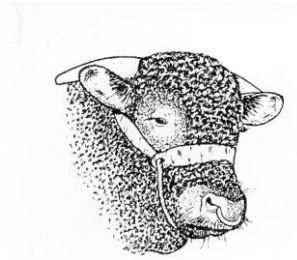


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Minutes of the Zoom Board Meeting held on Monday 2 March 2026 at 10.30am

Present: Gavin Hunter (GH), John Stanbury (JS), John May (JM), David Barker (DB), Bridgette Clamp (BC), Richard Dart (RD), David Martin (DM), Graham Summerhayes (GS), Malcolm Hurd (MH)[by phone], Lisa Weaver (LW) Theresa Howard (TH) Notetaker

1. Welcome from the Chair

GH welcomed everyone and apologised for the meeting having to be postponed due to lack of a quorum.

2. Apologies

Henry Dart and Andy Lane

3. Declarations of conflicts of interest

None

4. Approval of previous Minutes from 5 January 2026 meeting

All agreed, **motion carried**

5. Matters arising from 05/01/2026 meeting

5a LW National Show update sponsorship received so far £1575. Edenmoor unable to sponsor this time to major rebranding ongoing. Waiting to hear back from St Boniface Vets. **5b** Confirmed booking with both Cereals 2026 & Groundswell.

6. Sub-committee reports

6a GH Executive meeting held 10th February 2026. Discussed two topics: Reserves Policy for the annual report and the replacement of the 5-year plan. Need to have an Annual Action Plan which looks at the critical areas of the running of the society. Reports collected from different sub-committees and reviewed by the Executive each year with conclusions from whole plan presented to Board at September meeting annually. Executive asked Lisa to produce a draft plan. DM Will this be too much work for the Executive. GH Should be ok as other committees to help with collating the information. Board reviewed & acceptance of report and Annual Action Plan. **Motion carried.** **6b** DM Breed Improvement meeting held 10th February 2026. Discussion followed on Dr Newton's request to collaborate with University of Reading and Harper Adams which

committee approved. LW Requested a schedule/timeline which has been provided. DM Confident to go ahead provided we do not agree to tie into any contract. DM Dr Newton also asked to include undergraduates to have permission to contact members directly. JS Better if deal with office. Board instructed Lisa to reply that we don't feel this is necessary at this stage.

7. Nominations for President and President Elect

7a Presidential position Bridgette Clamp nominated Graham Summerhayes, Richard Dart seconded. All agreed to put forward Graham Summerhayes at AGM **Motion carried**

7b President Elec position LW Read out letter form Andy Lane nominating Grania Phillips. David Martin seconded. John Stanbury nominated Richard Dart. Richard Dart declined and suggested Grania Phillips stand. Vote unanimous that Board put forward Grania Phillips as President Elec at the AGM. **Motion carried.**

8. Amendment to Articles on Limited Companies.

8a Lisa to correct Newsletter Board Nomination page and monitor if situation arises regarding voting members of Limited Companies.

9. Board Nominees 5

9a LW Hatty Tucker, James Kittow, Grania Phillips, Louise Clarke & Roy Gove all been notified and sent paperwork. DB Good to have another Cornish member join board.

10. Judges' Ballot results for 2027

10a LW DCBS Spring S & S judge John May, Reserve Andy Lane.

Devon County David Martin, B & W Angela Poad, Cornwall Richard Dart, Three Counties Andy Lane, Dorset Louise Clarke. Lisa notified all judges and reserves and show committees.

11. Membership promotion 2026

11a As discussed at previous meeting to promote membership offer free Associate membership for one year. They will receive all notifications, publications and awareness of Society's role. Hopefully encourage continued membership in the form of Associate or Full. DM A way of getting possible new members access. RD Good move for those that have purchased Devon cattle. DB Keeps them involved. DM Proposed we offer free Associate membership for 2026. DB seconded, all in favour. **Motion carried**

12. Website Growth

12a Lisa contacted website provider to see how we could boost our awareness on the internet. Function28 came up with a proposal [Spring Clean] Timeline: 1 month (Approx. 2 days/week) at a cost of £625.00+VAT. BC Sounds good value for money. If we are giving it an MOT, can we update a few photos. GS Will the website still be visible or will it be down while changes are made. GH Think this is good progress. All agreed, Lisa to ask questions raised and go ahead with proposal.

