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Dear Members

I trust that foalings are going well and that the forthcoming showing season is a great success for everyone.

At the recent Council meeting we were joined by the Society's accountant Mr John Gellatly who gave a summary of the accounts for 2008. There was a slight drop in subscription income but stud-book registrations and transfers are continuing at the same level as previous years. Major savings were made in office salaries and most significantly legal and other professional fees. The legal fees incurred last year were unusual and hopefully not to be repeated. Increases occurred in general matters in the running of the office such as postage, telephone, rates and finance costs have increased due to higher bank charges and credit card charges. Essential training costs were incurred due to the change-over to the new book-keeping system but overall, overhead expenditure has reduced by around £17,000 from 2007. Accounts will be made available to all members in due course. At the date of the Council meeting the office had processed all documents until 8th April 2009 with only 14 applications in the office outstanding. The next Stud-Book is at the printers and we have managed to keep printing costs the same as for the last volume. The new Index will shortly be going to print.

Our staff are up to date with the requirements for Equine Identification which will be a legal requirement from 1st July 2009 and Claire attended the Scottish Government meeting with the Vice President on 4th March 2009. A temporary certificate will be required for issued passports that are returned to the office for updating if they cannot be dealt with within three working days. However there is no time requirement for **issuing** passports and therefore temporary documents are not required for new passport applications.

A response to the Equine ID consultation paper has been submitted to the Scottish Government within the allotted timeframe. In February the Society was asked to complete a comprehensive data protection mandate and provide a privacy statement for the Society website. DEFRA required this with a deadline response which involved a lot of work and the Society's lawyers had to be involved as a statement had to be added to the passport applications form. A second letter received in April, was sent to all stud-books in the UK, stating that SPSBS were one of a very few to respond and if all the other stud-books did not respond by the 24th April DEFRA and the Scottish Government would start to withdraw PIO status. I would like to thank our Vice-President for keeping our Society completely up to date with all its legal responsibilities which involves an incredible amount of hard work. Staff meetings have taken place monthly and the office has been working well and efficiently.

The 2009 magazine is out now and goes from strength to strength - thanks to the magazine team for all their voluntary hard work.

The Show Scheme has had 200 affiliations so far. The office is sending instructions to all affiliated shows concerning the provision of on-line results and asking for constructive criticism which will be used for the review at the end of the year. An exception to online entering can be applied for in circumstance where internet access is not available.

Council discussed the Judges Complaints system. It was decided that once a written complaint is received then the President and two others will investigate the validity of the complaint and if necessary take it to the next Council meeting for action.

Council discussed at length the venue for the 2010 International Show. This will be held at Hickstead in Sussex on 31st July and 1st August 2010. This will provide excellent communications for foreign visitors with or without ponies as it is a short distance from Gatwick airport and there are several ports within reach for those travelling by ferry with ponies. This show is also our breed show and it was felt that it is also appropriate to hold it in the south-east which has not hosted a breed show for the last twenty years. The 2011 breed show will be held in Scotland.

On International matters the latest update regarding our ongoing discussions with the Dutch Stud-Book Society is that our contact from DEFRA has returned from leave after a long absence and is organising the necessary meeting as soon as possible.

An International Meeting for all European Shetland Stud-Book Societies has been arranged for Saturday 30th May 2009 at The Hilton Hotel, Stansted Airport and I hope that much discussion will take place to enhance our relations with all of them.

I look forward to seeing many of you at shows this season and as always I am more than happy to discuss any matters with members direct (01722 426 974 during office hours).

With my best wishes.

*Guy Hurst
President*

Temporary Documents

When any passport is sent in to the office for amendment and cannot be returned within 72 hours, a temporary document will be issued by the office. Please **retain** this document until you receive your passport.

The Wessex Shetland Pony Group had a successful year in 2008 regardless of unfortunately losing its Summer Show to the ground conditions. Entries for the Spring and Autumn Shows were good and membership numbers are up on the previous year at the time of writing.

The Accumulator Points winners for the Wessex Group shows held in 2008 were: Miniature Pony – Snelsmore Kissimmee owned by C & J Percy, Standard Pony – Stepley Jenny Wren owned by S & S Cozens, and the Child Handler section by Eve Richardson. Many congratulations to Eve for winning the Stepley Trophy for the third consecutive year.

