

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the
Farriers Registration Council (AGM) held by Video-Conference call
Wednesday 22 April 2020, commencing at 09.45hrs



Present

Appointed By

Mr D A Hall BSc (Hons) DipWCF (Hons)
(Acting Chair)

Elected Member – Southern Area

Ms J Allen

The Worshipful Company of Farriers

Mr B Benson AWCF

British Farriers and Blacksmiths Association

Mr Y Breisner

British Horseracing Authority

Mr A B Charlwood

The Worshipful Company of Farriers

Mr I Davidson

Scottish Enterprise

Mr D C D'Arcy BSc (Hons) AWCF

Elected Member – Northern Area

Mr R P May AWCF

The Worshipful Company of Farriers

Mr S Moore FWCF

British Farriers and Blacksmiths Association

Mr M Peaty BVSc CertEP CertES MRCVS

Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons

Mr M Potter

Lantra

Dr M Smith

Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons

Mr T Smith AWCF

Elected Member – Southern Area

Mr M Weston

British Equestrian Federation

Apologies

Operations Superintendent K Colman RSPCA, Mr P T Gordon DipWCF

Staff

Brigadier D J Greenwood (Registrar)

Mrs N Finck (Deputy Registrar)

Mrs V Jones (Assistant Registrar)

Public

There were no members of the public in attendance.

1. **Apologies for Absence and Welcome**

Apologies were received from Operations Superintendent K Colman RSPCA and Mr P T Gordon DipWCF.

It was noted that Mr Weston intended to join the meeting at 10.00am.

The Chair welcomed Council Members to the meeting and highlighted the importance of following the conference call etiquette that had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

2. **Approval of Minutes and Declarations of Interest**

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 3 April 2019 were approved.

Council Members declared possible conflicts of interest as follows:

Mr M Peaty – appointed by the RCVS

Mr S Moore – appointed by the BFBA and member of the WCF Examination Board

Mr R May – appointed by the WCF and member of the BFBA

Dr M Smith – appointed by the RCVS

Mr T Smith – member of the BFBA and WCF Freeman

Ms J Allen – appointed by the WCF

Mr A Charlwood – appointed by the WCF

Mr D C D'Arcy – employed by Myerscough College and member of BFBA Executive Committee

Mr M Potter – appointed by Lantra

Mr B Benson – appointed by the BFBA and WCF Liveryman

3. **Matters Arising from the AGM which are not Agenda items and which have not been progressed at ordinary Council Meetings**

There were no matters arising.

4. **To Approve:**

4.1 Committee Membership

The Council considered the membership of its committees for 2020 and directed that:

Registration Committee (RC) – The RC consists of 6 members. The Council **APPROVED** the continued appointment of Mr Y Breisner as Chair and the existing membership of the RC.

Approvals Committee (AC) – The AC presently consists of 2 members supported by 2 contractors. The Council **APPROVED** the continued appointment of Mr M Peaty as Chair and the existing membership of the AC.

Finance Committee (FC) – The FC may consist of up to 7 members. The Council **APPROVED** the continued appointment of Mr A Charlwood as Chair and the existing membership of the FC.

A list of Council Committee memberships and Council representatives to the Farriery Apprenticeship Steering Group (FASG) was set out at Appendix A to the Council papers and **APPROVED** by the Council.

4.2 2019 Audited Accounts

Mr Charlwood presented the Audited Accounts for 2019 for Council approval. Members noted that there were no management observations from the Auditors and that the audit may be judged as excellent. Council Members noted that there had been a substantial increase in expenditure during 2019 on legal costs relating to disciplinary cases and prosecutions for unlawful practise. It was accepted that the Council did not have control over the volume of DC casework, this being driven by complaints received by the Council, and that the costs incurred should not otherwise overshadow the work of the DC. Council Members noted that because of the sizeable increase in expenditure on DC costs it was included under the 'significant changes in the year', and set out on page A9 of the accounts. Council Members were reminded that the accounts would be published alongside the Annual Report which provided additional detail on FRC activities in 2019, and that the Professional Conduct section of the Annual Report carried detail with respect to trends in relation to complaints.

The Council **APPROVED** the Audited Accounts for 2019.

The Chair of the Finance Committee commended Nicola Finck (Deputy Registrar) for the accounts presented for audit in respect the Council's activities in 2019; this work had been carried out in accordance with the highest professional standards.

4.3 2019 Annual Report

The Council considered the proposed content of the Annual Report for 2019. The draft Annual Report was **APPROVED** for issue. Council Members noted that the Annual Report when published would include the auditor's report and the accounts for 2019. Once published the Annual Report would be available to view on the FRC website and hard copies would be made available on request.

Any Other Business (AOB)

There were no matters of AOB.

The meeting concluded at 10.00am

Annex A: FRC Policy and Guides APPROVED during this meeting

- 2019 Audited Accounts
- 2019 Annual Report