

These approved minutes of the Farriers Registration Council (FRC) are to be treated as privileged and are for the sole use of current members of the FRC and the FRC secretariat. These minutes may not be used, published, copied in any form or redistributed without the prior written consent of the Chair of the FRC.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the
Farriers Registration Council (AGM) held as a hybrid meeting on
Wednesday 24 April 2024, commencing at 10.30hrs



Established under the
Farriers (Registration) Act 1975

Present

Mr T Smith FWCF GradDip ELR (Chair)

Mr Y Breisner

Mr A B Charlwood

Operations Superintendent K Colman (V)

Mr T B Daniels BSc (Hons)

Mr I Davidson

Mr G Elliott AWCF GradDipELR (V)

Mr D T Gardner AWCF (V)

Mr D Harman AWCF GradDipELR

Mr R P May AWCF

Mr D Mountford MA VetMB MRCVS

Mr M Peaty BVSc CertEP CertES MRCVS (V)

Mr M Potter (V)

Mr J Sim AWCF (V)

Dr J Sutton (Deputy Chair)

Mr M Weston (V)

(V) = attended virtually

Appointed By

Elected Member

British Horseracing Authority

The Worshipful Company of Farriers

Royal Society for the Prevention to Cruelty
to Animals

Elected Member

Scottish Enterprise

Elected Member

Elected Member

British Farriers and Blacksmiths Association

The Worshipful Company of Farriers

Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons

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Lantra

British Farriers and Blacksmiths Association

The Worshipful Company of Farriers

British Equestrian Federation

Staff

Brigadier D J Greenwood (Registrar)

Mrs N Finck (Deputy Registrar)

Mrs V Jones (Executive Assistant)

Public

There was one member of the public in attendance.

1. Apologies for Absence and Welcome

There were no apologies for absence.

The Chair welcomed Council Members to the meeting. Mr D Mountford and Mr J Sim were welcomed to their first meetings of the Council as newly appointed Council Members. Mr J Wilsher (a past Master of the WCF) was also welcomed as a member of the public in attendance to observe the meeting.

Council members were reminded of the importance of following conference call meeting etiquette which had been circulated in advance of the meeting. Council Members were thanked for maintaining the confidence of meeting papers published on the FRC intranet that were confidential to the Council and not to be copied or shared.

2. Declarations of Interest

Council Members declared possible conflicts of interest as follows:

Mr T Smith – working farrier, member of the BFBA and WCF Freeman
Mr Y Breisner – BHA representative, recipient of farriery services from Mr Elliott, Trustee of British Horse Foundation
Mr A Charlwood – appointed by the WCF and WCF Honorary Assistant Operations Superintendent
K Colman – appointed by RSPCA and horse owner
Mr T Daniels – working farrier, member of the BFBA and Field Officer for Herefordshire, Ludlow and North Shropshire College.
Mr I Davidson – appointed by Scottish Enterprise
Mr G Elliott – working farrier and Contractor for British Equestrian
Mr D Gardner – working farrier and member of the BFBA
Mr D Harman – WCF Liveryman, member of the BFBA and BFBA Executive Committee
Mr R May – working farrier, appointed by the WCF, WCF Court Member and member of the BFBA
Mr M Peaty – appointed by the RCVS, BEVA member and horse owner
Mr M Potter – Appointed by and CEO of Lantra
Dr J Sutton – appointed by the WCF, Liveryman and Member of WCF Examinations Board, FEI Anti-Doping Official and Equine Insurance Underwriter
Mr M Weston – employed by BHS, appointed by BEF
Mr D Mountford – appointed by RCVS, Chief Executive of BEVA
Mr J Sim – working farrier, member of the BFBA and BFBA Executive Committee

3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting – 26 April 2023

The approved minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 26 April 2023 were noted.

4. 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.

5. **To Approve:**

5.1 Committee Membership 2024

The Council considered membership of its committees for 2024 and decided as follows:

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

Approvals Committee (AC) – The Council **APPROVED** the continued appointment of Mr M Peaty as Chair and the membership of the AC.

Finance Committee (FC) – The Council **APPROVED** the continued appointment of Mr A Charlwood as Chair and the membership of the FC.

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

5.2 2023 Audited Accounts

Mr Charlwood presented the Audited Accounts for 2023 for Council approval. Mr Charlwood conveyed his gratitude to Mrs N Finck and her team for their hard work on preparation of the accounts; that work was recognised by way of no management observations being received from the Auditors.

The Council **APPROVED** the Audited Accounts for 2023.

5.3 2023 Annual Report

The Council considered the draft Annual Report for 2023. The Chair noted that the report summarised the significant volume of work undertaken during 2023 and thanked Council Members for their availability, hard work and continued integrity throughout a hard year.

The Council **APPROVED** the draft Annual Report for 2023 for publication, subject to amendment of one small typo on page 6. The Council was reminded the report, including the audited accounts, would be published on the FRC website and hard copies made available on request.

6. **To Note:**

6.1 Annual Declarations and Confidentiality

It was noted that in accordance with the 'Countering Financial Crime Risks' policy, Office Holders and Council employees had completed an Annual Declaration for 2024. Additionally, Office Holders had submitted annual confidentiality statements.

Any Other Business (AOB)

There were no matters of AOB.

The meeting concluded at 10.45am

Annex A: FRC Policy and Guides APPROVED during this meeting

- 2023 Audited Accounts
- 2023 Annual Report