

**BRITISH SHOW PONY  
SOCIETY**

**72<sup>nd</sup>**

**A.G.M.**

**ANNUAL REPORTS**

**SATURDAY, 5<sup>th</sup>, February, 2022**

**AT**

**1.30 P.M.**

*THE  
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**AGENDA**  
**Notice of Annual General Meeting of the British Show Pony Society**  
**(Registered number 5308982)**

**Notice is hereby given that the British Show Pony Society will be holding its Annual General Meeting (“AGM”) on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2022.**

The following business will be dealt with at the AGM:

- 1) Apologies.
- 2) Approval of the Minutes of the 71st Annual General Meeting of the Society held on 6th February, 2021 these Minutes having been circulated, and to discuss matters arising.
- 3) The 2021 Financial Reports - Head Office and Championship Shows.
- 4) Elected Council members.
- 5) Consideration of the following Reports :-
  - 5.1 National Chairman
  - 5.2 Company Secretary
  - 5.3 Summer Championships Show
  - 5.4 Qualifying Shows
  - 5.5 Dope Testing
  - 5.6 Chairman of Area Chairman
  - 5.7 Chairman of Scottish Branch
  - 5.8 Judges Assessment & Conference Committee
  - 5.9 Heritage Championship Show
  - 5.10 Chef D’Equipe
  - 5.11 Joint Measurement Board
  - 5.12 Entertainment Committee
  - 5.13 Winter Championship
  - 5.14 Working Sports Pony
- 6) Any other business

Members wishing to bring up items in Any Other Business are requested to write in six days prior to the A.G.M.

Please note that proxies may be used. For copies of proxy voting form and details contact Head Office on 01487 831 376.

**The Meeting will close by 3.30 pm**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM ON SATURDAY  
FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2021 AT 10.00 PM**

**1) ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

52 Members attended via Zoom ; 12 Apologies were received.

The Chairman, Mrs Pat Pattinson gave a speech:

Madam President, Members, Ladies and Gentlemen Welcome.

Breaking from my usual format I begin by thanking our Patron Joanna MacInnes, President Mrs. Pip Baker Beall, Treasurer Les Pole, Executive Officer, Joy Hall, Company Secretary, Karen Toynton Ward, Head Office Staff, Board Members, Area Chairmen and their Committees, Scottish Branch and here I thank retiring Chairman Joyce Coltart for her splendid contribution not just to Scotland but to this Society Thank you Joyce. Joyce takes up the role of Vice Chairman as we welcome Helen Outram as new chair. Hope you find it interesting and fulfilling Helen.

My thanks also to all judges, stewards, officials, our generous sponsors for their continued support and you, our members, who by working together pulled out all the stops against all the odds to make any showing possible in 2020. My congratulations to returning Board members; Martin will give further details later in the meeting. Also congratulations to returning Executive members of the Board, Joanne Griffin, Simon Richardson who are joined by Sharon Thomas. Congratulations to Nigel Hollings who takes up the role of Vice Chairman. My thanks are indeed extended to Paul Cook for his time served in that role . We will see Paul tomorrow bringing yet another interesting Judges Conference.

2020, saw a new normal for showing. Here I thank Joanne Pybus for her unstinting work and efforts in helping to formulate the Showing Blueprint.

In spite of the horrific weather the new WSP show proved to be a great success; much to build on. Well done Philip Hilton and team. The Summer and Heritage Champs were well supported with quality ponies in abundance. Well done everyone.

So what of 2021?? I think we now know that the winter series is doubtful, therefore no qualification will be needed for the Winter Champs. The WSP Show date is to be amended. We are hopeful that RI and HOYS qualifiers will go ahead. Looks like a busy late Spring and Summer!!

The Mid Summer Show now incorporates the new and exciting Tiny Tots Future Stars competition. best Rider and Burghley qualifiers are under Area banners. The Summer and Heritage Champs schedules are good to go.....we just need the green light.

The recently adopted Entrymaster should make it easier to join and register on line.

Most of you will know by now that our Heritage M&M final will not be held at Olympia this year. It has been an absolute pleasure to be part of such an amazing show. My thanks to H Power; we will of course continue to liaise with Simon Brookes Ward on progress and development plans.

HOWEVER, I am delighted to announce that we have been busy in negotiations to hold the Heritage M&M final at the Liverpool International Horse Show on New Year's Day 2022. I shall now hand over to colleague Simon Richardson to report on the details.

Caring is a relatively small word yet it encompasses a multitude of meanings. It can transform, it can give hope and strength when the world as we know it is falling apart. It includes welfare, health and safety of our members, all of our members including our WHP competitors.

As your Chairman, I care, this Board cares strongly about this Society, its members and all associated with it. During my adult life I have worn many badges (for want of a better word), they have carried huge responsibility and a duty of care. Never before have I been criticised for caring!!! Unbelievable; enough said!!

Finally, we now know more than ever, what it feels like to look ahead and not see life as we have known it. I cannot predict the future; but whenever, in whatever format, we, the BSPS will make every effort to bring quality showing to you, our members. It is crucial that we move forward together, as together we can and we will. Time to smile again.

