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MINUTES OF THE VERDERERS' GRAZING SCHEME MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 5th March 2025

Present:

Mr R Deakin (RD)	- Elected Verderer
Miss Alison Tilbury (AT)	- Elected Verderer
Mr Clive Chatters (CC)	- Natural England Appointed Verderer
Mr Mark Gammon (MG)	- Forestry Commission Appointed Verderer

Item	Item	Action
1. Apologies	Edward Heron – OV Tina Woodley – VGS Administrator	
2. Declarations of interest	RD & AT declared membership of the VGS. RD is a member of the New Forest Livestock Society. RD is a member of the New Forest Stallion Syndicate RD & AT are members of the New Forest Pony Breeders and Cattle Society. RD is a committee member of the CDA and AT is a member of the CDA CC is an Officer of HIWWT	
3. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising	Minutes of the last VGS meeting were approved – TW to sign and upload to website	Action TW
4. Cattle Supplement 2024	2024 VGS – Committee agreed to pay the annual cattle supplement to the herds that qualified via their 2024 VGS returns. TW to collect TB52 forms (Whole Herd Test) direct from the Ministry Appointed Vets. The payments can then be distributed.	Action TW
5. Commons Contributions 2025	National Trust have not confirmed if they are able to contribute towards the 2025/2026 Commons VGS. TW to follow up with NT as unable to send out VGS forms for 2025/26 until an outcome has been agreed.	Action TW

6. Stallion Grazing, Futurity and Bloodlines	The stallion grazing at Newlyn Farm has been successful but the grass did not last as long as expected and hay has had to be supplied. The checking rosta has worked well. <u>Futurity</u> The Futurity Colts were supplied grazing free of charge at Newlyn Farm this year but the HLS are unable to offer it again this year. TW will give the NFPB&CS the annual grant. <u>Bloodline Scheme</u> 3 Bloodline mares have been put in foal to underused bloodlines and being grazed at Cadland.	
7. Stallion Consultation	<u>Young Commoners Stallion Injury Reimbursement</u> Committee happy with the proposed scheme. Not going to offer additional funding assistance, but would be content if Young Commoners chose to use some of their training grant for this purpose. It needs to be a well documented process. TW to inform Young Commoners	Action TW
8. VGS Rule Violations 2024-25	None	
9. VGS Small Grants	<u>Future Financial Planning</u> The Committee feel that a contingency plan should be developed to cover the ending of the HLS. <u>VGS Small Grants</u> VGS grants of varying sums were awarded to VGS members Miss A Howells Mr C Maton Mr M Pooley Mr B Mansbridge Mrs JA Tillman Mrs C Smith Mrs A Wilson 2 applications were rejected 2 applications were deferred pending more information TW to inform applicants of committee's decisions	Action TW

