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Dear Members,

Firstly I apologise for the delay in sending this newsletter to you all.

The delay was because I wished to send all of the AGM notification and voting papers, which include the new constitutional changes put forward by the Society's legal advisers to come before you at the AGM for your support and approval.

These had to go before the Office of the Scottish Charities Regulator ('OSCR') as is the correct procedure before they are presented at the AGM for Members consideration. The new changes have now been fully approved by OSCR and if adopted will allow the Society to keep its charitable status.

OSCR has been looking into Breed Societies for some time to verify whether these should continue to qualify for charitable status with the benefits that this confers. OSCR has determined that the wording used by the SPSBS to describe the charitable purpose does not comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005.

OSCR is urging charities to review the wording of their constitutions and apply for changes to meet charitable purposes where required.

It is essential that the SPSBS does not lose its charitable status because this would mean that the SPSBS would have to dissolve the company and reallocate all of the SPSBS assets to a charity approved by OSCR. It is therefore the primary commitment of the Council to ensure that this does not happen. In plain terms we would have to give up all property, money, and all assets, including the stud-book itself and this would be given to another charity. In other words the Society would end.

It is therefore essential that the constitutional changes are supported at the AGM to be held in Reading Auction Mart on Tuesday October 19th 2010 at 6.30pm. As the President of the SPSBS I would ask you all to support the SPSBS Council and vote for these changes, this is imperative for the Society's long term survival.

In summary the principal proposed amendments to the Society's Articles of Association are as follows :-

- The principal purpose of the proposed amendments to the Articles is to modernise the Society's constitution and bring it into line with modern law and practice.
- The Articles have been updated to reflect changes in company law brought about by the implementation of the Companies Act 2006. For example, the relevant provisions of the Society's memorandum of association have been rolled-over into the Articles and wording has been introduced in respect of directors' conflicts of interest.
- A definition of "charitable" has been introduced into the Articles to meet the requirements of OSCR and HMRC. Similarly, an express reference has been made in the Articles to the purposes found in the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 without affecting the spirit of the existing purposes of the Society. Furthermore, a "charitable declaration" has been incorporated in to the Articles to ensure continuing compliance with charity law.
- The provisions in respect of the suspension/removal of members of the Society have been tightened-up.
- The number of Council members has been reduced from 23 to 11 (excluding the President, the Vice-President and the Immediate Past President). This is in line with practice which reflects the understanding that OSCR's preference is for charities to have smaller and hence more efficient and effective executive decision-making bodies. As a consequence, the number of Council members has been reduced for the various areas, with Scotland and Northern Ireland going from 7 (6 + 1) to 3 representatives, Shetland and Orkney from 6 to 3 representative and England and Wales from 10 (9 + 1) to 5 representatives. If the amendments to the Articles are approved by the members, this will mean that not all areas will elect new Council representatives for 2011 as certain incumbents will still be serving a period of office.
 - The minimum age for members of Council has been reduced from 25 to 21.

- A limit has been introduced on the number of terms which a member of Council can serve i.e. 3 terms, consecutively or otherwise. This is intended to reflect the understanding that OSCR's preference is for charities to refresh the membership of their executive decision-making bodies on a reasonably regular basis.
- The quorum for Council meetings has been reduced from 15 to 7 together with one of either the President or Vice-President present.
- The Articles now allow the Council to co-opt members of the Society onto Council to undertake specific tasks for specified periods of time.
- A limit has been introduced on the number of terms which the President and Vice President can serve i.e. 2 terms. Again, this is intended to reflect the understanding that OSCR's preference is for charities to refresh the membership of their executive decision-making bodies on a reasonably regular basis.
- Clarification has been introduced to cover the event should the office of President or Vice-President fall vacant midterm so as to ensure clear and smooth succession.
- All reference to a secretary and treasurer has been deleted as they are no longer required.

The main things that OSCR is looking for is good governance, a small management committee, fewer repeated terms and the charity's contribution to the general public. The Society Lawyers have advised that a number of key changes must be made to ensure that the constitution complies with the Charities and Trustees act, and therefore the Society will retain its charitable status.