2009 brings about changes within the group, after a long period acting as secretary, Jayne Lonsdale decided to retire, she was presented with a bouquet of flowers at the AGM as a mark of our thanks. Carol Hodder is the new group secretary, Jenny Gamblin has extended her role as group treasurer and will now handle all membership issues as well.

The first event for 2009 was the Open Spring Show held at the Conquest Centre near Taunton on 22nd March.

In 2008 the group held its inaugural Shetland show at the Gillingham & Shaftesbury Country Fayre, it was a huge success attracting a lot of entries. We were blessed with sunshine enabling everyone to enjoy the Country Fayre atmosphere. There was lots to see and sample after the showing was completed, the entry fee included admission to the fayre so we were able to experience the delights of the country – Somerset cider, live country music, falconry, donkey showing, carriage driving displays, hog roasts, display stands and much, much more. The competitors were able to stay for as long as they wished to relax after the showing had finished.

The show is strictly a “pre-entry” show with a closed postal date to ensure that all exhibitors receive their entry passes in plenty of time. The schedules for this year’s show which takes place on June 7th will be available soon.

For further information regarding the Wessex Shetland Pony Group please contact Carol Hodder, Eiger House, Primrose Lane, Yeovil, Somerset Tel: 01935 412888 or Jenny Gamblin, 5 Underwood Road, Kingsdon, Somerton, Somerset Tel: 01935 840163.

Society Christmas Cards

Although it seems a long way off, we require photographs for the Society's 2009 Christmas Cards. If you have any good quality snowy/festive photos, can you please send them to Shetland House by 26th June 2009?

Forthcoming Society Sales 2009

Builth	Friday 25th September
York	Saturday 26th September
Carlisle	Saturday 3rd October
Lerwick	Friday 9th October
Aberdeen	Monday 12th October
Reading	Wednesday 21st October
Bridgwater	Thursday 29th October

CHILTERN SHETLAND PONY GROUP

We celebrate our tenth anniversary at our Summer Show on Sunday 14 June at the Twin Trees Equestrian Centre, Northill, Beds which is not far from the A1. David Sykes has kindly agreed to be our Panel Judge and there will be the usual full range of Affiliated classes. We are having commemorative rosettes and perpetual trophies for the most successful members in each class, apart from the usual cups for the standard and miniature champions plus an impressive new one for the Show Champion kindly presented by Lady Redmond. We are also having the customary Open Ring where we look forward to the usual enthusiastic displays by our younger friends.

Details from Mrs Michelle Coates – 01582 700640 or pat.coates@ntlworld.com.

Snow fell through the sunshine at our first show of the year at Chesfield Equestrian Centre, Graveley near Stevenage on Sunday 29 March. We had a good turnout with a number of new faces and visitors from far afield. Their interest and support is very much appreciated. Past President and Panel Judge Anna Stevens chose David Hodge's miniature Halstock X-Factor as her Show Champion with Maurice Arden and Abbotsbury Zak as Reserve. G. Mather with Trewordergrange Eliza was Reserve Miniature Champion while Julian Walters' Lakehead Elsanta had given Zak a good run to take Standard Reserve. Earlier in the day in the Youngstock Classes the Miniature Champion had been Halstock X-Factor (David Hodge) with Shawdene Barial (A. Davies) Reserve and for Stardards, Sharptor Ultrasonic (Julian Walters) Champion with Claylands Dabill of the Highlands (Maurice Arden) Reserve.

The Open Ring maintained our happy experience of enthusiastic, well behaved and well turned-out youngsters. F. Wood on Hose Ruler led the Ridden Classes with J. Ready on Briar Thunder as Reserve. Florence again on Hose Ruler, won the general open classes while Reserve was taken by K. Taylor on Helawi Nicotiana Cloud.

For the avoidance of doubt the Group wishes to make it clear that it will not now be involved with the Breed Show for 2011 and the provisional arrangement at Keysoe for 17 July 2011 has been cancelled.

Horace Davy has retired as Group Secretary. Janet Good (01480 215435) continues as Chair.

The 2009 Royal Highland Show has been awarded a HOYS Qualifier for the Open ridden M & M section

DECEASED PONIES

Please note that it is a legal requirement that passports of dead ponies MUST be returned to the issuing authority.

