



16 November 2024

**To All CPBS Members:**

Notice is hereby given that the CPBS Council have convened an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Connemara Pony Breeders Society to be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2024 commencing at 1.00 pm.

The meeting will be held in the Raheen Woods Hotel, Athenry, Co Galway H65 E443.

The Motions for discussion and ratification to be passed by special resolution are as follows:

1. Amendments to the Constitution: (see overleaf)
  - a. Co-opting of ordinary members to the CPBS Council
  - b. Monthly online Meetings of Council
  - c. Quarterly in-person Meetings of Council
2. Strategic Plan:
  - a. Review of Constitution
  - b. Membership Rates and CPBS Service Rates
  - c. Planning for 2025 and going forward

Please note only members resident in Ireland who have paid their membership subscription before 01<sup>st</sup> March 2024 will be eligible to vote at the EGM. The registration desk will open at 11.30 am. A copy of the Memorandum & Articles of Association is available on the CPBS Website at <https://cpbs.ie/articles-of-association> .

The CPBS Council would encourage all members to attend this important meeting. Please note only members will be entitled to attend the meeting.

Le dea-mhéin,  
**Áine Uí Fhoghlua,**  
Rúnaí,  
Cumann Lucht Capaillíní Chonamara



**TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE [CPBS MEMORANDUM & ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION](#)**

**ARTICLE 10 RE MEMBERSHIP**

**Classes of Membership**

There shall be four classes of members, namely (a) Ordinary Members, (b) Overseas Members, (c) Honorary Members, and (d) Special Members.

Ordinary members are members of the Society who have been admitted in accordance with Article 7 (i) and (ii) (a) and (b) and who normally reside within Ireland. Overseas members are members of the Society who have been admitted in accordance with Article 7 (i) and (ii) (a) and (b) and who normally reside outside Ireland. An overseas member is not entitled to vote at meetings of the Society but may only attend as an observer. Should a dispute arise over the member's declaration of his/her normal place of residence, responsibility shall rest with the member concerned to furnish documentary evidence as proof to support the declaration. Honorary members are benefactors of the Society, persons who are actively interested in the Connemara Pony breed and persons who have co-operated in the work and aims of the Society. Honorary members shall be nominated by the President of the Society at a time at his/her discretion and voted upon by Council members. Honorary membership is for life. Honorary members shall enjoy the rights and privileges of an ordinary member.

Special Members are individuals applying to join the Society subject to the approval of the CPBS Council. The CPBS Council will review applications for Special Membership and determine the eligibility and rights of such members. Special Members will have rights and privileges as determined by the CPBS Council at the time of their admission.

**ARTICLE 11 to get an addition:**

**Privileges of Special Members**

Special Members shall only be entitled to avail themselves of the Society's services at members' rates. The privileges granted to Special Members are limited to this benefit and do not include any additional rights or privileges associated with other classes of membership. The privileges of Special Members shall not be transferable and shall cease on the death of the member, or on his/her resignation, or where his/her membership has not been renewed approved by the council of the CPBS.

This addition ensures clarity about the limited privileges of Special Members while keeping the original provisions unchanged.

**ARTICLE 23: MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL**

Meetings of the Council shall be held at such times and places as the members of the Council think fit. Council meetings may take place online using Council-paid platforms such as Microsoft Teams. However, in-person Council meetings must be held quarterly. The in-person meetings shall take place in March, June, and September, with the first in-person meeting of the year occurring immediately following the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

*D.K. Ó Tuairisg, Uachtarán*  
04.09.2024