Take care, keep safe.  
Pat Pattinson  
National Chairman

2) **MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM MEETING**

The minutes of the last AGM held on Saturday February 1<sup>st</sup> were signed as a true record. The minutes were proposed by Edward Young, seconded by Sharon Thomas and approved.

3) **2020 FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Copies of the Head Office and Championships Show Accounts were circulated.

Mr Martin Wood, Accountant to the Society went through the accounts. He thanked Les Pole, Treasurer, Joy Hall and Karen Toynton Ward for all their help with the accounts.

Paul Cook proposed the accounts, seconded by Simon Richardson and adopted.

4) **REPORT ON COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Mr Martin Wood, Accountants and Scrutineers reported that there had been a ballot and the following members had been elected: -

Mr Nigel Hollings, Mr Philip Hilton, Mrs Dawn Christie and Mr Mike Hall. The Chairman congratulated the returning Council members.

5) **CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORTS**

Chairman's, Secretary's, Joint Measurement Boards, Summer Championships Show, Dope Testing, Working Sports Pony Show, Heritage, Entertainment and Fundraising, Qualifying Shows, Assessment and Conference Committee, Chairman of Scottish Branch, and Chairman of the Area Chairmen.

All the reports were proposed by Nigel Hollings, seconded by Joanne Griffin and adopted en bloc.

6) **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Mrs Clifford asked a question about the Society's plans for the Show Pony and Show Hunter Pony Classes.

Mr Hollings replied that the Society was always looking at ways to encourage more members to show plaited ponies.

Mr Young said that the decline in competing plaited ponies was not as marked when looking at the figures that members perceived.

Mr Harforth said that the Riding Pony Stud Book was now registering 300 foals a years which had dropped from 1500 10 years ago.

Mrs Georgakis said that costs for competitors was an ongoing challenge.

Mrs Sally Ward reiterated the cost factor especially for amateurs.

Mr Emmerson said that the Society was always looking at ways of encouraging the grass roots members to join the BSPS.

Mr Cook said that the quality of top ponies was still first class but Show Ponies and Show Hunter Ponies were not as versatile as Working Hunter Ponies or Mountain and Moorland Ponies and this presented its own challenges.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked members for attending and giving up their time and declared the meeting closed at 11.10.

## NATIONAL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2021

2021, lets start at the very beginning – as the famous song says; however I shall skip over the early weeks and the daily update of doom and gloom.

February, did see a very well received Judges Conference and A.G.M. facilitated by that now familiar method 'The Zoom Meeting'. Well done Paul Cook, Karen Toynton-Ward and all participants. Continuing in Zoom mode our Members Conference was again well attended and some contentious issues discussed. It is always good to have open debate with strong opinions and reasons behind decisions made aired a positive outcome!

By now, our Areas were running "Covid Restricted" Winter/Spring shows; my thanks to the Showing Council Working Party for the Showing Blueprint which enabled societies to move cautiously forward.

April saw our Winter Championship Show at Arena UK. Although this was affected by some restrictions, it was, nevertheless a fantastic couple of days. Good weather, a great atmosphere, quality ponies and amazing competition. Well done and thanks to the Show Chairman, Joanne Griffin and her team. Joanne stood down from the board during the year, I know we all wish to thank her for all the hard work given over many years.

The W.S.P. Show at Vale View was enjoyed by all competitors. Thanks to Philip Hilton and his team. As you know, sadly Burghley did not go ahead this year and in spite of every effort being made, it proved impossible to replace at the right venue, at the right time. I am extremely confident, optimistic even, that we will return to Burghley next year. Burghley proves to be an amazing day and an unforgettable experience.

The Midsummer Show attracted excellent entries and we were very fortunate to have H.O.Y.S. qualifiers on offer and hotly contested. Well done Sharon Thomas and 'The Team'.

By late Spring, early Summer restrictions were easing a little and R.I.H.S. qualifiers were in full force across our Areas. The rings at the Royal International did not disappoint. Our classes provided an amazing vista of quality ponies (even in the torrential rain on Sunday morning!) Well done everyone and special thanks to Lizzie and Edward Bunn for going ahead.

As Chair of the Summer Champs, I was delighted to raise a glass to celebrate fun, friendship, showing and the fact that we were able to go ahead. As I write, I am conscious, as I was then of those we have lost: especially young Tiggy Hancock and Melissa Hatton. I know you will all join with me in sending our ongoing support to the families. As always, I mention my favourite part of the Summer Champs. The parade and presentation of the Area Teams. It is joyous, wonderful and totally manic. Fabulous and the backbone of our Society. Well done and more please!

The showing year moves on to the N.E.C. and H.O.Y.S. congratulations to all who qualified, were placed and were winners. The buzz and excitement around the rings as good as ever. I was delighted to present the S.P awards and to meet up with so many members at the much visited Society's stand.

Well done Sandy Anderson and Grandstand Media making the brave decision to go ahead – much appreciated.

