



**Wishing all our members a happy Christmas  
and a healthy, prosperous New Year**

**Irish Draught Horse Society GB News Sheet – December 2020**

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## **Urgent: Membership reminder: 1 January 2021**

We value your membership. Please remember that unless you pay by Direct Debit, you need to pay your membership subscription by **1 January 2021**. Membership allows you to vote, register stock, show in-hand in our affiliated shows, advertise stallions through the Society and have horses inspected. In view of the very demanding year that many of us have had, personally and financially, the Council has not increased fees for 2021. Please see page 11 for the list of our fees or download a Membership Renewal form using the following link:  
<http://www.idhsgb.com/web/downloads/membership-renewal-form-2021.pdf>

## **Nominations for the Council**

You are invited to nominate a member to stand for the Council. If you wish to do so, please download a nomination form using the following link:  
<http://www.idhsgb.com/web/downloads/nomination-form-2021.pdf>

### **IDHS (GB) YEARBOOK 2021**

#### **ANNUAL BREED SHOW SUPREME CHAMPIONS**

We would like to compile and publish a list of all the past Annual Breed Show Supreme Champions, to include a photograph and possibly a brief history of their achievements, winnings and details of any progeny.

We urgently need your help for information and photographs of these champions and would love to make this a big feature of the yearbook.

Unfortunately for the 16 years when Norma Grubb was editor of the yearbook the photographs of the Supreme Champions that she had were put on floppy discs and subsequently destroyed.

**PLEASE HELP US** - If you know any of the past Supreme Champions and have access to photographs (preferably in as high a resolution as possible) and/or any information, could you send them to:

***Louise Morton – [lingbournstud@yahoo.com](mailto:lingbournstud@yahoo.com) or  
Sue Benson – [suewoodclose@aol.com](mailto:suewoodclose@aol.com)***

**ALSO** - if you have any newsworthy subjects/articles old or new that would be of interest to our Members – maybe what you have been doing during the summer of 'lockdown' –or re-prints of old favourite articles etc. please email us with any of your ideas or contributions at either of the above addresses.

The closing date for articles and advertisements is January 14th, 2021.

#### **THIS IS YOUR YEARBOOK**

**PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO THE CONTENT IF YOU CAN**

## **Council news**

The Council has continued to meet, virtually, during the Covid-19 crisis. Thanks to the wonders of electronic communication, we held Zoom Council meetings this year on 23 February, 26 April, 28 June, 23 October and 6 December. The Council also set up two sub-groups, one to discuss the development of breeding and the other to work on the revision of the Memorandum and Articles of Association. We keep our members informed through the news sheets. The next Council meeting will be on 21 February 2021.

## **Annual Breed Show: 21<sup>st</sup> and 22 August 2021**

The Show Committee is enthusiastically planning the 2021 Annual Breed Show, which will be held at Arena UK in Grantham on 21st/22nd August.

The precise way in which the show is conducted will be subject to risk assessment nearer the time, but we hope that with the news of several new vaccines, the COVID-19 situation will be under control by then.

Some major shows have been postponed until later in the season than usual. There will be some clashes of dates because shows are now clustered within a shorter timeframe. We have made the decision to run qualifiers for the Annual Breed Show, so that we can hold our usual championship classes.

## **Trophies**

Anne Beattie will be writing to you next year for the return of your trophies in time for the 2021 Annual Breed Show. Tony Phillips has now taken on the job of trophy secretary, so please note the change of return address when you receive Anne's request to return your trophy next year.

## **Annual General Meeting**

The Charity Commission and Company law allow us to meet electronically, and provision for this has been enshrined in our draft revised Articles of Association.

