McDonald raised the question of shoeing of foals, a subject on which he has previously corresponded with Council. He expressed the view that foals should be shown unshod and he believed that this would improve on numbers of entries at shows. There was discussion and differing views were expressed. Council was reminded by Mr William Clark of shoeing guidelines that Council had issued some years ago in conjunction with The Farrier’s Council and it was agreed that the status quo should remain (Council Minute of 25th March 2017 refers and subsequently endorsed by members in General Meeting on the same day). It was stressed that owners are free to show horses unshod and examples were quoted of unshod horses which had been very successful at recent shows.

1. **Neil Christie**

Neil Christie was congratulated on his appointment to judge at the Royal Winter Fair this year.

1. **Date of Future Meetings**

The date of the next meeting of Council was set for Saturday 1st December 2018 at 10.30am at the King Robert Hotel, Bannockburn. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

**Signed ………………………………………………………….**

**Notes to Council Meeting Minute**

1. Membership Applications have been received from (full membership unless stated otherwise): -
2. Miss Dee Anderson, Muirhouse Farm, Netherton, Wishaw, ML2 0RH [Area 10]
3. Ian Anderson, Muirhouse Farm, Netherton, Wishaw, ML2 0RH [Area 10]
4. Miss Lorna Campbell, Loanfoot Cottage, East Trinity Gask, Auchterarder, PH3 1LJ [Area 3]
5. Miss Nadia Jay Doris Caris, 95 Dorset Avenue, Birtley, Barley Mow, DH3 2DX (junior) [Area 12]
6. John Fairbairn, 1 Marshall Meadows Farm Cottage, Berwick Upon Tweed, TD15 1UT [Area 12]
7. Ms Lynn Gordon, Bentend Farm, Carron Valley, Denny, FK6 5JH [Area 9]
8. Richard Johnson-Smith, 56 Easthouses Way, Dalkeith, EH22 4UA (Ridden) [Area 4]
9. Miss Adana Machray, Greenacres, Beancross Road, Polmont, FK2 0XS [Area 9]
10. Mrs Michelle Machray, Greenacres, Beancross Road, Polmont, FK2 0XS [Area 9]
11. Ms Julie Martin, Guildy Farm, Monikie, Broughty Ferry, DD5 3QL [Area 3]
12. Alasdair Matheson, 18 Braal Terrace, Halkirk, Caithness, KW12 6YN [Area 1]
13. Sam McCormick, Drumgiven House Stud, 47 Cahard Road, Saintfield, Co Down, BT24 8YD [Area 14]
14. Mark McSweeney, 2 Stonedyce Cottage, Leece Lane, Barrow In Furnace, LA13 0LW [Area 11]
15. Miss Toni Marie Murray, 23 Craigieburn Road, North Carbrain, Cumbernauld, G67 2LY [Area 5]
16. Alan Oliver – upgrade from Ridden membership to Full Membership
17. Mrs Carolyn M Reynolds, 15 Claranagh Road, Edenagilhorn, Tempo, Enniskillen, Fermanagh, BT44 3AL [Area 14]
18. Ms Annie Rose, Baystone Bank Farm, Whicham Valley, Nr Millom, Cumbria, LA18 5LY [Area 11]
19. Paul Smith, Lackspit Hall Farm, Smithy Fen, Cottenham, Cambs, CB24 8PT [Area 13]
20. Miss Emily Socha, 2 Culblean Cottages, Coull, Tarland, Aboyne, AB34 4TR [Area 2]
21. Miss Charlotte Wilson, Lawn Cottage, Slaley, Hexham, NE47 OAS (Junior) [Area 12]
22. Stud Prefix Applications have been received from
23. Burgess Outon – Mrs Colleen Marsghall, Burgess Outon Farm, Whithorn, Newton Stewart, DG8 8EZ
24. Edenagilhorn - Mrs Carolyn M Reynolds, 15 Claranagh Road, Edenagilhorn, Tempo, Enniskillen, Fermanagh, BT44 3AL
25. Emsland – Ryan Jackson, Germany
26. Fastjet, Nicola Pargeter, The Dovecote, Manor House Farm, Morton-on-Swale, Northallerton, DL7 9RJ
27. Lockley – Christopher Malkin, The Woodland Cottage, Allmans Lane, Lockley Wood, Market Drayton, TF9 2LX
28. Mowbray Park – W & L Hitchen, Old Home Farm, Grantley, Ripon, HG4 3PJ
29. Muirhouse - Dee and Ian Anderson, Muirhouse Farm, Netherton, Wishaw, ML2 0RH (see 3(a) below)
30. Murray – Miss Toni Marie Murray, 23 Craigieburn Road, North Carbrain, Cumbernauld, G67 2LY