Our Heritage Championship Show was in fact one of the best yet, excellent entries across the board with London qualifiers being hotly contested. Tea and cakes, again were much appreciated. Well done Peter Emmerson and Sharon Thomas.

## **National Chairman's report cont ....**

We now know that Liverpool International will not take place and for a while in these still uncertain times our Mountain & Moorland final was homeless. However, working quickly and expertly Simon Richardson and Nigel Hollings secured our spot at The London International Horse Show, to be held before Christmas. So the LeMieux M&M finalists will get to visit Santa ! My sincere thanks to all concerned at H Power; Simon and Nigel. I should also like to extend my personal thanks to all who offered help.

I cannot close without a mention of the awesome Olympic and Paralympic Equestrian squad followed by the gold Medal winning Eventing Team in Europe. Truly inspirational, just the tonic we need. Obviously hard work and dedication make dreams come true !!

Finally in closing, my thanks and appreciation to so many, our Patron Joanna MacInnes, President Pip Baker-Beall, The Board, Head Office Team led by Executive Officer Joy Hall, company Secretary, Karen Toynton-Ward and our loyal members.

What of 2022;- I am ever hopeful that by working together we can build on all that is good this year (not to mention the successful vaccine programme !); to plan, prepare and deliver an exciting calendar of excellent showing that is **SIMPLY THE BEST !!**

Until next time

Enjoy your sport

**PAT PATTINSON**  
**(National Chairman)**

## **COMPANY SECRETARY'S REPORT 2021**

I am delighted to present my annual report for 2021.

First and foremost, I thank all members for their continued support in what has been, by any standards, another difficult year.

Due to Covid. I spent the first three months of the year in the office on my own which was challenging, and I must say, a little depressing. Luckily all the Council members regularly rang, and we met via Zoom over twenty times during the year to discuss the latest rules and to run the Society and all the shows. However, during this period I achieved some success when our new Entrymaster system went live providing members with the opportunity of registering their ponies and entering shows online for the first time.

Unfortunately, Covid meant that we had to have our February AGM and Judges Conference via Zoom which worked very well, and thanks must go to Paul Cook and the Judges Assessment Committee who did a fantastic job.

We managed to run all the qualifiers for the Royal International Horse Show even though some of the Areas had to move dates from March to May which was no easy task. The Show itself took place in July, albeit not in its usual form, but it was a super spectacle with the best ponies and horses in the world in attendance.

Amazingly, we managed to hold all our Shows this year and the support from members was so wonderful. The Summer Championships in August were the pinnacle of the year and, with most classes on the surfaces at Arena UK, the atmosphere was exceptionally good, the entertainment enjoyed by all, and the Show ran like clockwork thanks to our wonderful band of stewards. A special thanks must go to our Showing Director, Mr Mike Hall and his team who worked tirelessly to ensure that the Show ran smoothly.

Sadly, the Burghley Horse Trials were cancelled for the second year running and with it our wonderful Gold Cup Competition. This was disappointing but understandable.

In October, the Horse of the Year Show did go ahead, and thanks must go to Sandy Anderson and his team for an excellent job, a wonderful show which highlighted the best ponies under the spotlights.

Our calendar year moved on to the Heritage Championships in October. Classes were full of exceptional, quality ponies and dedicated riders who supported the Show. We qualified an array of beautiful Mountain and Moorland ponies for what we hoped would be our first appearance at the Liverpool International Horse Show. Thanks, must go to Peter Emmerson as Chairman and Sharon Thomas as Show Director who did a sterling job. However, another blow with news of the cancellation of the Liverpool International Horse Show which meant we had forty ponies with no home for their Final. Thanks must go to Nigel Hollings who approached the London International Horse Show with a plea to help the "homeless hairy ponies" and they came to the rescue. Enormous thanks to the Organising Committee of the London International Horse Show.

Thanks, as always, must go to our Areas and their Area Chairmen, especially to Joanne Pybus who worked incredibly hard to help the Areas run shows and qualifiers to give our members the opportunity to compete notwithstanding all the challenges they faced.

Finally, my thanks must also go to all the Council Members who give up enormous amounts of time and energy to ensure that the Society continually strives for perfection, to Lynne, Sharon and Rebecca for their commitment and hard work, to the stewards and officials for running brilliant shows, but by my no means least, to our Executive Officer, Joy Hall, for guiding the Society ever onwards and upwards!

**KAREN TOYNTON- WARD**  
**(Company Secretary)**

## **SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW REPORT**

Well we made it!!! A party with ponies!! And what ponies...everyday, across every ring an array of the finest and best; quality in abundance. Thank you to all our loyal members for being there, coming together to celebrate our shared passion for our sport'.

The Championships opened with a well supported Young Judges Competition Teams and individuals from across the country gave a good account. Congratulations to winning Team Area 6 and individual winners plaited Olivia Minihane and Heritage Hollie Steward and 12-17yr age group Annabelle Drake so many young people showing commitment.