As we did last year, we would like to ask our members whether they wish us to hold a General Meeting in 2021. We don't at this stage know whether that will be possible, but if the COVID-19 situation is under control later in the year, we could potentially hold a meeting for our members in November. This would be in addition to virtual meetings we will set up to discuss the proposed Memorandum and Articles (please see below). We do need to know that you would attend a face-to-face AGM in November. Please let us know by email – [administrator@idhsqb.com](mailto:administrator@idhsqb.com)

## **Stallion and spring mare inspections 2021**

Coronavirus put a stop to our inspection plans for 2020, as indeed it did for many other sporting events and equestrian activities. We are now planning our stallion and mare inspection programme for next year, but this will obviously be subject to government guidance at the time.

We plan to hold our 2021 Stallion inspections for purebred and Irish Draught Sport Horse stallions at Warwickshire College, Moreton Morrell, on **Wednesday 7 April 2021**. Thank you to everyone who has expressed an interest.

Application forms and guidance notes for the stallion inspections and spring mare inspections will be on our web site very soon. Alternatively, please email [inspections@idhsgb.com](mailto:inspections@idhsgb.com) to request them by email.

We will be carrying forward those applications we received for this year's spring inspections (both mares and stallions). The inspection administration team will be contacting owners direct to ask if they still want to bring their animals forward. Individual owners who submit formal applications will be invited to a Zoom or conference call before the inspection day, to go through health and safety/COVID-19 related procedures and answer any questions.

The set of stallion radiographs required by Horse Sport Ireland and the IDHS (GB) is available from our web site (it is on the pre-inspection veterinary report form) and from the inspection administration team. If you cannot download this document, please email the inspections mailbox to obtain a copy: [inspections@idhsgb.com](mailto:inspections@idhsgb.com)

If you have a rising three-year-old colt to inspect, **please do not** have radiographs taken before 1 January 2021, as he will only be a two year old at the time.

Stallions which had acceptable radiographs taken in 2020, before the lockdown, will be able to come forward without further radiographs. This also applies to any Class 2 stallions applying for re-inspection, whose radiographs were done in a previous inspection year.

### **The closing date for mare and stallion applications is 15 February 2021.**

It is really important that stallion and mare owners submit their completed applications with the fee before 15 February 2021. There is always a great deal of planning to do, particularly as we are highly likely to still be under some form of COVID-19 related restrictions. As we all know, these can change rapidly and without much warning. Late applications cannot be accepted under any circumstances.

## **Applications for the Hornby-Lonsdale one-off grant for existing Hornby Premium mares**

Because of the Covid-19 situation, we decided to offer grants to owners of existing Hornby Premium mares that have foals this year, or next year, to a Class 1 or RID stallion.

The applications for the one-off grant for mares with 2020-born foals at foot were going to close on 1 October, but we have extended the deadline to **31 December 2020**. All grants will be paid after the deadline.

Looking ahead, there will be a grant for Hornby Premium mares which are put in foal to a Class 1 or RID stallion to foal in 2021. You can apply for this grant as soon as your 2021 foal has been registered, so long as you apply before 31 December 2021.

Some members have asked us if we can inspect mares for possible Hornby Premiums with a yearling at foot, for example, at the Stallion inspections in April. The Council considered this option, but agreed that it would not be equitable. This is because many breeders will have already sold their foals and they, along with owners of mares that are heavily in foal in April, would not be able to participate.

Some people are concerned that colt foals with stallion potential will be viewed less positively if their dam does not have a Hornby Premium. Please be assured that the Hornby Premium inspections are not connected with the Main Studbook stallion selections. Stallion inspectors are not informed about the dam's Hornby Premium status during a colt or stallion's inspection. The lack of a premium will not have a negative impact on the outcome.

## **Hornby Premium inspections 2021**

We will be planning to inspect mares for Hornby Premiums in 2021. Mares and their foals will have to attend a venue for mare grading inspections.

