**ENDURANCE GB Wessex Committee**

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 20th February 2019 at The Quicksilver Mail, Yeovil BA20 2 RG

1. **APOLOGIES:**

Apologies were received from Helen MacDonald-Harris and Rosemary introduced and welcomed Lynne Searle as a new Committee member.

1. **MINUTES OF MEETING 26.09.18:**

The Minutes were read and no corrections made.

Proposed: Sam Mowatt

Seconded: Claire Quinney

1. **MATTERS ARISING:**
   1. It was reported that nothing further had developed regarding the joint training session with South West. There was a short discussion regarding insurance cover for EGB events at Stride Ahead. It was suggested we approach Nikki to run several events there and Rosemary said she would check the position regarding insurance with Constance Newbold.
   2. Rosemary reported that we now have a very sturdy new bib holder. Golden Horseshoe had asked to use our bibs.
   3. Amanda mentioned GDPR legislation and said that all non-Members had been deleted from the database and a fresh start made. Entrants for Snowdrop would have to be asked for permission to keep in touch.
2. **TREASURER’S REPORT:**

Claire reported the following balances:

Main Account £1,133.26

Young Riders £ 285.00

Total £1,418.26

Monies In - £ 777.25 Cerne Social entries

£ 110.06 BAM tickets

£ 88.00 BAM raffle

£ 1,315.08 Awards Dinner tickets

£ 265.00 Awards Dinner raffle

£ 100.00 Return of deposit Marston Magna village hall

£ 10.00 Donation from Wendy Everson in respect of photos sold

Monies Out - £ 150.000 Hospice donation Cerne Social

£ 160.00 A2E 1st Aid Cerne Social

£ 43.93 BAM tea/coffee Soup kindly provided FOC by Alison

£ 45.00 Flowers for Sara Davenport

£ 168.00 Toilets Snowdrop

£ 1,157.00 Haselbury Mill Awards Dinner

£ 60.00 Haselbury Staff gratuity

£ 245.44 R&B Trophies Awards Dinner

£ 306.79 Rosettes Direct

£ 169.38 PR Rosettes

£ 155.20 Genie Printing

£ 102.00 Rob Beale Toilets Cerne

£ 52.00 EGB vouchers

£ 10.00 New bib holder

The profit from Cerne Social was £467.00. Golden Horseshoe Committee had emailed requesting sponsorship . It was agreed to make a contribution of £250.00 as last year.

1. **COMMITTEE ROLES:**
   1. Rosemary spoke about the need for a Health & Safety representative. She said she was prepared to look after this on a temporary basis and Lynne agreed to shadow her.

5.2 Amanda reported that she now had full access to the Wessex Website and was checking on any implications raised by GDPR legislation.

5.3. Alison agreed to take on the role of Inter-Regional Chef.

5.4. An organiser was needed for Training Events and Lynne volunteered her services.

5.5. Agreed that Helen MacDonald-Harris should be invited to step down from full Committee but remain as Health & Safety advisor.

1. **H&S and WELFARE:**

Rosemary gave a short overview of the current position regarding the Equine Flu outbreak.