WHP competitors were out in full strength and our course builders did not disappoint; creating challenging yet jumpable tracks. Graham Barclay yet again provided a fantastic and imaginative Desert Orchid course. Congratulations to William Pittendrigh and Silver Lough on taking top honours. William went on to take the WHP Supreme title and was part of the victorious England Team in the ever popular Inter Country WHP competition. I am delighted that this competition still attracts good entries from Ireland, Northern Ireland, Wales and Scotland, I am equally delighted that England took top three spots this year. Well done Chef D' Equipe Joanne Pybus !!

Topping the Heritage Workers ; Roberta Watts and Brock Lodge Ben, whilst Adam Forster took the Heritage Ridden Supreme with Section D Menai Eurostar. Well done

Plaited ponies too were out in force and the new Royal Bronze to Music attracted good and innovative entries. Well done Victoria Harker and Penwind Charlie. The highly valued Ghita Jago Memorial Supreme SP was claimed by Helen Davies' Novice Stoneleigh Springtime partnered by Cate Kerr. Well done also to Ellie Harrington and 148cm Roseberry Final Edition on taking both the SP Blue Riband and Champion of Champions title. Super stuff!! The 'diddies' too were out in force : well done young Tilly Leech who claimed the top title with Barkway Alfie Moon.

A party wouldn't be a party without the wonderful children's entertainment...and this year thanks to the tireless efforts of Sharon Thomas and Marilyn Ludlow it was better than ever! The ever popular disco provided by Myles Cooper saw many young people dancing into the early hours. Thank you again Myles. The Chairman's Happy Hour was a great way for stewards to meet and relax but I think the start time might need a little tweaking next year. My personal thanks to our President, Pip Baker- Beall who hosted a delicious Cheese and Wine Party... much appreciated.

For me, as always, the highlight of the week is the Parade of our Area Teams. The atmosphere is electric as the Arena fills with a mass of children, young people, banners and balloons, totally, wonderfully manic. A huge thank you to all Area Chairman and Committee members for the ongoing hard work and commitment. Fabulous!!!

The excitement continued on Saturday evening as 11 superb Champions contested The Supreme of Show, kindly assessed this year by renowned judge Jennifer Williams . As the tension mounted and all gave of their best young Reise Shakespeare riding Shildons Plan B emerged triumphant. Well done Reise.

So many people worked extremely hard to bring about the Summer Champs , Arena UK and Team, Head Office, Executive officer Joy Hall , Company Secretary Karen Toynton-Ward, Show Director Mike Hall, Assistant Show Director Adrian Beaumont, Showground Assistant Ian Bacciochi, Philip Hilton, The Moncasters and the evening Team. All officials, stewards, judges, course builders, the back room gang. Finally my personal thanks to our generous sponsors and you, our loyal members for making 2021 an amazing show.

Until next time  
Enjoy your sport.

**PAT PATTINSON**  
**(Chairman Championship Show)**

## **QUALIFYING SHOWS REPORT 2021**

Following the Zoom meeting with the other members of the team, Joanne Pybus, Sharon Thomas and Karen Ward, the recommendations were put to Council based on the reports received from all the qualifying shows plus our own knowledge and I am pleased to say that the Council agreed to the 2022 RIHS qualifiers. I would also like to take the opportunity of thanking Joanne, Sharon and Karen for all their help and input, we do need quality information and especially feedback from you, the members.

These qualifiers were allocated once again on as fair a basis as possible and based on guidelines given to us by the RIHS. Unfortunately there are restrictions as to the total number of qualifiers that we are allowed to allocate. The RIHS is being held in 2022 at Hickstead, West Sussex from the 26th to the 31st of July. If you have never been there, it is well worth the visit and many members tell me that it is one of their favourite shows (apart from our own Championship shows of course!).

By the time you read this, we will have completed the LeMieux BSPS Supreme Heritage classes at the London International Horse Show at ExCel with a fantastic line up of 40 ponies qualified. The format for 2022 will be the same successful formula with the champion from the 10 direct shows qualifying. This list is yet to be completed but no doubt it will still mean that all the top quality Mountain and Moorland ponies in the UK will want to qualify for this prestigious competition either at the direct qualifiers or via the semi finals or breed classes at the BSPS Heritage Championship show in October. The Heritage show goes from strength to strength, 2021 being no exception with excellent entries and an extremely friendly competitive atmosphere. I am sure that you are aware that we had to move very quickly once we were informed that as there was a refurbishment programme at Olympia and that there was restricted capacity at the ExCel arena, negotiations took place with the team at Bolesworth for our championship to take place at the Liverpool International Horse Show on the 1st of January, however despite having a signed contract this was cancelled and many thanks to the negotiation skills of Nigel Hollings with the HPower group, we were able to go to ExCel but with certain restrictions. The format will alter slightly but I know that we will have a worthy supreme champion along with a reserve plus the placings to 10th and 12 best of breeds. Again, if you have never been to the London International Horse Show just before Christmas, it is quite an amazing experience for all and highly recommended! I am in no doubt that ExCel will be just as good as Olympia!

Happy Showing in 2022!

**SIMON RICHARDSON**  
**(Qualifying Shows Representative)**

## **BSPS DOPE TESTING REPORT 2021**

We are fully aware that the past two years have been a difficult time for show organisers and as a result the Dope testing programme was consequently somewhat curtailed.