As in line with the correct lawful procedure the above constitutional changes have been presented to OSCR for their approval. That approval has been granted and the above constitutional changes come before you with full OSCR approval.

JUDGES

On a different note could I ask all Judges that if there is any doubt over a pony's height during judging, before placing the pony in question, a measurement is taken by a vet at the show. We have had reported incidents of ponies being placed last in a class because the Judge thought the pony was over height and on subsequent measurement by a vet was NOT over height. We do have a breed standard and I appreciate that we are all striving to meet that gold standard and quite rightly if a pony is over 42" then it is not meeting that standard and should be placed accordingly, as any deviation from the breed standard should merit.

Would all Judges please note the rule on the maximum number of shows that any Judge can undertake during the calendar year.

For the avoidance of doubt the rule is:-

Judges should exercise discretion in accepting invitations to judge the same type of show in the same area in any one year. Judges **must not**, in normal circumstances, undertake more than **six** affiliated shows in any calendar year and the shows must be **well spaced apart geographically**. Having judged at any particular show in the UK, a Judge **must not return** to that show to judge the same section within a three year period.

INTERNATIONAL SHOW

I would also like to extend my thanks to the International Show Committee, what a great job they have done for the Society. The Show at Hickstead was a great success and the venue attracted large numbers of visitors from overseas both with and without ponies. It is surely fitting that the Olympia qualifier should be at the Breed show and it was tremendous to see so many top class ridden ponies forward, ably judged by Wendy Mouser. Our International visitors were all very complimentary and thoroughly enjoyed themselves; the weekend was a great success for the SPSBS and demonstrated the continued enthusiasm for this great pony.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Honorary membership has been awarded to Mrs Anne McCutcheon, who has been a lifelong supporter of the Shetland pony and has given her time freely whenever called upon by the SPSBS. Anne has also been an exemplary ambassador in her role as a Society Judge and I would like to extend my personal thanks to her.

Best wishes,

Sue Bowling President

HORSE OF THE YEAR SHOW

We have accepted an invitation from the Horse of the Year Show, to have a table and stable for one pony in the Interactive Feature area. If you would like to take a pony and help at the show, please contact **Vivien Hampton tel: 014388 69439**. The pony **must** be fully vaccinated. Some expenses will be paid by the Society.

SOCIETY CHRISTMAS CARDS

We are, once again, requiring festive/snowy photos for the Society Christmas cards. Should you have any suitable photos, can you please send them into the office no later than Friday 10th September?

Breed Show 2011

Next year's Breed Show will be held at Kingsbarn Equestrian Centre, Falkirk on Sunday 24th July. Class sponsorship is available - please see separate form which accompanies this Newsletter.

OBITUARIES

James Shanley

28th March 1924 - 17th June 2010

Sadly, at the age of 86, James (owner of the Moorfoot Stud, Penicuik/Edinburgh, died on 17th June 2010.

James bred miniatures for 40 years and will be sadly missed by all his friends. A full obituary will feature in the 2011 Society magazine.

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Jean Barrington, Hazel Meadow, Crowthers Pool, Whitney-on-Wye, Herefordshire, peacefully passed away on Monday 12th July 2010. A brave lady, whose wicked sense of humour will be missed by all who knew her.

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GROUP NEWS

Chiltern Shetland Pony Group

The C.S.P.G. held their 2nd show of the season at Twin Trees EC on Sunday 13th June. We'd like to thank our panel judge, Mrs D. Randell. Congratulations to our competitors on a very high standard of ponies, especially the Supreme champion, Somahouse Holly owned by A. Page. Reserve supreme was D. Elphick's Buxted Penny Blue.

We would like to advise everyone of the change of venue for our Sunday 10th October show, which will now be held at **Bury Farm Equestrian Centre**, Mill Road, Slapton, Bucks. This is a lovely indoor school with all onsite facilities. We look forward to seeing you there. Any enquiries please contact **Shelly Coates tel: 01582 700640**.