1. **EVENTS:**
   1. Awards Dinner - Feedback regarding Haselbury Mill had generally been very positive. There was a short discussion about moving the venue regularly in an attempt to encourage members from different areas to attend. Felt this probably wouldn’t make a significant difference as people generally only want to attend if they have won something. Suggested we provisionally book Haselbury again for 25th January 2020 and take a straw poll of the membership during the Summer.
   2. BAM - Possible venues were discussed including Holy Trinity, Yeovil and Odcombe Village Hall. Rosemary said she would make enquiries and a date of 9th November was agreed.
   3. Volunteers Conference - Nothing to report.
   4. Inter-Regionals - Agreed we would send a team to Cirencester again. Alison had volunteered to be Chef and Rosemary said she would email her the team requirements.
2. **RIDES:**
   1. Cerne Social - Jane reported that she had struggled for entries in the beginning but ultimately it had worked well. The date would be the same weekend this year and she would like her Daughter, Ashley, who is a non-member, to be Entry Secretary. Not necessary to be a member so not a problem .
   2. Snowdrop - Claire reported that A2E had been absolutely brilliant about their invoice for the cancelled date, wiping the original charge. The original entry had been 159 and everyone had received a refund immediately. The re-scheduled date had only had 59 entries but all had gone extremely well. It was agreed that anyone who had put their name down to help on the original date but had been unable to help on the revised date would be able to count it as helper qualification if required.
   3. Tresham/Barbury - Rosemary said that Barbury had originally been a Cotswold ride and they had decided to take it back but did not want to support Tresham which had now become a Wessex ride. Maxine Golledge would now be entry secretary for Tresham and the Hudsons would continue their support.
3. **TROPHIES & AWARDS:**

There was a lengthy discussion and it was ultimately agreed to exclude 3 Rivers and Barbury for trophy purposes which would leave 7 Wessex rides, allowing 1 to help would give 6 to count. Various changes were made to the different trophy criteria and would be published on the website.

Ideas were discussed for a Helpers Trophy and it was agreed that if ride organisers provided a list Committee would decide where to award a special rosette for Helper of the Year.

A new Clean Sheet rosette was proposed and agreed for anyone completing 240K or more.

For Wessex Season rosettes 6 rides would count.

For all National trophies it would be best 10, with the exception of Novice which would be 8 and Wessex only trophies would be 5 to count.

Jane said she had a large number of rosettes that required re-tailing and wondered if there was any point. Agreed not cost effective.

It was also agreed that Committee would pay the cost of engraving for the Unsung Hero trophy.

1. **MERCHANDISE:**

Claire said that she was looking after this on a temporary basis and a discussion took place about the way forward. Clothing items are ordered direct from a web site, small items can be kept in the trailer and it was agreed that remaining stock should be reduced to sell and not re-ordered.

1. **MARKETING/NEWSLETTER:**
   1. Pony Club - Amanda and Rosemary had given a talk to Banwell Pony Clubwhich had been veryenthusiastically received but, Rosemary also said she had attended the Leicester & Rutland BAM who commented that their Pony Club members preferred the comfort of their arenas. It was reported that John Hudson is still trying to do more with Riding Clubs and there had also been an approach to EGB from the Appaloosa Society wondering if someone could visit them to give a talk.

Social Media - Amanda and Carol are looking after input and reported a lot more activity. A rider profile from Alice Loten had done very well, Sally Rowe had also submitted one and Instagram was very active. They hoped to run a photo competition but had to be careful over copyright issues with professional photos.

1. **EQUIPMENT:**

The trailer was discussed and Sam reported that nothing further had been done about a number plate or hitch lock but it would need to be done in time for Hardy’s. There was also the question of sign writing but the trailer needs painting anyway and this would need to be done under cover. Ongoing.

1. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**
   1. The matter of the National AGM was raised as some members had been very disappointed by the poor quality meal and the bad way in which the presentation of trophies had been handled.
   2. Moving the venue for Committee meetings was discussed and it was agreed to investigate alternatives to make travelling fairer to all.
   3. Speakers for the BAM and Awards Dinner were discussed and the general consensus was to not have anyone for Awards Dinner. It was felt that the speaker at the last BAM had been very poor and lacked any knowledge of Endurance. Rosemary said that North Wales had held a CPR session at their BAM and wondered about asking a 1st Aider. Agreed we should approach A2E.
   4. H&S sticky labels. South West apparently use wristbands which Rosemary thought was a good idea and would investigate.
2. **DATE & TIME NEXT MEETING:**

17th April 2019 at 7.00 pm. Venue to be arranged. Subsequently booked for the Quarry Inn, Keinton Mandeville TA11 6DZ.