

ENDURANCE GB Wessex Committee

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 1st August 2018 at The Quicksilver Mail, Yeovil BA20 2RG

1. APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Sarah Davenport and Helen MacDonald Harris

2. MINUTES OF MEETING 13.06.18:

Two small corrections were made under Items 5 and 6.

Proposed: Rosemary Henderson

Seconded: Sam Mowatt

3. MATTERS ARISING:

Under Item 10.3 Claire confirmed that she had spoken to Gillian who runs "Horses Inside Out" and she would be very keen. She had emailed Gillian's secretary to discuss further. We would need a venue with a good arena, some volunteers and a couple of obliging horses. Sam suggesting approaching Nikki Malcolm. Ongoing.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Claire reported the following balances:

Main Account £1,293.31

Young Riders £ 285.00

Total £1,578.31

Monies Out - £111.00 for Inter-Regional camping & corralling and food
£100.00 Deposit for Awards Dinner Haselbury Mill

Monies In - None

Claire said she had still not received anything from EGB for Associated Members and had chased Emma Miller.

5. RIDES:

Piddle - Various items were discussed including the inability of some riders to trot their horses and their general lack of care, not enough helpers and possible need to have water points in future due to shortage of crew points. Sam thought she might look at the potential to run a CER.

Inter-Regionals - Rosemary reported that eventually Wessex came 5th which was a little disappointing but we had lost two riders. There had been some very strong competition this year and everyone was congratulated. She wondered if next year it might be an idea to order in pizzas instead of trying to supply food.

Tytherington - Downlands Equestrian Centre had been approached as a possible venue for a new ride as there were excellent bridleways and byways in the area and a start/finish on grass. Claire reported that the cost would be a £600 flat fee for the weekend or £5 per horse/rider. Generally felt that a per capita fee would be best for a new ride with the opportunity to negotiate at a later stage. The owners would prefer June or July and possible dates suggested were 16th or 23rd June 2019.

Cerne Social - Jane confirmed that the venue owner was happy, she would book A2E and had ridden part of the route.

6. RULES/PROPOSALS:

Four different proposals were circulated for discussion and after a lengthy debate it was agreed to run them by Esther for her input.

There was a short debate about rest periods and how difficult it is to apply them properly with insufficient information available and a confusion between National and FEI rules.

7. OFFICIALS:

There was a worrying lack of these going forward, Time Keepers being a particular concern. It was agreed that a huge recruitment drive was needed and, after discussion, Rosemary said that she would make an appeal through the Newsletter. EGB had been approached about training but the only thing available was the Volunteers' Conference.

8. EVENTS:

BAM - Marston Magna Village Hall is booked for November 10th and it was agreed that we would provide soup and a pudding. Alison said she would approach Baileys Feeds to see if one of their reps could give a talk.

Awards Dinner - Alison confirmed Haselbury Mill was booked and the deposit paid. There was a brief discussion about a possible speaker and it was agreed that raffle tickets would be sold at £1 per single ticket. Perhaps we should have fewer prizes but this needs to be discussed with Sarah.

9. EQUIPMENT:

Sam said that we still need to sort out the Group's trailer and it was suggested we approach EGB to enquire if there were any sponsorship opportunities. She also reported that we now have EGB tear drop flags and we need more cones.

10. MARKETING/NEWSLETTER:

Amanda reported that she had received an item from Ellie Byrne about her bursary and had also been promised something from Sid Stanley-Whiteley. She felt that Members were not reading the Newsletter in its current format and for next year she would prefer to produce a Quarterly email with articles and links. All agreed this was an excellent idea.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

11.1. Carol said she was concerned that our recently agreed changes to trophy criteria were not on the Website and Amanda commented that she could probably help with this. She would pull off what was on there currently and email to Committee for comment. Carol also said that she required an updated Members list which Rosemary would provide.

11.2. Sam reported that she had been approached by Mr Pole-Carew about the bridleway at Muston and possible re-routing.

12. DATE & TIME NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday 26th September 2018 at 7.00pm at The Quicksilver Mail, Yeovil.