Two tests were taken at the Summer Championships and I am delighted to report that both were negative.

However, testing took place at the NPS Summer Championships and a positive test was taken. The BSPS believe it is very important that all Societies stand firmly together against positive dope tests. Firstly, it can not only damage an animal's health in the long term, but also put the rider in danger; moreover it is cheating!

As a result the BSPS have decided to employ rule 71a to support the National Pony Society which states:

“Any member or non-member or pony or horse that is suspended for any period of time as a result of any disciplinary action taken by the British Show Horse Association, Sport Horse Breeding of Great Britain, Coloured Horse and Pony Society or the National Pony Society may not compete in a BSPS show or a BSPS affiliated show during the period of any such suspension unless the Disciplinary committee, in its absolute discretion, decides otherwise after making such investigations as it deems appropriate.”

Going forward, I would like to remind members to familiarise themselves with the renewed Banned and Controlled Drugs list on the FEI website which is updated every January as ignorance is no defence!

Also to remind everyone to read our rules before entering a competition, not forgetting that **ANY pony or Horse on the showground whether competing or not can be tested.** Rule 63(1)a

**DAWN CHRISTIE**  
**(B.S.P.S. Dope Testing Steward)**

## **CHAIRMAN OF AREA CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

2021 was supposed to be a much easier year for all of the Society's Area Chairmen after the extremely difficult time we all had in 2020 with lockdown , but coronavirus had other ideas. Any areas who had early shows organised ran the gauntlet of not knowing if they could or even should go ahead !

As the season progressed things became a little easier to navigate but please spare a thought for your Area Chairman because this has been a difficult time to be in charge !! As ever we have banded together to share information, ideas and suggestions. We have had some lively meetings via Zoom which have allowed us to keep everyone abreast of any changes to rules, dates, schedules etc and for the Area Chairman to voice anything they wish to have reported back to Council.....good or bad!! Areas continued to be resourceful using Zoom for Points Awards and Young Judges Training and running virtual shows.

As 2021 draws to a close we say goodbye to some long serving Chairmen who are retiring and we look forward to welcoming their areas new Chairmen for 2022. So many many thanks to Julie Cook, John Cookson, Carolyn Whiteley and Jayne Brace. I'm not going to tempt fate by saying 2022 will be easier but.....fingers crossed!

**JOANNE PYBUS**  
**(Chairman of Area Chairman)**

## **B.S.P.S SCOTTISH BRANCH LTD - CHAIRMANS REPORT 2021**

In my first year as BSPS Scotland's Chairman can I firstly thank everyone for their support and encouragement, it is greatly appreciated. It is no mean feat to try and step up to a role which has been previously done so well by Joyce Coltart for many years. It is an honour and privilege to become Chairman of BPS Scotland and I hope that I can continue to promote and support the BPS in Scotland.

The start of 2021 saw us all back in lockdown but we were determined that we would be able to hold some competitions for our members this year. Thankfully restrictions eased enough for us to be able to hold the first showing show in Scotland, our Mid-Term Show in early May, with RIHS qualifiers at Highfield Equestrian at Howe. Albeit strict COVID regulations and "sessions" were in place with no competitor being allowed to compete in more than one session.

A very successful show with members pleased to be able to show their ponies again. A huge thank you to Elaine, Shannan Smillie, Show convenor Fraser MacGregor, Judges, stewards, Graham Barclay and the rest of the board for making it all happen!

The end of May and with "session" numbers increasing making it slightly easier to run our Spring Show, even though it still had to be done over two days at Morris Equestrian Centre, Ayrshire.

A long weekend for all those involved, especially show convenor Joyce Coltart, Elaine, Fiona Johnstone and all our dedicated stewards, Judges, course builders and helpers which without we could not run these events. Members and supporters went away happy to be able to be out competing again.

Our Summer Show in mid June had to have a last minute change of venue due to unforeseen circumstances so sincere thanks must go to Lisa Ogilvie and her family at Champfleurie Equestrian for helping to make this happen. Again held over two days with the last of the RIHS qualifying classes held on Saturday this helped hugely with our entries with some lovely quality animals getting their tickets.

Sunday saw both Graham Barclay and David Picken build some great tracks for our WHP competitors with Burghley Gold Cup qualification on offer (which will roll over to 2022) for those that qualified.

Sincere thanks again to the Judges, Stewards, helpers, board members, Elaine, Fiona Johnstone and show convenor Joyce Coltart it was a great weekend!

August saw the introduction of our new Tiny Tots and Novice Flat Show which took place at Champfleurie Equestrian. It was lovely to see a whole host of new faces support this event and try BPS classes, many for the first time! A huge thank you to Kim Wilson of Pegasus Jewellery who kindly gifted a beautiful jewellery set to the Mini Supreme winner and to Carol Mason for making beautiful sashes for all the tiny tot competitors. And to Peter Page, show convenor and again the Judges, stewards, Elaine and Fiona Johnstone on the day Secretary for making it all happen.

