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20th May 2015

**MINUTES OF THE VERDERERS' GRAZING SCHEME MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON 20th May 2015**

Present:

Mr D May (OV)	- Official Verderer
Mr R Deakin (RD)	- Elected Verderer
Mrs D Westerhoff (DW)	- Natural England Appointed Verderer
Mr H Mills (HM)	- Defra Appointed Verderer
Miss L Sargeant (LS)	- VGS Administrator

Item	Item	Action
1. Apologies	Mr A Gerrelli (AG) - Elected Verderer	
2. Declarations of interest	OV, RD and AG declared their membership of the VGS. RD is a member of the New Forest Livestock Society. OV, RD, & AG are members of the New Forest Pony Breeders and Cattle Society. OV declared an interest in New Forest Hunt. HM has a tenant who is in VGS. HM has an interest in NFLAS.	
3. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising	Minutes of the last meeting were approved.	
4. Item raised from HLS AGM	At the HLS AGM, Rick Manley asked to increase the payment per LU to commoners and also increase the current £2,000 upper limit on small grants, as he believes that we are not spending the full £750,000 allocated to VGS from the HLS. The Committee agreed to review the pot for VGS annual payments, before the payments are made in December 2015. The Committee agreed not to increase the maximum that commoners can apply for under the Small Grants Scheme, but would be pleased to consider	LS/OV

	<p>more grant requests during the year.</p> <p>The Small Grant Scheme Application Form should be updated to include a de-minimis statement to ensure that commoners understand they can't apply for more than €7,500 in State Aid per year, as the VGS Small Grant Scheme would fall into this category.</p>	LS
5. Small grant applications	<p>Grants of varying sums were approved to the following members of the VGS:</p> <p>R Mansbridge for concrete panels for barn; B Ingram for fencing; O Cook for cattle hurdles and race; K Smith for cattle handling system; I Kitcher for replacement shed; AJ&RC Stride for concrete feeding area; P Bessant for cattle hurdles; K Mansbridge for livestock trailer; P Rix for pony hurdles; M Gerrelli for new barn; A Tilbury for pound re-build.</p> <p>An application by R Gray & Sons for concrete area for cattle isolation was not approved pending advice from AVHLA about the proximity of cattle for TB plan isolation.</p> <p>LS to inform all applicants.</p>	<p>LS</p> <p>LS</p>
6. AOB	None	

L Sargeant
VGS Administrator

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