

Council Meeting Report - 8th February, 2022

The CPBS council held a meeting in Ballinasloe Tuesday 8th February, 2022. Thirteen members were in attendance. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, and matters arising discussed. New members were approved. The President expressed his disappointment that there were still person(s) who continued to leak information from council meetings. The Finance Officer and chairs of subcommittees went through all the budgets for the coming year. They were discussed and approved by council. The Spring weekend activities were confirmed with colt inspections at 10am on 24 and 25th at Creagh, and 26th Clifden. Education have arranged several workshops with a variety of topics included one for young breeders on care of the pony and getting ready for the showing season on Sunday 27th at 10am in Clifden. A workshop on preparing a mare for the breeding season would take place in Clifden on Saturday 26th at 10am. Key points on preparing for inspections would also be on the agenda. *An Capaillin 2022* would be launched, Hall of Fame awards made and the Bartley O'Sullivan lecture take place on Saturday evening in the Station House. The insurance policy renewal was approved, arrangements for increased storage space discussed and approved. An update from Weatherbys reported that they were retesting 10,000 samples and were about half way through. The passport backlog was reduced. A reminder for membership renewal would be going out. The one year rule re inspections was endorsed – no person who inspected in Spring, either colts or fillies, is entitled to inspect again in the Autumn of the same year. Inspectors refresher days were being arranged. A date and venue had been fixed for Arena Party Training – it was well subscribed and those taking part were being notified. Five venues for the Green Hunter qualifiers have been selected: Ballinalee, Slane, Mullingar, Moycullen and Ennis. The Showground repairs were discussed. The river bank has been shored up. The warm up arena was to be extended by 20 feet. The storm damaged stand has been repaired. Quotes were in for the fencing. The lights/cameras were to be fixed. The Adhoc committee reported on their briefs. Correspondence and any other business was dealt with.