Inspections for Hornby Premiums can also take place at affiliated shows, provided that:

- The show secretary has given permission
- It does not interfere with the conduct and safe running of the show itself
- There are suitable surfaces for trotting up mares and foals
- For County and other large shows with spectator admission fees, we cannot have inspectors incurring costs to enter the showground, so they have to be attending the show for their own reasons.
- If the inspectors are judging at the show, the Hornby Premium inspection **MUST** take place after the showing classes, so that the judge does not have prior contact with the mare and foal, which could be seen as prejudicial to objective judging.
- In order to put the necessary administrative measures in place and arrange inspectors, it is essential that Hornby Premium applicants who wish to have their inspection carried out at a show, apply **at least six weeks** before the show date, **irrespective of whether the foal has been born at that point.**

## **Memorandum and Articles: summary of proposed changes**

The Council has been updating and reviewing our Articles of Association. Since we incorporated as a company limited by guarantee in 2000, the Articles have only been amended on one occasion, in 2003.

The existing Memorandum of Association, signed in 2000, will remain in place unaltered.

A sub-group of three trustees (Sue Benson, Heather Chaplin and Brian Gates) met on numerous occasions by conference call to create a new draft Articles of Association document. We have spoken with the Charity Commission on several occasions to ensure that our plans meet regulatory requirements.

On 6 December, all Council members present at the meeting voted to accept the proposed changes to the Articles of Association. The next step is for the document to be circulated to the membership for consultation. We will provide contact phone numbers so that members can ring us to discuss any questions they may have. We will endeavour to organise a Zoom meeting for members, but given how challenging it is for just 14 trustees to participate fully in Zoom meetings, with background noise, echoes and variable broadband, this is not entirely straightforward, so we may have to do this in smaller groups.

It is therefore really important that you let us know if you wish to take part in a meeting to talk about the proposed Articles. We will advise you how to do this when we circulate them to members.

The new document reflects current company law and our status as a harmonised organisation with strong international links. This document should meet the charity's administrative needs going forward.

### **Proposed changes:**

1. The draft document largely follows the Charity Commission advisory template, but has been modified to suit our individual needs. Following the Charity Commission template has meant that the Articles are now longer, but they are much more rigorous to ensure that the highest standards are maintained in the conduct of the charity's business.
2. The draft Articles take into account the challenges of conducting charity business in the present Covid-19 situation, when face-to-face meetings are prohibited. Electronic meetings and postal votes are now enshrined in our draft Articles.
3. The Society is very keen to attract younger members, who are the future of the breed. Our governing documents must reflect this. To this end, young people under the age of 21 years will be full members of the Society who can register, show in purebred in-hand classes (subject to showing rules) and have their stock inspected.
4. Young people will continue to pay a reduced membership fee until they reach the age of 21 years. We propose that the age at which they can vote is lowered from 21 to 18 years. At 18, members will be entitled to vote at general meetings and by post, in line with normal voting practice in this country.

5. Any member aged 18 years and over will also be able to submit resolutions for discussion at a general meeting. They will be able to apply to be elected to the Council, provided that they have been members for at least two years.
6. The draft Articles increase transparency in the process of electing life patrons, who should be members of the Society who have given outstanding service to the breed. Members will, under the proposals, be able to nominate life patrons.
7. The Powers of Directors section has been strengthened to improve accountability and transparency. There is greater clarity regarding potential conflicts of interest and who constitutes a 'connected person' to a director.
8. There is greater clarity about how someone may be disqualified from being a director, on the rare occasions that this might become necessary.
9. The draft Articles are more inclusive and can if necessary offer a service to any members we may have in the United Kingdom, not just Great Britain. They describe our present status as a harmonised organisation to the parent studbook-holder, currently Horse Sport Ireland, and make explicit our links with other harmonised registries in Canada and the USA.

Proposed changes to the Articles are in the final stages of agreement by your Council and will be circulated to our members electronically (or by post, for those without email). We intend to offer conference calls and electronic meetings to enable members to ask any questions. Members will then be asked to participate in a postal vote.

If you have any queries about our plans at this stage, please contact one of the three trustees in the sub-group: Sue Benson: 01274 870028; Heather Chaplin: 01823 601625; Brian Gates: 01461 700434.

