

## NZHCS Councillor Job Description

NZHCS Council is responsible for maintaining and improving the breed of Highland Cattle in New Zealand as well as an accurate and up to date register of pedigrees for Highland cattle.

Another key purpose is to maintain a healthy level of finances for the society which enable the provision of services to our membership – including the production of an annual journal, a user friendly and up to date website.

To enable these and other wide ranging activities, the council of management needs a wide skill base and level of expertise.

Council has decided that the number of councillors for the 2014/15 year will be maintained at 8. Under NZHCS rules council can have between 6 - 9 members.

Council has worked effectively with this number of councillors even with a very full work agenda and is looking for nominations for the next 3 year term.

Nominations for **3 council vacancies** will be called.

James Brown, Doug Maclean and Doug Sheldon are standing down by rotation in 2014.

Council felt that some guidance would be useful for both prospective nominees and those proposing and seconding nominations.

Below are some of the requirements needed of a prospective NZHCS councillor as it moves into a phase of renewal and reconnection with our membership.

- Willingness to participate fully and work within subcommittees to achieve goals set by council, within agreed timeframes. Each councillor needs to commit to making themselves available to contribute fully throughout their term on a number of council matters. As council now only physically meets 2 times a year (to reduce travel costs) much of this contribution occurs between meetings via email, conference calls etc.
- Be able to see the broader picture of things, not just local issues.
- Support council decisions and promote the NZHCS
  
- Breed expertise– knowledge of beef breeding and pedigrees, beef performance, farming and agriculture in the wider sense and the ability to relate that to the Highland breed
  
- Business experience: marketing, market development, communications and PR.