

**Cross Party Group on Animal Welfare in the Scottish Parliament
Annual General Meeting 2013
Committee Room 1
6.00pm Tuesday 24 September 2013**

MSPs: Christine Grahame MSP (Convener)
Claudia Beamish MSP (Deputy Convener)
Alison Johnstone MSP
Jamie McGrigor MSP

Associate Members: Mike Flynn, Scottish SPCA
John Patrick, Scotland for Animals
Tina Warren, Scotland for Animals
Jacky Thow, Scotland for Animals
Patricia Saluja, University of Aberdeen
Margaret Donnellan, Dogs Trust
Adam Reed, University of St Andrews
John Burns, World Horse Welfare
David Craig, World Horse Welfare
John Robins, Animal Concern Advice Line
Brian Hosie, SAC Consulting: Vet Services and British Veterinary Association
John Brady, OneKind
Libby Anderson, OneKind (Secretary)
Laura Macleod, West Lothian Council
Jean Fairlie, Independent Weimaraner Rescue & Re-Homing Service
Karen Gray, Rabbits Require Rights
Natalie Constance, Buddies Bunny Rescue
Nicolle Hamilton, British Association for Shooting and Conservation
Sophie Arnold, British Horse Society
Tess Domise, Edinburgh Vegetarian/Vegan Meetup
Jennifer Dunn, League Against Cruel Sports
Wendy Seaton, Ethical Voice for Animals
Allison Speers, Ethical Voice for Animals
Lorraine Currie, Campaign Against the Sale of Cats Online
Stuart Moir, Campaign Against the Sale of Cats Online
Patricia Neeson
Patricia Colville, BSAVA
Brian Robinson, Horse Rescue Scotland

Fraser Henderson, Glo-Wild
David Cochrane, Cats Protection

In attendance: Jim Wilson, Scottish Government Justice Department
Charlotte Hay, University of Leicester, Politics Department

Apologies: George Leslie, Canine Concern Scotland Trust
Victoria Brown, The Kennel Club
Denis Hearsom, Perth and Kinross Council
Jamie Stewart, Scottish Countryside Alliance
Mauvis Gore, Marine Rescue International
Tracy Shiells, Cats Protection
Jacqui Cuff, Cats Protection
Morton Houston, COSLA Animal Health and Welfare
David Craig, World Horse Welfare
Helene Mauchlen, British Horse Society
Edna Elliot McColl
Andrew Blake, West Lothian Council
Alan Morrison, Argyll and Bute Council
Charlie Everitt, National Wildlife Crime Unit

1. Recording of meeting

The Convener ruled that it was not permitted to record the meeting.

2. Introductions

All present were introduced and apologies noted.

3. Emergency Resolution

The Convener and vice-Conveners explained their reasons for tabling an Emergency Resolution suspending the membership of Scotland for Animals for one year.

The Secretary explained the effect of an email circulated by Scotland for Animals and a Resolution tabled by them.

Scotland for Animals opposed the Emergency Resolution and maintained that their email message had been proper.

Votes on the Emergency Resolution were recorded as follows: For 14, against 5, abstentions 5.

Scotland for Animals, Ethical Voice for Animals and Edinburgh Vegetarian/Vegan Meetup left the meeting.

4. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting

These were agreed.

5. Draft annual return

This item was omitted.

6. Officer elections

Convener, vice-Conveners and Secretary were re-elected unopposed.

The Secretary advised the Group that OneKind would like to relinquish the secretariat at next AGM and encouraged other groups to think of taking on the role.

7. Resolutions

Following discussion, Resolutions #2 to #7 were not moved.