

**Suffolk Horse Society
EGM Meeting**

Trinity Park, Felixstowe Road, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP3 8UH

on Monday 14th July 2025 at 6.30pm

Present

Cherry Grover	Gail Sprake	Kate Mitchell	Sam Maloy
Jayne Groom (JG)	George Pratt	Alan Hawes (AJH)	Ben Ryder Davies
Paul Smith	Peter Bundock	Christine Oakley	Mary Ryder Davies
Sophie Keene	Mary Keeble	Nigel Oakley	Karen White
Susan Wager	Chris Spalding	Adrian Hoskins	Tracey Petitt
Tegan Mould	Rose Spalding	Wendy Kinsley	Bruce Smith
Bruce Langley McKim	Claire Bartrum	Ellie Powis	Jeff Hallett
Matthew Bundock	Sophie Bartrum	Andy White	M Hallett
Andrea Hoskins	Pauline Hayter (PH)	John Fleming	Andrea Powis
Neil Syrett	Dennis Hayter	Fiona Fleming	Hannah Clarke
Mark Donsworth	Tom Cole	Heather Fleming	John Latham
Hazel Chapman	Frank Kinge	Leona Fleming	J Emms
Tom Walne	Sandy Walne	Jo Kelleway	Abbie Marshall Weir
Sue Van de Muelen	Christine Kinge	Alistair Read	Niamh White
Liz Pardey (LP)	Belinda Rudderham (BR)	Danielle Lawrence	

	MINUTES
	<p>The meeting was opened at 6.30pm by Jayne Groom (JG) President. JG welcomed those present.</p> <p>The EGM had been democratically constituted in accordance with the Suffolk Horse Society Articles of Association.</p> <p>The request by members to put forward a Special Resolution to amend the Articles of Association was submitted democratically and in accordance with the rules.</p> <p>The Extraordinary General Meeting is being correctly minuted and recorded.</p> <p>JG said she had intended to write and read a few words imploring all members, present and absent, to respect the democratic decision made tonight.</p> <p>However she read the following email from a member that summed up her feelings well.</p> <p>Harry Ziman wrote:</p> <p><i>"Sadly I can't be with you tonight but I wanted to say to the meeting that we have more in common than divides us.</i></p> <p><i>We each have our own views on the business tonight, and we can share these views civilly and without rancour and hyperbole.</i></p> <p><i>Can I implore all members to accept that other members hold valid but differing opinions?</i></p> <p><i>Can we set aside our differences, cease hostilities and act with upstanding integrity?</i></p> <p><i>Let's calmly allow the democratic process to work and come together in the best interests of the Suffolk Horse that we love. Is this too much to ask for?"</i></p>
1	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>These were received from: Brad Auker</p>
2	<p>To vote on the following Special Resolution:</p> <p>JG read the following resolution:</p>

	<p><i>14.3 to remove the following: (or at the discretion of the member of the council for one further period of one year)</i></p> <p><i>23.1 No ordinary councilman may stand for election as either an ordinary councilman or any other elected or non-elected position, which for the purpose of this Article shall be called ("Councilman"), after two consecutive terms or 8 years without retiring for one year. After said year, the member may stand again for council.</i></p> <p><i>23.2 Any councilman in position at the date of the adoption of 23.1("Adoption Date") shall automatically retire at the date of the first Annual General Meeting, when their term ends, immediately following the Adoption Date. Any such councilman may stand for election at such Annual General Meeting providing they have served less than two consecutive terms or 8 years at the date of such Annual General Meeting.</i></p> <p>Voting cards were handed out to those in attendance who had not previously voted by Proxy prior to the meeting and a secret ballot took place.</p> <p>Four members left the meeting at 6.34pm, refusing to vote, as there was to be no discussion on the Resolutions.</p> <p>LP, BR (SHS employees), AJH (Treasurer), PH (Trustee) and Sophie King (Independent) left the room to count the votes cast.</p> <p>All Proxy forms returned to the official scrutineer Larking Gowen (Independent Scrutineers) had already been counted and noted. Proxies not present at the meeting had votes discounted (8 votes – 4 for, 3 against, 1 abstention); Adrian Hoskins (member) asked to join those counting the vote as he considered it not to be an independent count.</p> <p>Voting papers were counted and added to those results already received by Larking Gowen.</p> <p>173 votes were received.</p> <p>For: 46.1% Against: 51.1% Abstained: 2.8%</p> <p>AJH announced the vote to the room. The resolution was defeated as the 75% vote required was not met.</p>
	JG thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting at 6.46pm
Post Meeting	Chris Spalding stood up to express his wish that the animosity between factions of the Society stops and everyone works together for the good of the breed. He was called to order as the meeting had closed and was not open to discussion.