



# Sports Pony Studbook Society

## Notice of Annual General Meeting



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 2014 Annual General Meeting of THE SPORTS PONY STUDBOOK SOCIETY will be held at Hartpury Arena, Hartpury College, near Gloucester GL19 3BE on Saturday 3rd January 2015 at 10.30am for the purpose of considering the matters set out below.

## AGENDA

### Ordinary Business

1. To elect Jacke Matthieson as Chairman.
2. To elect Lucy Sheldrake as Studbook Manager.
3. To re-elect Jackie Vincent as Director, Company Secretary, Treasurer & Committee Member.
4. To re-elect Philippa Cole as Committee Member & Studbook Secretary.
5. To receive the Financial Statement of The Sports Pony Studbook Society for the year ended 31 December 2013 and the Directors' Reports thereon.
6. To agree changes to the Rules (as detailed in Table 1) to take immediate effect.

### Special Business

1. To consider and, if thought fit, pass a Special Resolution to accept Revision 3 of the SPSS Memorandum and Articles of Association (see enclosed "marked up" copy; note that these changes are primarily corrections and clarifications).

After the Ordinary & Special Business has been concluded the Governing Committee will brief attendees on 2014 events, new initiatives and plans for 2015 followed by chance for members present to ask questions and make suggestions.

Note that all current members (as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014) attending the AGM will get free entry to the BBSH Stallion Parade that follows the AGM (family members will get one ticket per membership).

By order of the Governing Committee

Jackie Vincent  
Company Secretary  
SPSS Registered Office

**Table 1 – Proposed Changes to the SPSS Rules  
from 7th Edition (Jan 2012) to 8<sup>th</sup> Edition (Jan 2015)**

Section	Change
Into	<p>Studbook Office address etc and Registered Office details added.</p> <p>Under Legal Status, last para updated to:            “The Sports Pony Studbook Society is <del>recognised as efficient</del> <b>approved</b> by the Department of the Environment and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) <del>and is an approved</del> <b>as a</b> Passport Issuing Organisation for equine passports.”</p> <p>List of Officers of the Society - updated to current list.</p> <p>REASON: To reflect current situation.</p>
Part 1	<p>Amendment of “the SPSS pedigree papers” to be “SPSS pedigree papers (ie a SPSS passport)”</p> <p>REASON: To make more understandable.</p>
1.1	<p>Bullet point 2 amended from "Progeny of one parent graded with the SPSS and one parent graded/licenced with a warmblood or sporthorse studbook. Blue Papers." to “Progeny of one parent graded with the SPSS and one parent graded/licenced with a <b>World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (WBFSH) member studbook or a recognised foreign sports pony studbook</b>. Blue Papers.”</p> <p>REASON: To align with actual practise.</p>
3	<p>Revision to Registration of ponies with existing pedigree papers from other studbooks to:</p> <p>“Over-stamping and/ or recording of pedigree (as appropriate) will be available to the following ponies (<b>provided they are no higher than 158cm</b>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pure-bred animals with papers issued by a stud book listed with DEFRA except for those of current Rare Breed status</li> <li>• Part-bred animals with papers issued by a stud book listed with DEFRA</li> <li>• Pure and part-bred animals with papers issued by a recognised foreign pony stud book</li> <li>• <b>Pure and part bred animals with papers issued by a WPFSH member studbook</b></li> </ul> <p>Over-stamping / recording of pedigree is an initial step in the grading process and such over-stamped or recorded ponies must <b>either</b> successfully attend a SPSS grading in order to gain the status of a graded sports pony for breeding purposes <b>or be exempt according to the SPSS Rules (Rule 4.1 for stallions; Rule 8.2 for Mares).</b>”</p> <p>REASON: To align with current practise.</p>
4.1	<p>Bullet point 3 (iv). Amend to read:</p> <p>“have papers issued by another UK <del>pony</del> stud book listed with DEFRA not currently of Rare Breed status plus, <b>if a pure bred British-born Mountain &amp; Moorland</b>, proof that the pony has been approved and/or licenced by its own stud book “</p> <p>REASON: Clarification to align with Defra’s conditions on SPSS operation which only apply to pure-bred British-born Mountain &amp; Moorland ponies.</p>

