

ENDURANCE GB Wessex Committee

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 13th June 2018 at The Quicksilver Mail, Yeovil BA20 2RG

1. APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Helen MacDonald Harris

2. MINUTES OF MEETING 25.04.18:

A small correction was made under Item 3.1 Constance Newbold "would deal with it"

Proposed: Claire Richards

Seconded: Janthea Newman

3. MATTERS ARISING:

There were no Matters Arising.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Claire reported the following balances:

Main Account £1,504.31

Young Riders £ 285.00

Total £1,789.31

Monies Out - £106.90 Flowers for Hardy's Organisers, Liz Ashmead & Lynn Harvey and Sam

£250.00 Golden Horseshoe sponsorship

£ 17.99 Trailer steps

Monies In None

There was a brief discussion about the laundry charge for bibs and it was agreed that, if necessary, this should be charged at £5 per 50 bibs. If returned clean and tidy there would be no charge but really repairs were more of an issue.

5. RIDES:

Cerne - Unanimously agreed that this had been a great success and all involved were thanked. A brief discussion followed about the need to enforce and tighten up on corralling rules. As usual, lack of helpers had proved a problem and the ride would revert to 1 day only for 2019. Thanks were recorded to Toller Trailers who, once again, had provided two trailers free of charge.

Golden Horseshoe - Very positive comments were made about the professional appearance of their branded Hi-Viz jackets and there was a brief discussion about sponsorship for 2019.

Quantocks - The loss of this ride was discussed again but all felt that it required someone who lived in that area to take the lead. Amanda agreed to appeal for a new Organiser.

Phoenix - Another sad loss but it was reported that John Hudson was doing all he could to restore it to the 2019 programme.

6. EVENTS:

Awards Dinner - Alison reported that Castle Cary Rugby Club was a non-starter as it would prove equally as expensive as Northover Manor. She had been in discussion with Haselbury Mill who would love to host the event. She had seen sample menus and the estimated cost would

be £22 based on 70 covers. It was agreed that we should book and a date of January 19th 2019 was decided on.

Inter-Regionals - Rosemary was delighted to report that we had virtually a full team. There was a short discussion about non Team riders receiving trophy points for Cirencester but agreed that this would not be appropriate. Alison confirmed that she had ordered the Team shirts.

7. POLICIES:

Data Protection (GDPR) - A query was raised about how landowners' details should be retained but, as they were necessary to run a ride, this was not an issue.

Health & Safety - Rosemary reported that she had produced a "Hot Weather" advice notice that could be laminated and displayed on the board at Rides.

8. EQUIPMENT:

Sam reported that Bib No 43 had gone with the Air Ambulance after Snowdrop and it was agreed that this number would not be replaced as a mark of respect.

There was a brief discussion about how best to brand the new trailer and get rid of the "For Sale" sign. Amanda had obtained quotes for peel off stickers but perhaps it would be better painted. Ongoing.

Rosemary said she had done nothing further about a gazebo and Sam reported that she was still looking into the best way to permanently store signs, keeping an eye out for lightweight boxes or similar. Marker tape was also discussed, where to source good quality and whether the Group should carry a stock or not.

9. MARKETING/NEWSLETTER:

Amanda reported there was a lack of content for the Newsletter as usual and that she hoped to produce a short mid-season issue.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

10.1. There was a discussion about rosettes and whether grading colours could be discontinued and one standard rosette issued. Geraldine said she would love to see the distance recorded on the tails again and Claire wondered about plaques, as they do in France.

10.2. Geraldine said that she would like to put forward a proposal for National AGM to prevent first season novice horse/rider combinations riding on consecutive days and would also like to see their maximum competitive distance reduced from 50k.

10.3. Claire suggested approaching "Horses Inside Out" to hold a lecture/demonstration day. Unanimously agreed this was an excellent idea and Claire agreed to investigate further.

10.4. Carol said that she was hoping to put preliminary results up on Facebook to encourage everyone and also try and persuade more people to help.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, 1st August 2018 at 7.00 pm at The Quicksilver Mail, Yeovil.