## **Over-stamping imported horses' passports**

If you have imported an Irish Draught or Irish Draught Sport Horse from the Republic of Ireland (or any other country outside the UK), you MUST ensure that the passport is over-stamped by a Passport Issuing Organisation (PIO) in the UK, so that the animal's record can be included on the Central Equine Database. This should have been done by 1 October 2020, but you can still take action now.

Which PIO you approach will depend on the animal's breed (Connemara, Irish Draught, etc). We can over-stamp purebred Irish Draught, Irish Draught Sport Horses with at least 25% documented ID breeding and utility passports (non-pedigree). We cannot over-stamp passports for other breeds, such as Fell, Connemara, Trakehner etc. They must go to the relevant PIO.

## **Compulsory micro-chipping**

It will be an offence, and you could be fined, if your horse is not microchipped from:

**1 October 2020** in England

**2 February 2021** in Wales

**28 March 2021** in Scotland.

### **If your passport was issued before July 2009:**

Check if your horse is microchipped by:

- looking at its passport
- looking at the Digital Stable: <https://www.equineregister.co.uk/home>
- asking a vet to scan your horse for a microchip

### **If your horse does not have a microchip, you must:**

- get a vet to microchip it
- ensure that the passport is updated.

## **Registering your horse (urgent action required!)**

Registration forms for Sport Horses and purebred animals are on the web site, with guidance notes and the identity diagram (marking chart). You have until **31 December or six months from the date of birth, whichever is the later**, to register your foal.

We have been made aware that some breeders are selling animals that do not have a passport. This is inexcusable (and illegal). If you have sold a foal that does not yet have a passport, please remedy the situation as soon as possible.

It is essential to submit a covering certificate from the IDHS GB or other recognised breed society (in the case of foals imported in utero or sport horse foals). These cost £4 from our Administrator. No foal can be registered with a home-made covering certificate.

Our DNA provider is Weatherby's Scientific. We are currently using up old DNA sample bags, so they may still say Animal Health Trust on them, but please be assured that Annie, our passport administrator, is sending them to the correct organisation.

The only difference in the procedure is that your vet must now be asked to place a transponder code (microchip) sticker on the DNA bag as well as on the identity diagram. We are issuing new labels with this message, but you can use up any old sample bags first.



## Regional activities

From time to time, we have tried different strategies for organising events regionally. Some were more successful than others. The Council has made a decision not to continue with the previous regional representative structure. Our chairman has written to our former regional reps to thank them for their hard work and to invite them to continue to contribute their enthusiasm and support.

As part of our efforts to resurrect equestrian-related activities, your Council remains keen to encourage individual members to run social and fund-raising events, demonstrations, veterinary talks and webinars. We have already received some really positive suggestions.

If you have any ideas or plans for future events, please contact James Noblett on 01606 837984, mobile 07909 922 274. [jwnoblett@yahoo.com](mailto:jwnoblett@yahoo.com)

Any plans should be discussed with James first, and any public events organised must be run within government guidelines.

## Christmas Virtual Dressage Competition:

Many of you will be aware of the Virtual Dressage Competition that has just ended. This has been a new venture for us and has been expertly hosted by Dressage Anywhere. The results are as follows-

Class 1 - Intro A	1 <sup>st</sup>	William Joyce	Bowland Silver ID
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lucinda Starling	Irish Sapphire ID
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Fiona Dulcamera	Bowland Secret Diamond IDSH
Class 2 - Prelim 18	1 <sup>st</sup>	Steph Graves	Gracemhors Savannah IDHS
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Chyna Savage	Indigo Dazzler ID
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Charlotte Currer	Regents Billy IDSH
Class 3 - Novice 24	1 <sup>st</sup>	Chyna Savage	Charltons Law and Order IDSH
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Karen Scott	Way Out Star IDSH
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Chyna Savage	Indigo Dazzler ID

As it is Christmas, we also decided to award a special prize to the best Christmas themed fancy dress picture from this competition to Rowan Moore (Bowland Eternity IDSH)

A big 'thank you' to all our competitors for supporting this event.