We were delighted, that after having to be cancelled last year that our Finale Show was able to run this year as normal. Everyone loves the glitz and glamour of the evening performance and we had a lovely line up of ponies through to the end of evening Supreme!

A massive thank you to all our sponsors, Carol Mason, Judges, stewards, Course Builders, Elaine, Fiona, show convenor Joyce Coltart, Simon Richardson for commentating all day and night and everyone else who helps, and to our members for their continued support. Thank You.

Our final show of 2021 saw our Autumn WHP Show with BPS Winter Championship qualifiers run again at Champfleurie Equestrian. Thank you to everyone who supported us and again to the Ogilvie family for all their assistance. Lisa for course building, Peter Page, show convenor, Elaine and all the Judges, stewards, helpers and competitors.

## **Scottish Chairman's report cont.....**

A huge thank you to the BSPS Scottish Branch board of directors who work tirelessly all year round to help put on shows for our members, I really appreciate it as it is a team effort.

A special and appreciative thank you to Joyce Coltart who has been my Vice-Chairman this year, her support and guidance have been invaluable and I am most grateful to her for always being there and supporting me through the challenges (and there have been a few!) Thank You.

I have written this before our annual points presentation and Dinner Dance will have taken place in Mid-November at the new venue of Airth Castle Hotel. A huge thank you to Lesley James and Lynch Homes for their generous sponsorship and beautiful rosettes and sashes! I'm sure everyone will have had a good time!

Sadly as you will be aware Elaine Smillie is standing down as Secretary due to now working full time and being offered a Directorship at work. She has been the Secretary and Treasurer of BSPS Scotland for five years.

A huge sincere heartfelt thank you for the amount of on scene work and especially the behind the scenes work she does for the society. She has been such an asset, no stone lies unturned, her work ethic is second to none, she has fabulous people skills, the list goes on. It has been a privilege to work with you Elaine, and I am so glad to have made a good friend and will miss our long chats!!

I know that I will not be alone when I wish you all the luck for the future and I hope that we will still see you out and about at some BSPS events? A massive thank you from myself, the board of directors and everyone from BSPS Scotland. THANK YOU.

Please join me in wishing Carly Sneddon good luck as we welcome her on to the team as our new BSPS Scottish Branch Secretary and Treasurer.

Our events for 2022 are up on our website and Facebook page to view and we look forward to seeing you next season.

Finally, thank you to all our BSPS Scotland members and supporters for your continued support.

Here's to 2022!

Take Care and Stay Safe

**HELEN OUTRAM**

**(Chairman B.S.P.S. Scottish Branch)**

## **BSPS JUDGES ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE REPORT 2021**

The BSPS Judges Assessment Committee has had a busy but challenging year in 2021 due to the continuing impact of Covid-19. As Chairman I would like to thank my Vice Chairman Joanne Pybus, the Committee for their hard work and support and the Head Office Team, in particular Karen Toynton Ward for helping organising the virtual Judges Conference and the virtual Members Conference.

Due to the impact of Covid-19 and the restrictions in place we were unable to hold our Annual Judges Conference and Future Judges Assessment in 2021.

We did however hold a very successful Virtual Judges Conference which was extremely well attended, where we discussed and debated a number of important issues, including judging under Covid-19 restrictions, rider safety, judging our native breeds when they are not shown to their breed standard, judging large classes without marks, marks are no longer used in RIHS Flat Classes, Animal Welfare, including the trimming of whiskers, updating of our dope testing rules and a range of other judging dilemmas. Many thanks go to all of the Judges Assessment Committee for leading the debate on these topics, and external speakers Peter Boustead for his input into judging Mountain and Moorland ponies and David Ingle Showing Director Hickstead.

The Judges Assessment Committee then organised a very successful virtual Members Conference to keep members informed of key issues and any changes and developments due to Covid-19, many of the topics covered similar to those at the Judges Conference.

We have also been working with Helen Outram, Chairman Scottish Branch to hold a Scottish Judges Conference on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021 as the planned Judges Conference 2020 had to be cancelled.

This has been a challenging year for those who completed their Future Judges Assessment in February 2020 in being able to complete their future judging appointments and I am grateful for the candidates and those senior judges who are able to complete their appointments by the end of 2021.

We are very proud that the BSPS were able to hold a Winter, Summer Championship, and Heritage Championship Show this year and that RIHS and HOYS were able to be held, thank you to everyone who made this happen. .

We very much hope with the Governments vaccination and booster program that we will be able to return to normal in 2022, therefore we hope to hold our normal Judges Conference on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2022, followed by the AGM and Ball. Once again, we will be working in partnership with the National Pony Society and the British Show Horse Association to enable the conference to count for BSPS judges on those panels.

We will be holding a Future Judges Assessment for Show Ponies/Show Hunter Ponies on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2022 and the Future Judges Assessment for Plaited Working Hunter Ponies at the Winter Championships 2022. Information packs have already been sent out and are on the website but please do contact Head Office if you require an application pack or further information.