Shetland Pony Festival organisers are delighted to announce the launch of the festival package, which offers a fully comprehensive festival itinerary with return travel provided from Aberdeen to Shetland and hotel accommodation for the duration of the festival in Lerwick.

The festival itinerary includes scheduled stud visits throughout Shetland, the opportunity to attend a Shetland Pony Seminar and much more, plus the chance to be part of the first ever Shetland Pony Stud-Book Society Breed Show and Grand National qualifying race to be held on Shetland turf.

For those who are making their own travel and accommodation arrangements, a festival pass is available for everyone who would like to take part in the itinerary whilst they are in Shetland. Full details and booking forms to download for both the package and the pass are available on www.shetlandponybreeders.com.

For those who are looking to show their ponies at the Shetland Pony Stud Book Society Breed Show, we are currently seeking sponsorship to be able to offer a separate package for Pony owners who are coming to take part in these events. Everyone who registered their interest in the festival will receive email updates on this package once this is finalised.

If you have not already registered your interest in the festival or informed us that you wish to travel with ponies to Shetland, please contact Fiona Dally on fiona.dally@shetland.org giving your name, contact details and specify how many ponies you are looking to take with you (if applicable).

Our package is an excellent deal and we look forward to welcoming many Shetland pony enthusiasts to the home of the Shetland Pony between 15th-23rd August 2009.

For general information and regular festival updates, please visit www.shetlandponybreeders.com.

Please note that the same transfer rates will apply to both members and non-members.

Male foal/yearling	£8.00
All other ponies	£10.00

It has been agreed that the vendor (seller) now has the responsibility to hand over at the time of sale a duly signed transfer certificate and passport for the equine and the purchaser has the duty to return both the passport and transfer certificate to the SPSBS asap with the correct fee.

PONIES FOR SALE

JACKMOOR STUD, EXETER

2 PALOMINO GELDINGS (2 years old)
£800 the pair Matched pair ideal driving
Also Yearling Colts, Dun, Palomino,
Skewbald from £250
Yearling Skewbald Filly – very pretty, SIRE
HALSTOCK HIGHLAND MIST, Palomino
All Standard bred – 01392 851740 Exeter

For Sale to appreciative buyer, **stunning 3 year old Blue Dun & White Colt**

Top bloodlines. Well handled. Been shown. P.O.A. Also show quality Yearling Chestnut Filly and very small Black/Bay Yearling Filly And this year's Foals at weaning. Tel: 01234 838170

SHOW QUALITY Miniature Shetland Stallion DANDY DUKE LUCKY ERROL
Blue Roan & White, 5 year old, Licensed & Micro Chipped Miniature Shetland Stallion
DANDY DUKE SHANTUNG
Chestnut, 8 year old, Licensed & Micro Chipped

Miniature Shetland Filly
DANDY DUKE MISS PAOLA
Piebald, 3 year old GOOD HOMES ONLY
Tel: 01948 662821

STANDARD CHESTNUT GELDING for sale Abbotsbury Vision (AP1902 G06-095) is now for sale. Vision is a fine lad, six years old and stands 37 ½". Well handled, usual excellent Abbotsbury temperament and would make good ride or drive pony. First class pedigree, Sire Abbotsbury Zak (Coloured Champion Breed Show 2007; 2nd SPSBS Sire ratings 2008 – Grand Sire Abbotsbury Jasper 6th SPSBS Sire ratings 2008), Dam Abbotsbury Vivacity (who was sired by Prancer of Methven). Contact Gay Davy 01442 832653 or h.davy@btinternet.com. Location Bovingdon, Herts.

STROCHERIE STUD

Has lovely show quality "E" and "P" line females for sale, consisting of 3 yearlings, 1 two year old, a 4 year old. Also WESTPARK MAJESTIC, an 11 year old Stallion, a sure "Stockgetter" and very kind to his mares.
PLEASE PHONE – 01888 551220.

STANDARD BLACK MARES AND FILLIES 39" - 41" Show Quality, prizewinners, top quality Wells bloodlines.
A. M. HOWIE, Millhouse, Dunning, Perthshire
Telephone 01764 684233 or 07831 330962

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