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4.1	<p>Bullet point 4. Amend to read:</p> <p><del>EITHER successfully attend inspection</del> <b>achieve a mark of 75% or more at</b> an SPSS stallion grading <del>or site inspection</del> and fulfil the post grading procedures and any other conditions required by the SPSS grading judges.</p> <p>OR have already been fully graded/approved with a <b>SPSS approved</b> foreign sports pony breed society prior to importation into the UK.</p> <p>REASON: Clarification of requirements</p>
4.2	<p>Revision to Post-grading procedures to:</p> <p>“Upon grading with the SPSS a stallion will also need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• provide a DNA sample for parentage testing purposes <b>(and pay for it’s testing) or provide evidence of prior testing</b></li> <li>• provide a veterinary certificate to include freedom from hereditary disease</li> <li>• <del>provide evidence of current freedom from all types of equine venereal disease and infection as specified by current DEFRA guidelines on an annual basis before the commencement of the covering season in all subsequent years.</del> <b>sign &amp; return the annual SPSS Declaration of Observance form to confirm that they have read and will observe and abide by the relevant Horserace Betting Levy Board Codes of Practise.</b></li> </ul> <p>REASON: To align with actual practise.</p>
4.4	<p>Revision of Elite status to align with requirements for mares</p> <p><del>“At the discretion of the SPSS committee, Elite stallion status will be awarded to SPSS graded stallions that compete at top national level in any recognised FEI discipline or that have sired progeny competing at that level.</del> <b>Elite status will be awarded to any SPSS graded stallion that has an international competition record under saddle at FEI level or is the sire of an FEI international competition pony/horse. This is indicated by the studbook code ESB. Elite status may also be awarded, at the discretion of the SPSS Governing Committee, to other exceptional proven competition stallions.”</b></p> <p>REASON: To align with actual practise and ensure the same requirements for stallions &amp; mares.</p>
5.2	<p>Amend Bullet point 4 to read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• fulfil the requirements of Rule 4.2 <b>(Post Grading Procedures)</b> above.</li> </ul> <p>REASON: Clarity</p>
7	<p>Revise Registration of progeny to read:</p> <p>“Upon entry to the SPSS Stud Books as an SPSS graded stallion or an SPSS Foundation Studbook stallion, all unborn and future progeny may be registered <b>and passported</b> with the SPSS according to the normal registration rules, provided all regulations on re-inspection and veterinary protocols are observed. <b>Progeny born before the stallion is entered into a SPSS Stud Book are not eligible for a SPSS passport via the graded stallion route; however, if the dam is a SPSS graded mare then that will allow them to receive a SPSS passport.”</b></p> <p>REASON: Clarification of permitted practise</p>

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8.2	<p>Amend to read:</p> <p>“Mares already graded with a recognised sport pony studbook abroad <del>or similar daughter organisation in the UK</del> <b>or a WBFSH member studbook</b> will be accepted into the equivalent section of the SPSS Mare Studbook upon registration according to grading marks, competition record and pedigree.”</p> <p>REASON: To align with actual practise.</p>
9.3	<p>Amend 1<sup>st</sup> bullet point to read:</p> <p>“All mares achieving grading marks of 65% <b>or above</b> but lacking the required recorded pedigree”</p> <p>Add an additional bullet point as follows:</p> <p><b>“All mares with a full 2 or 3 generation pedigree who fail to achieve the grading marks for the Main or Head studbooks”</b></p> <p>REASON: To align with actual practise.</p>
10	<p>Revision of Elite status to:</p> <p>“Elite status will be awarded to any SPSS graded mare that has an international competition record under saddle at FEI level or is the dam of an FEI international competition pony/horse. This is indicated by a prefix E placed in front of the normal studbook <del>prefix code</del>. <b>Elite status may also be awarded, at the discretion of the SPSS Governing Committee, to other exceptional proven competition mares.</b>”</p> <p>REASON: To align with actual practise and ensure the same requirements for mares &amp; stallions.</p>
Part IV	<p>Amend title to “MEMBERSHIP AND REGISTRATION <del>OTHER FEES</del>”</p> <p>REASON: Clarity.</p>
12	<p>Amend Membership Subscriptions to:</p> <p>“Annual Full Adult:</p> <p><b>2015 (New &amp; renewals) .....£25.00</b>  <b>2016 onwards (New Members): ..... £27.50 (payment by cheque or one off bank transfer)</b>  <b>2016 onwards (Renewals):..... £25.00 (payment by standing order on 1<sup>st</sup> January)</b></p> <p>Annual Family:</p> <p><b>2015 .....£35.00</b>  <b>2016 onwards (New Members): ..... £25.00 (payment by standing order on 1st January)</b>  <b>2016 onwards (Renewals):..... £27.50 (payment by cheque or one off bank transfer)</b></p> <p>Life Adult: .....<del>£150.00</del> <b>£250.00</b></p> <p><b>Life Family: ..... £350.00”</b></p> <p>REASON: Renewal of annual memberships by standing order will reduce office costs so attracts a lower Membership fee. Life Membership wasn’t increased when annual membership rose to £25 in 2006 and so has been exceptional value, especially now the British Breeder magazine is posted to members.</p>