13. Spring Show & Sale

13a LW Entries now in 14 bulls and 31 heifers. Both Shearwell and Harpers sponsored £300 each. Will have £500 offer to purchaser of highest priced bull and £250 for highest priced female. **13b** GH How do we want the classes split, if 14, 2 classes of 7 or split over 3 classes. DB 2 classes, DM 3 classes, GS 3 classes. Board agreed if 12 brought forward on the day 2 classes, if all 14 brought forward then 3 classes. **13c** LW Vendors sending in photos of bulls, some are taken by Professional photographers and others not. Have asked one member to provide alternative photos which they have. **13d** LW Stewards, Vet & photographer all in place. **13e** GH Need to have commentator in the ring. Lisa to ask Andy Lane. **13f** JS How is the order of sale going to be. Board agreed same as last year with semen lots first followed by Champion and Reserve Champion then lot order. JS Should contact Calvin Fletcher as may be interested in Devons. Lisa to send catalogue and society information. **13g** LW Emailed all holders of cups. Problem with Larkbarrow cup [Lisa to contact Henry Rawson directly], no response from Dorrells yet. [suggest contacting Jeff Thomas to see if he is going in that direction].

14. AGM

14a AGM sorted. Phillip Warren (Champion beef) booked. Don't know speaker yet. Board asked Lisa to check with Andy Lane.

15. Approval of New Members

15a Daniel James Kingdom. Life Membership, Prefix: Marshay. **All agreed.** **15b** BC Lapsed member coming back to rejoin. TH The Georges had been in touch and wished to pay back fees to keep prefix.

16. Office Matters

16a Probationary Judges contacted. Steven Cleverdon to Shadow Roy Gove at Mid-Devon. Deb Telling has been unwell and currently in hospital, will wait. Trevor Wilton not sure which shows he will shadow in yet. **16b** Western Morning News advertising fees doubled, should I still go ahead. £300 minimum. BC Wednesday farming section woeful since they let Athwenna Irons go. Board agreed would pick up local interest. GTH do put ads in with WMN. BC Propose put one ad on Saturday before show. JS seconded. **All agreed.** **16c** North Devon Show 60th Anniversary asking for support 5th August. **16d** Budget omitted to bring forward will send out with Draft minutes. GH Looking at a good profit, could we forward to members at the dinner and supply each table with 2 bottles of red wine. Board agreed. **16e** LW Board will need to choose a new Chair at the start of the May meeting. Can select anyone from the Society not just the Board members. **16f** LW Cereals 2026 and Groundswell booked. Cereal 2026. couple of tickets for staff available still. **16g** LW Have recorded all Past Presidents from 1884 to 1960 onto excel spreadsheet. Would the Board like it to be included in the Herd Book. **All agreed.** **16h** LW James Williams asked about Members in a High Herd Health scheme and what the Society is doing to protect them & any enforcements at the Show & Sale. Discussion followed. GH If in High Herd Health and buy at the market, no longer in scheme until blood tested. Need to put on next agenda to discuss further. RD How clean is the market from previous sales. **16i** GH CAF bank issues, very frustrating. Andy Lane now able to

make payments. Office to make sure Graham Summerhayes can also. **16j** LW Mr Toms in touch asking if Devons are included in the Native Breeds mentioned in the Stewardship incentives. Board agreed that they are.

17. Correspondence

17a Letter from Mr & Mrs Weymouth with concerns that older members who are not IT savvy are being penalised. Board discussed and agreed to make an exception and waive charge in this case.

18. Any Other Business

18a DM What is the deadline for verification for Companies House. TH End of April when we need to submit our year end accounts [after AGM]. **18b** BC EID electronic tags, grant available, Will be compulsory in 2027. Can it be added to certificate somewhere. DM Holsteins been using them for 10years. Sue May came forward and mentioned should an EID get ripped out they are issued with a different number. To be reviewed at next meeting. **18c** BC Farm Finance Grants opened again. Can this be put in a newsletter.

19. Next meeting date Wednesday 13th May 2026

Gavin Hunter: Thank you once again for attending the zoom today after postponement.

Bridgette Clamp: As Gavin is retiring from the Chair after 6 years dedication, I wish to thank Gavin for all his efforts and support of the Society.

20. Trustees Time not taken

Meeting closed 12.05pm