

# West Somerset & Exmoor Bridleways Association

Meeting held Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at Wheddon Cross

**Present :** Shelagh Dean, Julia Holtom, Jaye Jones (minutes), Alison Kent (Chair) Barbara Wigley. Nic Kemp, Peta-Jane Field, Amanda Hamley

**Minutes from meeting held 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018** previously circulated were approved.

**AGM 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018.** All agreed that the AGM was a success, food, quiz, venue and Leonie Martins talk on The Brooke all contributed to an enjoyable evening with a relaxed atmosphere. The letter to members and Facebook did attract a few more people to the evening. Particularly pleased to welcome two new members to the committee Peta-Jane Field and Amanda Hamley.

**Future of WS&EBA – new roles;**

**Alison Kent – Chair + Rights of Way Liason ENPA, BHS, SCC. DCC**

**Nic Kemp - Treasurer**

**Jaye Jones - Membership secretary – manage email list**

**Peta-Jane Field– PR - newsletter + content for Facebook**

**Amanda Hamley - IT - web site and Facebook**

**Julia Holtom, Shelagh Dean, Barbara Wigley to rotate - minutes/agenda/meeting organisation**

**Shelagh - Trec co- ordinate**

**Rides /Events**

**Treasure Hunt with Trec - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September with a marked route Action:JH, (BW?)**

JH to ask Brendon Manor if they have a suitable field that could be used as a venue. If not then Auction Field Wheddon Cross which BW will book. **Action: ALL to help on day.**

Consider charging more for entry and raising funds for CareMoor

Also consider using Treborough as a venue – cost? 2020?

**Escorted Rides – 21<sup>st</sup> June evening ride on Haddon Hill. Action: SD**

28<sup>th</sup> April Golden Horseshoe route preview **Action: BW to lead, JH and AH to help.**

**Treasurer**

£1,268.09 in Bank account

29 paid up members

NK passed current members forms and emailed spreadsheet to JJ.

Keep NK address on membership forms so as NK can bank monies and then pass forms on to JJ at each meeting. **Action: JJ and NK**

**A.O.B.**

**Newsletter – 2 per year spring and autumn.** PJF to send document to JJ who will email to members (JH to liase with JJ to post to members with no email address).

PJF newletter content; new committee, photos from Treasure Hunt, Request feedback from members (don't know how they are going to give this – Facebook is an option), Leonie = Brooke write up, membership renewal form (*note from Jaye, I will send out newsletter and renewal reminder to those that have not yet renewed*) **Action: PJF, AH, JH, JJ**

**Christmas Cracker Ride 2020**– for next year 2019, the majority of the committee felt it best to concentrate on one good ride (ie Sept Treasure Hunt). However JH to ask Wessex and South West Endurance Groups if they are interested in working with us on a Christmas Cracker ride on Haddon Hill in 2020. **Action: JH**

**Benefits of Membership?** – question from AH – Our primary purpose is to lobby Exmoor National Park Authority, Somerset County Council and Devon County Council and British Horse Society on issues regarding bridleways. Other events are to help get and engage members.

**Shoots** – SD reported an issue with temporary gates being put across bridleway which can not be opened from horseback. SD to show AK location on map. AK said there are concerns that shooting is likely to increase in our area due to proposed changes in agricultural payments.

**Stamps** – JJ supplied 60 x second class stamps £34.80 for Member's letter sent out before AGM, but does not have a receipt for this amount. SD proposed cheque be raised to JJ for £34.80 seconded BW. Unanimously passed.

#### **Next Meeting**

**Wed 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019 (Carvery night) 7pm**

Rest & Be Thankful, Wheddon cross.