Parklands Shetland Pony Show Group

The Shetland classes at the East of England show were held on 20th June on a cold and overcast day. The judge was Mr Michael Sharpley, Braintree, Essex. The number of entries were disappointing for such a prestigious show, with 7 forward in the 4yr & over class. Emma Payne's **Saphire Russett Elite**, shown by Roger Cook, was placed 1st, 2nd **Westpark Lady Esta** (Mr & Mrs A. Preston) and 3rd went to **Westpark Chieftain** (P. Brighton) Jill Needham's **Kinness High Spirit** won the colt, filly or gelding 3yr & under class, with 2nd place going to **Dryfesdale Damson** shown by R. Cook.

The following day, at East Herts Branch Pony Club Open Show, Ian Boyle's **Loanin Eva** was winning Shetland, followed by **Tosca Elite** (N. Barrett) and 3rd place Liz White's **Helawi Deliah**. **Loanin Eva** went on to take 2nd in the open coloured class, next to a 16hh !!

INTERNATIONAL SHETLAND PONY SHOW 2010

Fine weather set the tone for the International Show 2010 at Hickstead on the 7th and 8th August. A huge gathering of Shetland Pony enthusiasts from across the UK coupled with unprecedented support from overseas exhibitors and visitors made this a truly memorable show, described by one visitor as 'the best Shetland Show ever'! The two day show culminated with the five judges awarding the Supreme Champion International Shetland Pony 2010 Show Trophy to HRE Bigton owned by Mr David Hodge and ridden by Alice Barr. The Reserve Overall Champion of Show was the standard black mare Berrymoor Bramble owned by the Nicholson family.

The setting for the show could not have been better, the immaculate grounds provided a marvellous backdrop in the five rings for showing the ponies. There were some outstanding ponies forward and strong competition coupled with entries from overseas in most of the classes provided much interest to those outside the rings.

The Saturday evening began with a welcome champagne reception when 230 guests enjoyed meeting old friends and many new ones and was a great opportunity for everyone to talk about their mutual interests in the Shetland pony. The celebration dinner which followed was excellent with everyone saying how much they had enjoyed the atmosphere and the food. With over half the guests coming from abroad this was a truly international affair. The President, Mrs Sue Bowling, gave a welcome speech to which Mme Yvonne Held made a response on behalf of the overseas guests from Austria, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Holland, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland.

Both Standard Black and Coloured rings had strong classes and the Miniature ring saw entries of well over 20 in most of the Youngstock classes while the Barren mare class at 36 entries and the Stallion class at 27, were split by age. Saturday was the in-hand Youngstock day and the in-hand Gelding classes. In the Ridden classes the Olympia qualifier produced strong competition amongst many top class ponies and the inclusion of the mini Hickstead bank in the Working Hunter classes gave much pleasure to both exhibitors and onlookers alike. Sunday was the Senior in-hand classes, Ridden and Driven classes, also the Fancy Dress and Progeny classes and culminated with the Championships from the first and second prize winners from both

Saturday and

Sunday. The Driven ring had well filled classes with entries from the UK, Germany and Holland and these gave great pleasure to spectators. The Buchy trophy was

presented for the best Overseas exhibit and judged by all five judges, the winner being Paradisets Tarouk from Denmark.

Mr Angus Howie from Perthshire judged the Standard Black ponies and chose Sharptor Chiffon owned and bred by Mr Julian Walters as his Junior Champion who also took the Reserve Junior Championship with Sharptor Trinity. Senior Champion was Berrymoor Bramble owned by the Nicholson family with Reserve Senior Vihrsgaardens Kerryston Pyama owned and bred by the Vihrs family.

The Standard Coloured ponies were judged by Mr Peter Robinson from Lancashire who chose the French pony Uskine de Crapaudieu owned and bred by C. Le Mitre as his Junior Champion with Birchmoor Grizelda as his Reserve Junior Champion, bred and owned by the Barugh family. Senior Champion was Brinleyview Camanchee bred by Mrs P. Pearce and owned by Mrs Anna Stevens and Reserve Senior Champion was Paradisets Tarouk exhibited by Lene Sønderskou and bred by the Jensen family from Denmark.