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12	<p>Amend text within border to read:</p> <p>“Only <del>full paid-up</del> <b>current full, life or honorary</b> members can <b>passport</b>, register and grade ponies with SPSS for breeding and documentation purposes.”</p> <p>REASON: Honorary members don’t pay membership, so cannot be considered “paid up” members but are considered equivalent to full and life members for the purposes of passporting, registering and grading ponies. “Passport” added to clarify as with time “register” has come to mean “overstamp” rather than it’s original use as meaning “passport or overstamp”</p>
13.1	<p>Revise General Note to:</p> <p>“NB: ALL applications for registration must be accompanied by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* the relevant SPSS application form</li> <li>* an <b>SPSS</b> identity form completed by a veterinary surgeon (<b>for passport applications</b>) (<del>good photocopies of vaccination certificates are acceptable</del>) or a <b>copy of the identity pages</b> provided as part of existing registration documents (<b>for registration/overstamping applications</b>)</li> <li>* the appropriate <b>passport</b>/registration and membership fees.”</li> </ul> <p>REASON: Alignment with current practise.</p>
13.2	<p>Amend to read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Registration of stallions already graded with <b>another SPSS approved foreign sports pony breed society prior to importation into the UK</b> <del>other sports pony studbooks:</del> ..... £120.00</li> <li>• Annual covering fee (only stallions intended to be used for breeding in the current year): ..... £50.00 This fee includes the cost of one covering book per year. Extra books available at £25.00 each</li> <li>• Registration (<b>ie “overstamping”</b>) of <del>already registered but ungraded colts and stallions with papers from other studbooks (colts 2 yrs and over)</del> stallions (or colts aged 2 and above) with pedigree papers/passport from another studbook that are not accepted by the SPSS as already graded : ..... £50.00</li> </ul> <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p><b>Veterinary requirements for graded stallions</b>  <del>Any stallion that is successful in the grading will</del> <b>All graded stallions</b> need to be DNA parentage tested at the owner’s expense (<del>ca. £55.00</del>) <b>or provide evidence of an existing DNA test</b> before any of their progeny can be issued with an SPSS <del>papers</del> <b>passport</b>. <del>In order to complete the grading process successful</del> Stallion <b>owners will</b> <del>are</del> also be required to provide a veterinary certificate of freedom from hereditary disease/<b>defects</b> and must also sign &amp; return the annual SPSS Declaration of Observance form to confirm that they have read and will observe and abide by the relevant Horserace Betting Levy Board Codes of Practise. “</p> </div> <p>REASON: Clarification and alignment with other rules</p>

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13.3	<p>Revise to read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Registration (<b>ie acceptance into the SPSS Mare Studbook</b>) of mares already graded with other <b>SPSS approved</b> sports pony studbooks and WBFSH member studbooks:: ..... £70.00</li> <li>• Registration (<b>ie “overstamping”</b>) of ungraded mares with passports from other studbooks::..... £25.00</li> </ul> <div style="border: 3px double black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p><b>Already graded</b> These mares will need to provide a DNA sample. The SPSS reserves the right to test the DNA sample at the owners expense (<del>ea £40.00</del> <b>Cost £50.00</b>)”</p> </div> <p>REASON: Clarification and price increase to cover increased charges by AHT.</p>
13.4	<p>Revise title to read “Gelding, foal and youngstock registration (<b>ie “overstamping”</b>) fees”</p> <p>REASON: Clarity.</p>
14	<p>Amend to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Registration of a <b>new</b> prefix: £50.00</li> <li>• <b>Extension of an existing prefix for use with the SPSS: £20.00”</b></li> </ul> <p>REASON: correction of omission of fee for prefix extension (prices have not been increased)</p>
15	<p>Amend to</p> <p><del>“SPSS Passports – Change of Ownership &amp; Lost Passports</del> <b>Amendment/replacement Fees</b></p> <p>When a pony holding ANY type of SPSS passport changes ownership the passport must be returned to the SPSS Head Office immediately to have the new owner’s details recorded.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change of Ownership fee: ..... £25.00</li> <li>• Replacement of lost <b>or stolen</b> passports (originally issued by the SPSS): ..... £60.00</li> <li>• <b>Replacement of damaged passports (originally issued by the SPSS):..... £40.00</b></li> <li>• <b>Notification of Castration (Gelding): ..... £15.00</b></li> <li style="padding-left: 20px;">If sent with a Transfer of Ownership Form, the fee reduces to: ..... <b>£20.00</b></li> <li>• <b>Notification of Death of Pony:..... Free*</b></li> <li style="padding-left: 20px;">* .Unless passport is to be returned to someone other than the last recorded owner when there is a fee of £5 to cover postage and administration”</li> </ul> <p>REASON: Correcting omissions</p>