

## **West Somerset & Exmoor Bridleways Association**

**Meeting held Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 at Wheddon Cross**

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

**Apologies:** Val Roberts has recently resigned from Committee. Micaela Beckett has missed last 6 meetings and is no longer deemed to be a Committee member.

**Minutes from meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> August 2018** previously circulated were approved.

**Finances.** Nic Kemp (Treasurer) joined the meeting. Currently in Bank £1,235.69p with 52 paid up members. SD & AK are signatures for cheques.

**AGM 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018.** Venue : Moorland Hall. Time 7pm. AGM to be followed by a talk from Leonie Martin of The Brooke charity.

Committee to **arrive at 6.30pm** to set up hall etc.

**Horsey Quiz** to take place during the evening. Questions as follows from:-

BW = Horse Anatomy; SD = Famous Horses; AK = Rows & Access; JJ = 1<sup>st</sup> Aid.

All questions to be sent to BW by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Oct.

**“Which Bit is this?”** selection of unusual bits will be laid out on a table for members to guess the answers. BW to coordinate.

AK & JH to bring pens / paper.

SD to buy vegetarian food.

AK to bring coffee/ tea /milk etc.

JH to buy 2 prizes, value £5.

JJ to liaise with Leonie Martin.

**Donations** on the night to The Brooke will be suggested.

AK to prepare Agenda/ Chairman’s Report which will include our General Data Protection policy. Nic Kemp (Treasurer) to speak to on our finances.

### **Future of WS&EBA**

All concerned that we now down to 4 committee members. Definitely need more help from the membership.

AK wishes to step down as Chair after over 10 years in this position. But happy to continue working on the Committee dealing with all Rows matters and liaising with ENPA. Would also be prepared to be “Joint Chair” for one year with new Chairperson to show them the ropes, this had worked well when AK gave up TDBA chairmanship.

New Chair will be appointed at the first meeting of the Committee after the AGM.

**Suggestions made as follows:**

Recruit more new members.

Closer association with Endurance GB and Le Trec members to organise joint events.

Good use of social media could be the way forward for delivering quick and up to date information to our members. (SD recommended "What's App").

Ideally need new person with good IT skills to join the Committee.

New web site? JH to ask Dave Austin for advice. AK to enquire possibility of BHS Somerset county Access groups web site.

A Membership Secretary is also required. NK is willing (thankfully) to carry on as Treasurer.

Decision made to write to our membership asking for their help.

AK to write suitable letter. JJ & JH to send out mail shot to ALL current members, NK to send membership list to JJ for contact details.

Date & place of next meeting to be advised.