**PAUL COOK**  
**(Chairman B.S.P.S. Assessment and Judges Committee)**

## **HERITAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS SHOW REPORT 2021**

Once again we had a super show enjoyed by everyone

The set up went well. The change of rings baffled the Course Builders but all went well when they found the correct ring.

The first day Saturday started with dry weather but a bit chilly, later it changed to a warm and pleasant day. The classes ran to time, the organisation flowed very easily. The Evening Performance included the qualifying classes for Liverpool International Horse Show. What an exciting spectacle to see the three qualifying ponies in each of six classes presented with their LeMieux rugs leaving the ring dressed in them. The Saturday Supremes followed comprising the Mini Supreme, The WHP Supreme and the Overall Saturday Supreme.

The second day Sunday was a cool Autumn day . All went well again as the previous day there was a full range of WJP classes including Tiny Tots classes these proving very popular as did the Tiny Tots flat classes, however the exciting classes were the Liverpool International Horse Show qualifying classes for the individual Breeds. This time only one from each class qualified and received the prestigious LeMieux rugs and again the pony left the ring dressed in the rug.

The Sunday Evening Performance was held in the early evening finishing before six o'clock to allow families to make for home and prepare for Monday work and school. The Supremes consisted of Sunday Supremes for Mini, Ridden and WHP with the highlight of the Overall Supreme of Show kept until last. This year we were honoured to welcome Alister and Anne Hood to Judge. After much deliberation they were unanimous in their choice as Supreme of Show, the Section D ridden by Adam Forster – Menai Eurostar.

As Chairman my thanks to everyone that helped at the show in particular those in the front line particularly Sharon Thomas the Show Director, also the Stewards, the Course Builders, Simon Richardson, Joy and Karen in the office and not forgetting the judges.

**PETER EMMERSON**  
**(Chairman Heritage Championships Show)**

### **CHEF D'EQUIPES REPORT**

I was initially very honoured to be invited to be Chef d' Equipe for the England Team followed quite quickly by a sense of panic as to how I would pick the teams due to the fact that spectators were not allowed at any shows for most of the season. I became adept at following results from around the country and asking fellow judges and Area Chairman about combinations I had an interest in. Soon my lists of potential candidates began to take shape. By the time August and the BSPS Inter Country Team competition was upon us I had selected 12 combinations made up of 6 who had represented England previously and 6 who, like me were experiencing this for the first time.

We named our teams Cheltenham, Aintree and Kempton and on the day the team spirit was just fabulous with the older riders helping the younger ones work out a tricky line in a Championship worthy track built by Graham Barclay.

All doubts went out of the window once the competition was under way and we were absolutely delighted to be placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the evening performance. To be a part of the parade indoors during the evening performance with all of the countries carrying their flags is something that I will ever forget.

**JOANNE PYBUS (Chef D'Equipe)**

## **JOINT MEASUREMENT BOARD REPORT 2021**

Well, another year has gone by and I am back as your representative on the JMB board, thanks to Mike Hall for representing the Society for the last 3 years. I have been able to attend most meetings (by Zoom & 1 in person!) and report back to the BSPS Council accordingly. The JMB board is made up of representatives from the equestrian stakeholder societies and the veterinary industry. We are continuously looking at ways to measure more accurately but currently the "stick" method still gives the best results.

The "paperless" system which has streamlined the process for all concerned is well and truly "tried & tested", full details are on the JMB web site.

JMB certificates are now only needed for RIHS and HOYS qualifiers, this move is aimed to make showing a little easier (& cheaper!) for many members. However, it is likely that any obvious over height ponies can and will be called in by the society for JMB measurement and our Special Show stewards will be briefed accordingly.

I have also acted as an observer at various re-measurements in my role as a JMB steward as well as representing our members as a BSPS representative.. I am still concerned about calls for re-measurement done on a strategic basis which might eliminate competitors from major shows, therefore I will be proposing a period whereby no objections can be made subject to the JMB board approval.

Finally, I cannot stress strongly enough that if a pony or horse is called for re-measurement then please keep to the agreed time, place and conditions, cancellations do cost money.

The JMB have issued 1705 certificates so far this year compared to 1533 in 2020. Most queries can be resolved by looking at the JMB website ([www.thejmbonline.co.uk](http://www.thejmbonline.co.uk)) or contacting the JMB office ([admin@thejmbonline.co.uk](mailto:admin@thejmbonline.co.uk) or 01981 510201)

Once again, please note that I am YOUR representative on the JMB so if you are unable to resolve a pony measurement issue via the JMB then don't hesitate to contact me directly, details in the BSPS rule book or via the BSPS office.

Happy Showing in 2022!

**SIMON RICHARDSON**  
**(BSPS JMB Steward)**

## **2021 ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

I promised in my 2020 report that we would be back, with the promise of a new dawn. Still in lock down, eventually with restrictions in place, the Winter Championships went ahead. We organized some safe distance competitions, decorate your lorry window and design a rainbow picture. You all delivered some amazing windows, which were all judged safely from outside.

