

## West Somerset & Exmoor Bridleways Association

### Committee Meeting - 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016

Present: S. Schott, A Kent [chair}, M Beckett, S Dean, B Wigley, J Holtom

Apologies: J Jones, V Roberts

The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed as correct.

#### Matters Arising:

JH reported that the book about Rights of Way by Hazel Riley has not yet been published.

#### Finance Report:

[Sent by N Wigley] We have £792 in the bank. Membership currently stands at 37.

AK requested a cheque for £40 be signed by NW to cover the BHS Affiliation/insurance fee.

#### BHS News:

The riding hat standard of EN1384 is no longer acceptable, and all riders taking part in any Bridleways Association activity must wear a hat to the new standard.

Children taking part in BA organised activities must have the appropriate adult consent.

There is money available from the 'Paths for the Community' project to help provide more off road riding areas.

We need to promote BHS Access information, which is online.

AK informed us that BHS members should receive the BHS magazine quarterly.

## Rights of Way:

Wydon Farm - AK reported that there are still objections to the proposed new line, and negotiations are ongoing.

MB reported that Putham Lane is still very wet. ENPA wanted to drain it through her fields, which will create problems. Ione Wilcock, ENPA Ranger will be contacting MB shortly to discuss this issue.

JH reported a problem with a bridleway near Parracombe, where a notice has been put up saying 'Private Road'.

Long Lane, Luckwell Bridge (Unclassified County Road) SCC Highways Dept have recently installed a wide drainage grid across the whole width of this lane, this is totally unsuitable for horses. Most of the local riders are having to put down a rubber mat to ride their horses over it. AK is in contact with SCC.

## Events

The Christmas Cracker Ride had to be cancelled due to lack of entries.

Future events need to be planned well in advanced and can be advertised on the BHS SW website via Julie Garbutt.

## Escorted Rides for 2016.

SD, JH, SS, BW, and MB have all offered to take out a ride. The following will be advertised on the website:

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| April     | Weekend 16 <sup>th</sup> /17 <sup>th</sup> | MB - short ride of 1 - 1.5 hours                |
| May       | BHS Access Week                            | BW ride of 2 - 3 hours                          |
| June      | Provisional date 17 <sup>th</sup>          | SD evening ride approx. 10 miles on Haddon Hill |
| July      | date to be confirmed -                     | SS  |
| August    | date to be confirmed -                     | JH  |
| September | date to be confirmed -                     | BW  |

Discussion took place as to whether it might be possible to have a BBQ after one or two of the rides above to make it more of a social event.

BHS Access Week is May 28<sup>th</sup> - June 5<sup>th</sup>

AOB

MB asked if we could have a talk about feeding from some one with expert knowledge but impartial views - possibly at the AGM?

The allocation of jobs on the committee was discussed, and the following was agreed for 2016:

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| Chair               | AK             |
| Web master          | BW             |
| Events co-ordinator | SS             |
| Publicity           | JJ             |
| Finance             | NW             |
| Mins                | SD/MB to share |

Date, time, and place of next meeting:

April 7<sup>th</sup>. 6.00pm at The Exmoor Forest Inn, Simonsbath