*Carol Rudd and Julie Cornthwaite*

## Web site

We apologise to members for the delay in setting up our new web site. A lot of preliminary work was done, but then stalled during the exceptional demands made on the IT specialist concerned during the COVID-19 lockdowns. We hope to have some positive news soon.

## **1989 Yearbook wanted**

Mrs Ellen Walton would like to ask any member who has a 1989 Yearbook which they no longer need or wish to keep, to contact her. She loaned her copy to someone and it has been lost, and she would like to complete her collection.

If you can help, please contact Ellen on 01430 810692.

## **Zootechnical regulation – Approval of 3rd Country Listing**

**Stop press: 15 December 2020** – Defra has informed us that the European Commission has accepted Great Britain's application for third country listing of our breeding bodies under Article 34 of Regulation (EU) 2016/1012.

The list of breeding bodies has been published on the Commission's website and can be found here:

[https://ec.europa.eu/food/sites/food/files/animals/docs/zootechnics\\_non-eu\\_dir-94-28\\_herdbook-gbr.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/food/sites/food/files/animals/docs/zootechnics_non-eu_dir-94-28_herdbook-gbr.pdf)

This means that our breeders can continue to trade with EU breed societies or breeding operations, on the same equivalent terms as they currently have under the Zotech regime, from the end of the transition period on 1 January 2021. This is a huge relief, because it means that our animals will be accepted with their pedigrees in EU countries.

## **Appendix 1: Membership reminder and list of fees from 1 January 2020**

**Our fees from 1 January 2020 are below, and are still current:**

**Membership:** Due on 1 January each year. There are several categories of membership:

**Single full membership** – This entitles members to one vote, subsidised class entry and stabling fees at the Annual Breed Show, reduced class entry fees at the North West ID and Hunter Show, registration of purebred stock, subsidised DNA fee, horse inspection, Yearbook sent by surface mail, all other communication by email.

**FEE: £45 if paid by PayPal, cheque or cash or £40 if paid by direct debit or standing order**

**Joint full membership** – for two Members residing at the same premises, two votes, one set of publications, other benefits as for single full membership.

**FEE: £65 if paid by PayPal, cheque or cash or £60 if paid by direct debit or standing order**

**Junior membership** – under the age of 21 on 1<sup>st</sup> January, no voting rights, all other benefits as for single full membership. THIS CATEGORY IS UNDER REVIEW.

**FEE: £20 if paid by PayPal, cheque, cash, direct debit or standing order**

**Associate member** – Yearbook sent by surface mail, all other communication by email, no voting rights, no subsidised class entry or stabling fees at the Annual Breed Show, [this option is not available to Stallion owners, Judges on the IDHS(GB) Judges panels, those wishing to register purebred stock or have animals inspected.

**FEE: £25 if paid by PayPal, cheque, cash, direct debit or standing order**

**Joining fee** – one off fee payable on joining for the first time or re-joining if the subscription is lapsed [i.e. not renewed by 28 February in the current year]. **FEE: £10**

**Administration fee** – to cover the cost of printing and postage for those who prefer to receive all communication by surface mail. **FEE: £10**

**Registration fees** – rates include VAT @ 20%

Irish Draught Purebreds (Members only)	<b>£40</b>	plus DNA testing of foal + dam if not already done
Irish Draught Sport Horses (Members)	<b>£40</b>	
Irish Draught Sport Horses (Non-Members)	<b>£60</b>	
Utility passport	<b>£30</b>	No pedigree will be recorded. Available only to animals <b>not</b> eligible for any studbook.
Duplicate Passport	<b>£60</b>	To replace missing passport or lost documents.
Transfer of Ownership	<b>£20</b>	Transfer of Ownership form must accompany application.
Over-stamping of other Societies' Passports	<b>£30</b>	
DNA Parentage testing (Member)	-	Compulsory for all animals in main stud book Procedures are under review.
DNA Parentage testing (Non-Member)	-	Not compulsory apart from fillies eligible for Supplementary Grade-Up. Procedures are under review.
CPR Prefix Registration	<b>£60</b>	
CPR Prefix Extension	<b>£25</b>	When your prefix is registered with another Society
<p><b>The option to send and receive documents by tracked mail has been suspended until further notice. The IDHS (GB) does not accept responsibility for loss or damage to documents in the post.</b></p>		

