**ENDURANCE GB Wessex Committee**

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 17th April 2019 at the Quarry Inn, Kenton Mandeville TA11 6DZ

1. **APOLOGIES:**

Apologies were received from Carol Legg, Sam Mowatt and Lynne Searle.

1. **MINUTES OF MEETING 20.02.19:**

There were some minor corrections.

Proposed: Alison House

Seconded: Janthea Newman

1. **MATTERS ARISING:**
   1. Under 11.1. Amanda had agreed to give a talk to the Appaloosa Society.
   2. BAM venue – Holy Trinity would be free but now very expensive. Rosemary had spoken to the Quarry Inn and been quoted £30. Ongoing.
   3. Under 13.4 Rosemary passed round examples of wristbands which could be purchased at £12 for 200 with a 24 hour delivery from UK Wristbands. Agreed to adopt. Rosemary also mentioned that she had been talking to a qualified first aider who was a retiring fire officer and he would be willing to give a demonstration.
   4. Amanda that she had been contacted via Facebook by another first aid provider and she would pass on their details.
2. **TREASURER’S REPORT:**

Claire reported the following balances:

Main Account £1,422.29

Young Riders £ 285.00

Total £1,707.29

Monies In - £ 858.28 Snowdrop entries

£ 120.00 Donation from Liz Hinings from TS expenses at Daffodil ride

£ 18.46 Merchandise sales (book bag)

Monies Out - £ 174.25 A2E 1st aid for Snowdrop

£ 133.56 Website renewal fee

£ 300.00 Charitable donation to Contact a Family from Snowdrop

£ 49.95 Snowdrop helpers’ food

There was a discussion about merchandise orders via the Website as there was no provision for P&P and the Pay Pal fee for the book bag sold was £5.00. Agreed to take everything off the website and Claire said that she would discount the stock that was left and try to sell at rides. We had no trailer stickers left and it was suggested we ask EGB where they sourced theirs from. Rosemary said she would check with Kerry Dawson.

Alison enquired whether anything further had been done about postcoding the trailer. Ongoing in Sam’s absence.

1. **EVENTS:**

The BAM had been briefly discussed under 3.2 and Rosemary said she would ask the Quarry Inn for a quote to do a buffet. Alison commented that Cross Keys also had a room that might be suitable.

The Inter Regionals were briefly discussed but agreed it was still very early and Amanda sais she had done nothing to promote so far but would now post on Facebook.

1. **HEALTH & SAFETY:**
   1. Entry forms for horse and rider changes were discussed because the new flu regulations meant that any change would entail a complete new form being filled in and signed on the day. It was agreed to implement this for both horse and rider and to post the relevant information on both Facebook and the Website.
   2. Escorts – The rules had been tightened considerably and if a replacement escort was needed out on course it required the signature of the ride organiser, the parent and the escport. All very complicated and perhaps one solution would be to send out a form with the ride information that could be signed in advance.
2. **RIDES:**

Snowdrop - Claire reported a profit of £14.00 after the disastrous change of date. There was a short discussion about the trailer and contents which really needed re-organising and rationalising. The new bib holders didn’t work terribly well and took up too much space. There had been some nice ones at Pembrey and Rosemary said she would ask where they came from. Claire also commented that the mock vetting that had been arranged for the original date had proved very popular and she would bring it back for next year.

Hardy’s - There had been an incident with a rider getting completely lost. Amanda suggested we could give riders more information by creating pages on the Website for each ride with photos, previous year’s maps, videos etc. Agreed an excellent idea.

Phoenix - The date had been changed to 4th August.

Tresham - Rosemary said there was nothing to report other than Max Golledge was entry secretary.

Entries - There was a discussion about how to increase entries for longer classes and whether an elevator provision between 64k and 80k would help but this would only work if there were two holds . Amanda felt there would be no issue from a TS’s point of view but others wondered if it would present welfare concerns. Agreed it was worthy of further research.

1. **RIDING CLUBS:**

Rosemary had forwarded an email from John Hudson regarding the RC Championships for discussion and Alison reported that East Mendip RC had responded and suggested they would try and raise a team. It was suggested that we should post an item on Facebook and the Website to promote this and it was pointed out they would need to be Associate Members.

1. **MARKETING:**

Amanda reported that the “Rider Profiles” were being very well received. Jim Phillips and the Griffins had all agreed to submit something and she was trying to persuade Lynn Harvey because of her RoR connection. Kathy Friday had suggested advertising on “Fun Rides in South West England” but this would depend on the RO and only if space was free of charge.

1. **EQUIPMENT:**

In Sam’s absence nothing to discuss. We do need to get a hitchlock for the trailer and perhaps we should put Wessex stickers on the roof.

1. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**
   1. Team shirts for the Inter-Regionals were discussed and it was agreed we should pay. Alison would get a quote so a decision could be made. Amanda said she would now start to promote.
2. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

19th June 2019 at 7.00 pm. Venue to be confirmed.