Mrs Jill Stevenson from Leicester judged the Miniature Shetlands and chose Frank and Carol Hodders' home bred filly Eiger Kassandra as her Junior Champion with Chris and Trudy Ridgers home bred colt Wotnotts Buccaneer as Reserve Junior Champion. Senior Champion was the Hodders' Eiger Hugo and Reserve Senior Champion was Keensacre Eclipse owned by Mr David Hodge.

The Ridden classes were judged by Mrs Wendy Mouser from Aberdeenshire who awarded the ridden championship to Mr David Hodge's stallion HRE Bigton with the reserve championship going to Waulkmill Redstart owned by A. Bromwich and ridden by Becky Penny.

Mrs Audrey Sinclair judged the Driven ponies and from well supported classes she chose the winners of the private driving class Clothie Uriebell and Tirrik of Sunnydale driven by E. Bosanquet as Driven Champion with Pictonbach Jack and Baddesley Cavalier driven by J. Saiers as Reserve Champion. The Progeny class was held prior to the Overall In-hand Breed Championship and was judged by the three in-hand judges. The winners of this class were the stallion Abbotsbury Jack with two of his progeny: Claylands Kirsty and Claylands Prince of Foxt (both bred by Maurice Arden and Shirley Nadin) who exhibited the ponies with D.Verity.

The Overall In-hand Breed Championship between all the Champions and Reserves from the three rings was judged by the three judges who presented the Championship to Berrymoor Bramble with Brinleyview Camanchee the Reserve.

The Buchy trophy was presented for the best Overseas exhibit and judged by all five judges. This was a huge class with all the highest placed exhibitors in each class from overseas competing. The winner was Paradisets Tarouk exhibited by Lene Sønderskou from Denmark, a very popular win.

The Overall In-hand Breed Champion, the Ridden Champion and the Driven Champion then competed for the Supreme Championship of the Show. The five judges presented the Trophy which had been kindly donated by Miss Henrietta Knight and Lady Vestey in memory of their mother Hester Knight to HRE Bigton a very popular choice with the onlookers and the Reserve was awarded to Berrymoor Bramble.

2010 Viking Shetland Pony Show

Lots of crossed fingers and a couple of sun dances later despite a touch and go start to the day the Viking Show was again blessed with dry weather and even a bit of sunshine in the afternoon for the championships! The competitors and spectators were out in force and there were a good number of entries across the three rings, standard, miniature and performance.

This year Mrs Carolyn Pleass judged the Performance Classes. She thoroughly enjoyed her day of judging and commented on the quality of the ponies, riders and handlers forward.

Nigel Vale judged the standard ring and had a 'very challenging but highly enjoyable time' judging the very large broodmare class.

Corinna Seipp didn't have as many ponies to judge as the miniature ring has seen in previous years but it was case of quality not quantity as the Best Miniature went on to take Supreme Champion at the end of the day.

Supreme Champion of the day was **Watzo of Berry**, a chestnut miniature stallion owned and bred by the Berry Stud but shown for them on the day by Tore Skarpnord, Norway. Watzo of Berry qualified for the Championship first winning the stallion class and then **Overall Miniature champion**. **Clothie Nightcap** was overall ridden champion and then went on to take **Reserve Overall Champion** with his lead rein rider, **Melody Goodlad**.

The Viking Show organisers wish to thank everyone who has helped in any way to make this year's event possible. Without the assistance and support of you all the show could not enjoy its continued success.

Registrations

Anyone wishing to sell foals at any of the Society's autumn sales must submit their foal registrations no later than 4 weeks before the sale closing date. This will ensure that the office has enough time to process the registration, enter the details on the database (so the Auctioneers can check the entries) and for the passport to be issued to the breeder in plenty time for travelling to the sale.

Online Stinting certificates are now available. See website for details.

EXPORTS/IMPORTS

Council would like to remind any members importing ponies to be cautious. The pony's lineage must trace back to the mother stud-books. It is up to the person importing the pony to prove the pedigree. Ponies must now be micro-chipped before they leave/enter the country.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

If members have a query regarding Society Accounts for Annual General Meetings please address this to the Society accountants:- Miller McIntyre & Gellatly, Chapelshade House, 78-74 Bell Street, Dundee DD1 1RQ for the attention of Mr John S. Gellatly, **14 working days** prior to the AGM in order that they may receive an individual response.