**Notes to Council Meeting Minute**

1. Stud Prefix – transfers of Ownership
2. Letter received from Mr Thomas W Brown previous owner of the Prefix ‘Muirhouse’ granting that it may be used by Dee and Ian Anderson
3. Letter received from the Executors in the Estate of the late Mr Gavin Stewart, granting that the Prefixes ‘Mollinhillhead’ and ‘Mollinsburn’ be transferred to Miss Amanda Stewart.
4. Judges Panel

Following the circular letter issued to all members of the Judges Panel at 1st June 2018 replies have been received from everyone on that list at the time with the exception of Mrs Jill McAllister (Ballymena), Neil Picken (Borgue) and Alexander Torbet (Stranraer). It is suggested that these 3 names now be removed from the Judges Panel with the proviso that they may be re-admitted in due course on receipt of suitable nomination.

The following name was removed from the Judges Panel owing to notification of the member’s death – Mr Edward Nunn.

The following judges all resigned from the Judges Panel predominantly for reasons of age or lack of available time. Each has been written to and thanked for their contributions over the years: -

Gordon Alexander – Blairgowrie

James McArthur – Balfron

Thomas W Clark – Madderty

Ted Cumbor – Great Ayton

Fred Grieves – Hartlepool

John Henderson – Ballycastle

A Kirby – Northallerton

Adam Lindsay – Kilmarnock

Callum Mackay – Inverness

Isabel McKie – Newton Stewart

William Mitchell – Kirknewton

Matthew Robinson – Hexham,

Allan Steel – Strathaven

George Wight – Drumoak

Andrew Wilson - Newburgh

1. **Judges for Royal Highland Show - 2020**

**Names brought forward at 2018 Annual General Meeting of CHS**

**In Hand - male**

Terry Edge

Irvine Anderson

Ian Craig

**In hand – female**

Alistair Christie

Derek Bailey

Tom S Clark (jun)

**Judges for Royal Highland Show – 2020 (continued)**

**Harness**

Alistair Ferguson

Ian Smith

Dave Proctor

**Young Handler**

Peter Keron

Mark Noble

Andrew McMillan

**Driving**

Alistair Govan

Robert Debtweller

Ryan Linquist

1. **Royal Highland Show 2018 – Major Results**

In Hand

Overall Champion, Cawdor Cup Winner and Female Champion

The Sanderson Trophy Winner Ord Tinkerbell (Eric Johnstone)

Reserve Champion and Female Reserve Hillhouse Zara (Jim and Linzi Kennedy)

Male Champion Doura Magic Touch (Charlotte Young)

Male Reserve Collessie Consort (Ronnie Black)

Gelding Champion West Forth Solo (James Tennant)

Ridden Clydesdales

Champion Glenside Matthews Flower of Scotland (John & Margo McIntyre) – Rider Judith Grant

Reserve Westbank Jessie J (Jock Wilkie) – Rider Kirsty Aird

Harness, Grooming and Decoration

Champion John and Diana Smith

Heavy Horse Turnouts

Champion David Mouland – team of 6 Canadian Belgians

Reserve Hugh Ramsay – team of 4 Clydesdales

Single Horse Twin Axle Gawin Holmes (Jake)

Single Horse Single Axle George & Ann Robertson (Shewalton Ali)

Team of Four horses Hugh Ramsay (Bobby, Jack, Bill & Yorkie)

Unicorn John M McMillan & Family (Jack, Wallace Wull)

Pair of Horses John M McMillan & Family (Jack & Wallace)

Open Single Cart Captain James Anderson (Wallace)

Team of Six Horses David Mouland (Phantom, Dirk, Billy, Cody, Mike &

Benny)

**Royal Highland Show 2018 – Major Results (continued)**

Other Class Winners

3 - Year Old Gelding Bogton Hero (Kelsey Logan)

Yearling and 2 – year old gelding Hawthorn Highwayman (Edith Gunn)

Brood Mare Towerview Gisele (John and Margo McIntyre)

Foal Garcal-fra Sweet Iona (Calum MacPhail)

3 - year old filly Roughlands Alana (Iain Johnston)

Yearling filly Fairhavens Queen of Hearts (Moyra Stewart and Robert Barr).