**Inspection fees** – rates include VAT @ 20%

Irish Draught Purebred Colts and Stallions – assessment for Class 1	<b>£390</b>	The fee includes inspection, vetting on the day and evaluation of x-rays, plus updating the passport with the outcome. It does not include the pre-inspection veterinary examination, x-rays or health swabs (CEM, EVA, EIA).
Re-assessment of Class 2 stallions (New X-rays not required)	<b>£330</b>	The fee includes inspection, vetting on the day and updating the passport with the outcome. It does not include the pre-inspection veterinary examination, endoscope or health swabs (CEM, EVA, EIA).
Irish Draught Sport Horse Colts and Stallions – assessment to be an Irish Draught Sport Horse stallion	<b>£330</b>	The fee includes inspection and trot-up veterinary assessment on the day, plus updating the passport with the outcome. It does not include the five-stage veterinary examination prior to the inspection.
Uninspected Irish Draught fillies and mares, plus reinspection of Class 2 fillies and mares	<b>£180</b>	The fee includes inspection, optional athleticism assessment (Moreton Morrell only), vetting on the day and updating the passport with the outcome.
Athleticism assessment of Irish Draught Purebred Mares previously classified as RID, Class 1 or Class 2.	<b>£100</b>	The fee includes linear profiling of any RID mares, and for all mares, trot-up veterinary assessment, linear profiling, jumping lane assessment and updating the passport.

## Appendix 2: Useful contacts

### **General enquiries, 200 Club, membership, show affiliation, Annual Breed Show**

**secretary:** Carol Malin, IDHS (GB), PO Box 91, Newcastle Emlyn, SA44 9AT

Tel: 0345 2300 399 (Mon-Wed 9.00am - 5.00pm) Email: [administrator@idhsqb.com](mailto:administrator@idhsqb.com)

### **Please direct registration enquiries and send IDHS (GB) passports, registration applications/transfer/over-stamps for GB- registered horses to:**

Annie Holbeche, 2 Burnbake Cottages, Burcombe Lane, Wilton, Wiltshire, SP2 0ES. Email: [passports@idhsqb.com](mailto:passports@idhsqb.com) Tel: 01722 742333 Mobile: 07824 880996. *To respect family privacy, please do not 'drop in' to the house.*

### **Irish-bred horses: Passports, registration queries and transfers of ownership:**

Please contact Horse Sport Ireland: First Floor, Beech House, Millennium Park, Osberstown, Naas, Kildare, Ireland Tel. 00-353-45 850850 Email: [info@horsesportireland.ie](mailto:info@horsesportireland.ie)

**IDHS (GB) Help Line** - Brian & Liz Gates Tel: 01461 700434 (Mon - Fri: 6.30pm-9.30pm).

Email: [treasurer@idhsqb.com](mailto:treasurer@idhsqb.com)

**Annual Breed Show team:** Sue Benson: 01274 870028 Brian Gates: 01461 700434

Carol Malin: 0345 2300 399 Louise Morton: 01283 716573 Carol Rudd: 01625 873662

**News Sheet news and events:** please email your news item to [news@idhsqb.com](mailto:news@idhsqb.com)

This will reach Carol Malin, Administrator, Heather Chaplin, editor, our Chairman and Treasurer.

**Stallion and mare inspection queries:** Please contact Heather Chaplin on 01823 601625 or any other team members, or email the team mailbox at [inspections@idhsqb.com](mailto:inspections@idhsqb.com).

### **Inspection administration team:**

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