

## **ENDURANCE GB Wessex Committee**

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2018 at The Quicksilver Mail, Yeovil BA20 2RG

### **1. APOLOGIES:**

Apologies were received from Sam Mowatt and Helen MacDonald Harris.

### **2. MINUTES OF MEETING 13.12.17:**

After a couple of minor corrections the Minutes were ratified.

Proposed: Rosemary Henderson

Seconded: Janthea Newman

### **3. MATTERS ARISING:**

3.1. Under Item 9 Claire reported that she had actually purchased 20 A4 frames.

### **4. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Claire reported the following balances:

Main Account £2,665.65

Young Rider £285.00

Total £2,950.65

Monies In £100.00 Perryfields Young Rider Bursary  
£50.00 Deposit refund Marston Magna Hall  
£1,713.70 Dinner tickets  
£199.00 Dinner raffle  
£2,295.00 Snowdrop entries

Monies Out £35.00 Miscellaneous donation  
£50.00 EGB  
£122.91 Website renewal  
£1,696.25 Northover Manor  
£105.60 Genie Printing, business cards  
£167.20 R&B Trophies, replicas  
£323.29 Rosettes Direct  
£1,700 Purchase Wessex trailer  
£38.00 Associate Membership, raffle winner  
£154.00 G. Magic, new signs  
£168.00 Snowdrop Toilets  
£340.00 A2E Medical, Snowdrop 1<sup>st</sup> Aid  
£300.00 Charity Donation for Snowdrop venue (ContactaFamily) -

Claire raised the matter of the incident that had required an Air Ambulance at Snowdrop. Two riders had given up their rides to help and had refused a refund so it was agreed their entry fees were donated to Air Ambulance. It was also agreed that the £300 which had been budgeted for a National Trust permit and not required due to last minute route change would also be donated to the Air Ambulance, £250 to Somerset & Dorset who had transferred the patient to hospital and £50 to the second one.

Rosemary raised the question of GHS sponsorship. There was a brief discussion and it was agreed to match the South West sponsorship of £250.00.

There was a discussion regarding insurance for the Wessex trailer. KBIS had indicated they would be prepared to insure at a cost of £150 but would need chassis numbers and possibly photographs. There was a suggestion that EGB office might be able to advise us in this matter as other Groups have trailers. Rosemary agreed to investigate.

There was a brief discussion about the need to fund raise now as we needed to be careful about any future expenditure, also should we be looking to make a profit on events held. It was felt that perhaps we should canvas our Members on this. Janthea said she believed Sue Thompson might consider putting on a Social Ride at some stage in the year.

**5. AWARDS DINNER/BAM:**

It was felt there was absolutely nothing negative to report from Northover Manor, the table set up and awards display were superb and Sarah, Jane and Alison were congratulated on their hard work. There was then a discussion about costs and possible alternative venues. Alison reported that she had been looking at Castle Cary Rugby Club as a possible future venue, they have an outside caterer at £30 per hour, and also Keinton Mandeville Village Hall. Further discussion covered the need to have speakers at both events and whether we should consider combining the two. Do we have too many trophies and should the Awards be made much shorter. Ongoing.

**6. TROPHIES:**

Jane reported that we had masses of old rosettes which needed re-tailing and it was agreed that they should no longer be dated. There was a general discussion about widening trophy criteria as some trophies are still not awarded. It was felt that the Novice Horse trophy should include national rides and that a new trophy for Novice Horse/Rider combination could be created by re-badging one of the surplus trophies. Agreed that the Fiesta, Velvet, Leigh and Gold Emblem trophies should all be opened up. There was a suggestion to create a league table showing running points total to try and encourage riders to participate. All this would hopefully produce a wider spread of winners. It was also agreed that a "Helpers Raffle" would be run at the end of each season.

**7. RIDES:**

Snowdrop - Claire reported the Saturday had been extremely wet and she had washed and dried all the bibs for the second day but in future we should either have two sets or sufficient consecutive numbers to cover both days. Entries had been down, particularly from Members, and could have been covered on one day, also a last minute change to the route had created a lot of work. One non-Member had tried to sell her entry on which would have caused an insurance problem and in future T&C must state that entries are non transferable. The new trailer had worked very well. Claire was thanked and congratulated for all her efforts.

**8. VOLUNTEERS CONFERENCE:**

This had been attended by Janthea, Rosemary, Geraldine and Amanda and had been very useful. Nikki Thorne had been very informative and articulate. There had been a lot of emphasis on Para Endurance and it was an event well worth attending.

**9. HEALTH & SAFETY/1<sup>ST</sup> AID:**

Rosemary said that it was now vital to have full Paramedic cover at all rides and First Aid at all events and overnight stays. It was also important to find a H&S representative for Committee. EGB were organising a couple of 1<sup>st</sup> Aid courses and it was agreed that we should continue to investigate the situation.

**10. INTER-REGIONALS:**

Rosemary reported that these would again be held at Cirencester and there was a brief discussion about what we should offer the Team. Agreed that Team shirts must be provided, this year's had cost £279, and camping/corralling for those that want. Sadly few people had come to the bar-b-que and people should bring their own food if held again.

**11. HORSE WELFARE LETTER/AGM PROPOSALS:**

With regard to Horse Welfare, Rosemary was very pleased to report that we had received excellent feedback from Members even though one or two had commented they never received our original communication. Agreed we should ask Wessex Members to check their contact details are correct.

Proposal suggestions for the AGM included something to cover the potential issue created by those hacking to a venue, then riding and having no transport home in the event of a problem.

There was also a discussion about increasing the number of rides to upgrade to Advanced level and reducing the number of rides to qualify for the Novice trophy. Online training was also discussed.

**12. EQUIPMENT:**

Rosemary was delighted to report that Wessex now had an equipment trailer and we now need a 1<sup>st</sup> Aid kit and a tarpaulin. It was thought that some of the money HPower were putting into EGB might be made available to Groups for the purchase of equipment.

**13. MARKETING/NEWSLETTER:**

Amanda said she was waiting for a couple of article and would then be able to finish the Newsletter. Janthea suggested a feature about individual trophies and their history. If Members knew a little more they might be encouraged to participate.

**14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

14.1 Alison suggested holding a tack sale, perhaps making it a Social Evening open to anyone. An entry fee would be charged and a price per table. April was suggested and Alison said she would investigate.

14.2 Claire said she had received a letter from the Hospice thanking us for the donation from the proceeds of Cerne Social. She also asked if Junior/Young Rider discounts were applicable at Group rides, which they are not, and asked Committee what they had done with their Wessex armbands.

14.3 Sarah reported that to date she had been unable to book Trinity for the BAM but she would keep on the case.

**15. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING:**

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 7.00 pm at The Quicksilver Mail, Yeovil.