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Proposal for the Structure of the Lead Body for British Sport Horses and Ponies

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Invitation to join

Join the Lead Body which seeks for the first time to provide inspired direction to the sector of the industry for ridden sport horses and ponies

Together we will implement attention-seizing initiatives offering benefits to

- **Owners**
- **Breeders**
- **Producers**
- **Trainers**

We will work to continuously to:

- **improve the quality of horses bred**
- **improve the production of young horses**
- **improve promotions**

Be part of it!



Objectives of the lead Body

1. To become the Lead Body for British Sport Horses and Ponies
2. To facilitate the implementation of all the relevant Aims and Actions of British equine strategies
3. To communicate effectively and work collaboratively with its own members, the other Lead Bodies, BEF, BEF Member Bodies, BHIC, SEBA and all sectors of the industry who may have an interest
4. To work closely with BEF which is charged to develop, implement and share a Long Term Equine Development (LTED) Plan to include the following functions:
5. To work towards developing a centre of excellence for British breeding with full supporting facilities as a long-term aim
6. To raise funds to support these objectives

Functions of the Lead Body

1. Promote and encourage the use of the National Equine Database (NED) and the provision of correct, complete and meaningful data so that breeders, at all levels, can make informed breeding decisions
2. Publicise that all members need to use EU international standard Unique Equine Life Numbers (UELNs) in the recording of all registrations and all activity
3. Facilitate comparability between the different evaluations, gradings and performance tests of stallions, mares and progeny and of young stock up to the age of 6 years and to facilitate comparability of results data from the above into clear and functional data groups
4. Investigate the possibility of developing functional progeny rating data for stallions and mares based on performance, evaluation and grading data of progeny from stud books
5. Adhere to and promote welfare standards and drug free sport
6. Support the development of an equine Estimated Breeding Value (EBV) system
7. Improve stud standards by promoting the Breeders' Quality Mark (BQM)
8. Offer premiums for private/small breeders where they breed more horses and ponies which balance type and conformation with talent and athletic potential
9. Introduce a trainer and evaluator selection and development process with evaluator classifications on a List basis according to training, experience and competence

10. Encourage the collation and use of research worldwide to inform the industry's decisions and encourage the use of other countries' processes and best practice where it is appropriate to do so
11. Determine brand values for the British Sport Horse and Pony
12. Market and publicise the British Bred Sport Horse and Pony in many ways including formalising an annual sales process for broodmares, competition horses, foals and an annual National British Bred Cross-Discipline Championship for young horses, starting in 2008.
13. Encourage collaboration between producers, riders and breeders so that the best horses are brought to the attention of the best producers and riders
14. Make access to top trainers more accessible to breeders so that their horses may be developed to fulfil their potential
15. Encourage the naming of breeders and producers on entry forms and in catalogues along with pedigrees of all horses
16. Develop a website, linking to NED, to sell British horses
17. Develop a 'kitemark' for British bred horses to include a verification process that the horse is:
 - Sound of body and mind
 - Of good temperament
 - Has latent and performance potential
 - Has been allowed to grow as naturally as possible
 - Has been wormed and had its feet trimmed regularly
 - Has been well handled and prepared for sale

Financial management of the Lead Body

Fees

The initial consultation phases have been funded by the British Equestrian Federation

It is suggested that an amount to set up the Lead Body is sought, for example, from the Regional Development Agency where the Lead Body office will be

There will be a need to make a membership charge in order to cover the running costs of the Lead Body and the implementation of its initiatives. It is suggested that this is made up by making a small charge per foal passport issued

Structure and Constitution

The Lead Body may become a Limited Company to secure a legal persona

It is proposed that each member organisation nominates a representative to the Lead Body Council

The Lead Body will have a smaller Executive Committee of approximately six Council members who will progress the aims of the Lead Body with the agreement of the Council

The Lead Body will require an administrator and office facilities to implement its proposed functions

Next steps

A launch date for this Lead Body has been proposed as 1st September 2007

During and following this meeting please may we ask for your feedback as to how this proposal can be developed to meet your needs

Thank you



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- 9 August **Oatridge College**, West Lothian
- 16 August **Catherston Stud**, Hants
- 23 August **Heart of England EC**, Staffs
- 30 August **The Grange EC**, Devon

Full details from www.bef.co.uk. Tel 02476 698871

British Breeding is pleased to supply results to the
National Equine Database (NED)



www.nedonline.co.uk

Coming soon!

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