

Minutes of WS&EBA committee meeting 14th August 2018

Apologies. Val Roberts, Sandy Schott

Present. Jaye Jones, Julia Holtom, Shelagh Dean, Barbara Wigley, Alison Kent (Chair)

Resignation: Sandy Schott has said that due to family commitments she feels unable to carry on as a Committee member. Barbara Wigley also said she intends to stand down after the AGM this October.

The Minutes of the meeting held 15 May 2108 were read and agreed as a correct record.

Matters Arising

The Moorland Hall has been booked for the AGM - October 25th 7.00pm
Auction Field booked for Treasure Hunt on 2nd September

Finances & Membership

There are currently 29 members - one unpaid membership
£947.69p in the Bank.

General Data Protection Act 2108

It was agreed to use a template from another equestrian organisation. Members will be asked to sign this statement at the AGM. Action: AK

ROWs Update

Devon County Council Rows Parish Review.

Parracombe and Challacombe Parishes: In 2006 the TRF put in an application to have two bridleways Nos 4 & 10 to be given a higher status by providing user evidence.

JJ and JH have looked at some historical evidence but status is not clear. They have also alerted local users/ landowners who may be unaware of this current Rows review and may send a written objection. There is a possibility that these bridleways might become Restricted Byways, which would be less invasive than a BOAT as no vehicles are allowed on a RBs.

Action: AK to write on behalf of WS&EBA to Caroline Gatrell of Devon CC ROWs dept.

BHS News

-The government is producing an Agricultural Bill this autumn, which might include the possibility of paying landowners for better access to the countryside.

-The BHS are asking for a 50mph speed limit on rural roads, currently 60mph is legal. In past 5years traffic has increased on rural roads by 12.8% - mostly van traffic and cars.

-AK reported that the BHS is asking everyone for support to apply for a Heritage Lottery Funded grant to speed up searching for historical evidence to claim paths before 2026.

AK felt that money from any grant might be better spent getting paid access to improve safety and reviewing existing Rows networks.

Rides and Events

BW had four riders on her June escorted ride. Hardly worth organising.

Treasure & Trec Ride Sunday 2nd September. Venue - Auction Field at Wheddon Cross

Actions:

BW to plan route approx.. 10 miles

BW & JH to check route - Saturday 18th August

SD to plan Trec type obstacles - done

Poster to be emailed to all members. Also put in shops, village notice boards, feed merchants etc.

BW to put advert in West Somerset Free Press.

AK to notify BHS of event for insurance purposes.

JJ has had few enquires to date. Agreed that **if less than 10 entries are received by closing date of Tuesday 28 August this event will be cancelled.**

On the day:

First Aider = SD but must be in mobile reception down at Luckwell Bridge at all times.

Rosettes + Hi Viz jackets + Bib numbers = BW

Carrots to give horses horses at finish.

Risk Assessment = JH & BW

Starter/ Timekeeper. JJ. 10.00 am

Car parking duty. JH and Husband 9.00 am

Signage. BW and husband. 8.30am

Secretary. JH. 9.30am

Trec stewards. SD and sister. 10.15am

Steward Wheddon X. BW. 10.00am

Steward Luckwell Bridge. IW. 10.00 am

Hi Vis jackets, Bib numbers = BW

Loos – public toilets in Car park across road.

AGM – 25 October.

Suggested Speaker - Josh Cotton local farrier.

Lack of attendees at AGM does not really warrant asking a Speaker.

Horse Quiz suggested which might prove more popular with members.

4 committee member to each provide 12 questions for one round as follows:-

SD 'Famous horses' JJ '1st Aid for horses'.

BW 'Horse anatomy' AK 'Rts Of Way & Access'.

Each to bring 5 items of tack which may be difficult to identify

BW. To put AGM date in secretary's office at Teasure & Trec ride.

Date, Time & Place of next meeting

Tuesday 2nd October 7.00pm R&B Thankful, Wheddon Cross