By the Summer Championships face to face was back, still with care, happily we opened up the Entertainment Marquee again, armed with lots of hand sanitizer, masks and gloves we were back in business as usual. Lego, Hammer Beads, of which we spend half our lives picking up of the floor, over 100 cookies were decorated, we actually ran out of them. Lots of craft work, we gave out dozens of individual packs for the children to make things to take home, you've never seen so many bracelets, door stickers, face masks, sun catchers, windmills, cards and pictures in your life. It was hectic we always seemed to be surrounded by children asking for a new pack or helping make their chosen one. I hope this gives you an insight into what Maralyn and I do with the children each day. For the little ones and often the big ones too there is the John Deere play mat with lots of tractors and trailers.

Tuesday evening the children have a fashion catwalk show and a disco dance competition. The standard was very high and the three judges had a hard job deciding their final placings. Heaving with children they danced on until 9 o'clock. The disco man was so popular we booked him again for the Friday evening, despite complaints from the dining room about the noise.

Wednesday, Simon Airey the Exotic Animal Man, back by popular demand, the marquee was full, and not with just children, every one eager to see and hold his animals. Simon entertained us for over two hours filling the children with his knowledge about the animals interspersed with his jokes and helping quite a few parents overcome their phobias. I still worry when I see the children with snakes wrapped around them. For 2022 Alastair from Hawkeye Falconry will be back, giving all our children the opportunity to fly his wonderful birds of prey, parents are welcome too.

Thursday, The famous Dog Show, manic as always, my thanks must go to Steph Smith for organizing the dog agility, new for this year, and they loved it. Also thank you to our little army of people who come along each year to help, we couldn't do it without you.

Saturday Mal and I took a well earned rest judging most of the day.

Julian Quiney Thank You Thank You, you did an amazing job, I have never seen so many children come forward to play football, I only make the last 20 minutes to watch the last game, was it 15 aside? With some serious players including girls. We are looking for help with this, the children love it, so if you are interested please get in touch with the office.

We had to have a different play bus this year as our normal one couldn't accept the booking, it was every bit as good, with eager children queuing up outside long before the opening time. There are exciting plans for another bus next year with a different type of entertainment on board. So children watch this space.

Every evening Myles Cooper's disco played from 9-30 into the small hours providing entertainment for everyone else who was too old to join us

## **Entertainment Committee report cont .....**

Last years Ball was unable to go ahead, but this year plans are in full swing organizing the 2022 Ball of The Season, THE CHAMPIONS BALL be sure to book your tickets and join us to celebrate in style.

I hope you will have taken time to read this report about all the wonderful activities, fun and care we provide for the children. The Ball is our only opportunity to raise the funds to enable us to do this.

Finally there are so many people to thank for helping to make the entertainment so successful in every way, so on behalf of the children, Mal and myself, THANK YOU

To the children THANK YOU for joining us and for making us smile every day.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas

**SHARON & MARALYN**

## **B.S.P.S.WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW 2021 REPORT**

After such strange Covid times, it was great to able to return to some form of normality on the 17th & 18th of April for our Winter Champs at Arena UK. It was however held under certain restrictions which included Track and Trace forms which added extra work for the Society plus details of Vehicle Registrations, occupants and also ensuring that social distancing was observed. I believe that the members appreciated us following these rules so that the show could go ahead.

Competitors were glad to be "out and about" after a difficult Winter plus we were blessed with glorious weather for the time of year and we all enjoyed the sunshine!

I am pleased to say that the entries were in line with previous years but the Gold Cup took place at the Working Sports Pony show however, I was very pleased with the entries for the RIHS classes.

2 days of great competition gave us some worthy winners and Champions.

The Supreme Novice Championship was won by the Caulfield Family's Romanno Spot of Distinction ridden by Charlotte Caulfield.

The Restricted Winter Supreme was won by Sarison Heavenly Silk ridden by Lucy Glover and owned by Sharon Harrison.

I do thank all the members of the whole team, they really do work well together to give you all a great show! My thanks must go to Philip Hilton who bowed out as Show Director after many years in this unenviable role but I know he is looking for another BSPS "project" and I am sure that we all wish him well. He is a great guy to work with and it has been my pleasure to have him as a key member of the team for over 20 years The dates for 2022 are the 29th, 30th April and the 1st of May, I hope to see you all there!

Happy Showing!

**SIMON RICHARDSON**  
**(BSPS Winter Championships - Vice Chairman)**

## **WORKING SPORTS PONY SHOW REPORT**

Our second WSP show was held on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> of May. Once again we used the wonderful facilities at Vale View Equestrian Centre, our thanks to Julie & her team for their help over the weekend. The massive outdoor all weather surface with its water complex allowed us to have Arena Eventing classes. Although these were not as well supported as we hoped those that did take part found it exhilarating for both pony & rider & gained a great deal from the experience. Alongside these classes there were WHP qualifiers for the Royal International Horse Show & our Gold Cup competition. It was heartening to see competitors from Scotland & Northern Ireland there.

It was a memorable weekend for our performance competitors & my thanks as always must go to our marvellous team of judges, stewards & course builders who give all of our events such a professional but friendly atmosphere.

**PHILIP HILTON**

**(Chairman Working Sports Pony Show)**