The Society would appreciate it if those members paying annually could return their old plastic membership

cards to the office, so that we may recycle them. Cards can be handed in to a member of staff at Society sales or posted along with any paperwork you happen to be sending in.

TRANSFERS

Sellers are reminded that when selling a pony, the passport and a signed transfer form MUST be given to the new owner. It is the new owner's responsibility to pay for the change of ownership and to send the paperwork in to record the transfer. Purchasers are also required to pay for the transfer fees of any ponies they purchase at Society sales.

Council Nominations

Anyone wishing to stand for Council is reminded that nomination forms **MUST** be in by 1st May each year. Forms are available from the Society office.

Electronic Newsletters

Those wishing to receive newsletters electronically, should contact the office via the email - **enquiries@spsbs.co.uk** - stating clearly the email address they wish to have it sent to.

PAYMENTS		Ponies for Sale
Please note that all transfer fees are now £12 . Also, when registering foals, can you please ensure you have included the passport fee . We have received an increasing number of forms which only have the registration fee enclosed. Filly foals are a total of £25 each. Colts are £15 .		 Westpark Three Star AU2207. Black colt 2yrs, should mature to 40"- 41". Sire - Westpark Rising Star, dam - Westpark Emerald. Wells/Westpark bloodlines, breeding & show potential Tel: M. Martin 01651 806786 (Aberdeenshire) Ladbury Stud - genuine reduction of mares, foals,
2010 PRICE LIST		fillies, colts & geldings. Standard & miniature. For further details please ring 01792 391048 or
Subscriptions		email: robert.dorothy@homecall.co.uk
Individual Annual	£30.00	Control Lash of Harris Barrish date Barrish AV0450
Joint Annual	£50.00	Goytre Jack of Hearts , licenced stallion AK0458 born 12.04.00, grey, 32". Long mane, friendly,
Junior	£10.00	easy to catch, trim & box. Good home required .
Family	£70.00	Also miniature mares & filly foals for sale.
Life Annual Crofter	£500.00 £20.00	Please contact 01643 851475
Life Crofter	£200.00	
Associate	£200.00	Books for Sale
Joining Fee	~_ 0.00	DUOKS IOI DUIC
(except Junior & Associate)	£15.00	Set of stud-books Vol 78 - 107 also Vol 73.
Registrations (Late = Double fees)		31 books in total £350 ono + delivery at cost.
Colt/Gelding Foal	£6.00	Tel 01405 704855/07810 523486
Filly Foal	£16.00	
Female Pony over 12 months	£25.00	2010 SALE DATES
Male Pony over 12 months	£20.00	
Mare (when registering first foal)	£13.50	
Gelding (previously registered as c	colt) £7.00	Builth Fri. 24th September
Reg'n of ponies with non-UK p/p	£50.00	Tel: 01568 611 166
(lineage must trace back to the mother stud-book)		
Passports		York Sat. 25th September
Foals and ponies born after 1997	£9.00	Tel: 01904 489 731
Foal and ponies born after 1997 non-UK £15.00		Carlisle Sat. 2nd October
Passport application		Tel: 01228 406 200
(for ponies born prior to 1998)	£25.00	Tel: 01228 400 200
Amendments to existing passport	£5.00	Lerwick Fri. 8th October
Transfers		Tel: 01595 696300
Transfer (ALL ponies)	£12.00	
Export / Import	£25.00	Aberdeen Mon. 11th October
Keeper registration		Tel: 01467 623700
(where no signed transfer can be obtained	1) £15.00	Reading Wed. 20th October
Miscellaneous		Tel: 0118 950 8611
Prefix	£50.00	
Show Affiliation	£25.00	Bridgwater Thurs. 28th October
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Additional Rosettes	£1.50	Members place note that an Casista sale
DNA Kit	£45.00	Members please note that on Society sale
Voluntary Vet Examination	£65.00	days the SPSBS will not be answering the
Examination only Microchip	£15.00 £5.80	office telephones due to staff attendance
Microchip Priority service (payment by card of		at Society sales.
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Closing date for adverts for the next newsletter is Friday 29th October 2010.