

NORTH LANCS BRIDLEWAYS SOCIETY

Minutes of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on 12th May 2009

1. Eve Hall, Chairperson, welcomed members to the meeting. Apologies for Absence:- Gina Prill, Sarah Webster, Lorraine Hind, Janet Bebbington. New members were welcomed but as Barbara had forgotten the list of names, they could not be mentioned separately (sorry!!). Here they now are: Jan & Olivia Crookes (Morecambe), Samantha Cressfield (Morecambe), Vicky Murgatroyd (Slyne), Eileen Dyson (Preston), Julie Neary (Winmarleigh), Susan Heaton (Penwortham), Jessica & Rhiannon Bartlett (Leece, Ulverston), Jackie Morton-Jones (Burton), Tony & Frances Clisham (Cockerham and the 500th. members to join!), Alison Mallett (Milnthorpe) and Jon Hadfield, Susan Perkins and Anne Wilson have re-joined.
2. Minutes of the last AGM 13th May 2008. These were proposed by Rose Thornton and seconded by Christine Evans as a true and accurate record.
3. Matters Arising:- none
4. Chairperson's Report:- A society is only successful if members enjoy the meetings, help run the activities, and achieve some aims.

All our meetings seem to be enjoyed by at least 40 people each time. We listen to a speaker, lots of horsey chat and learn what events are on.

The society only functions by help from all, including:-

Vicky Lowe, who is a stalwart on tackling any Rights of Way issues and never takes 'no' for an answer. Her survey is bringing credit to NLBS globally.

Kay Edwards, who helped Vicky on the computer with the survey. She is brilliant with our website, which is always up to date and the envy of lots of other Bridleways Groups.

Barbara Hartley who tirelessly recruits members and is a wizard at sending email news around at the drop of a hat.

Lynne Hodgson who constantly travels to Grange over Sands to 'bank' the money and writes cheques to all who need them. I may add here that Jim Jenson sorts our money out and compiles the balance sheet with a smile and a cup of coffee

Liz Davison who holds no official title but is always available to help, thinking up ideas and a great help in planning rides. The other night I rang her at 11pm – I'd just thought of something!

Lesley Owen who obtains our grants and is retiring from her post this time – a big 'Thank you'

Sheena Robertson for her amusing and well-coordinated newsletter.

Sue Hargreaves & Cath Woods, always on refreshments at the Tack Sale making a huge profit.

Hilary Drurie who organises our annual Tack Sale.

Sheila Kissack & Andy Awde who can be relied upon to help at 'any job'

Sue Clowes who scribbles down the minutes and then makes them into sense!

Bridget Pickthall who is plugging away to get the Hincaster Trailway up & running.

Rose & Ann Thornton who have produced our folder of rides to sell and organised the selling of NLBS sweat & T-shirts.

Chris Bell for sorting out the ride entries and bringing hi-tech to our ride organisation (I can't do it)

All the people who help with the tea & coffee and wash up.

I've taken up your time to name people who help make up this society because they deserve a mention and we would not succeed without them.

Now, as regards our aims. We don't seem to have opened many new bridleways but I feel we have done a great PR job for horseriders locally and made those in authority realise we are a force to be reckoned with.

Lastly, all you members, as I've said before, are Field Officers – so ride the paths and report back with any problems, all over the north west.

5. Treasurer's Report. Lynne Hodgson circulated the accounts. NLBS has £2,979 in the current account and £6,483 in the deposit account.
6. Secretary's Report. See attached
7. Membership Secretary's Report – we have recently enrolled our 500th. member and, true to my promise, it was b.o.g.o.f. – Francis & Tony Clisham are the members to benefit from one year's free membership. Congrats. to them but congrats. to NLBS for having enrolled 500 members! However, that does not mean we **have** 500 members as we 'lost' about 70 this last year and this happens yearly though we do seem to attract new members very quickly again. What a pity they do not all stay with us. At the moment our membership is 322 (so we are well on our way to 500!) but the aim now is to get all these members to **renew!** Please do not be the one to slip through the net this year but get your £5 subs. in a.s.a.p. See info. at end. Many thanks to those who do pay on time or have set up standing orders – you save us a lot of time and money.

8. Election of Officers:- the following members were elected.

Chairperson – Eve Hall – proposer Barbara Hartley, seconder Sue Clowes

Treasurer – Lynne Hodgson – proposer Lesley Owen, seconder Ann Thornton

Secretary – Vicky Lowe – proposer Sue Hodgson, seconder Lynne Hodgson

Membership Secretary – Barbara Hartley – proposer Eve Hall, seconder Sharon Cash

Minutes Secretary – Sue Clowes

Newsletter Editor – Sheena Robertson

Website Co-ordinator – Kay Edwards

Grants Secretary – to be confirmed

Speakers Co-ordinator – Julie Sico

9. Any Other Business:- a member pointed out that Mid-Cornwall Bridleways Group originally initiated a horseowner's survey, and acknowledgement should be given..

Minutes of the ORDINARY MEETING held on 12th May 2009

1. Eve Hall, Chairperson, welcomed members to the meeting

2. Apologies for Absence:- as above

3. New members:- as above

4. Minutes of meeting of 10th March 2009. These were proposed by Rose Thornton and seconded by Peter Kitt as a true and accurate record.

5. Matters Arising:- none.

6. NLBS has bought a projector. Please email Vicky one or two photos of your horse, taken on holidays, rides, camp etc for a future meeting. As your photo is shown you'll be able to say a few words. vicky.lowe453@btinternet.com

7. Whittington Races. Thanks to everyone who helped, though more helpers are needed next year. NLBS received £500 for its help, however this may go up next year!

8. Kirkby Lonsdale Ride. This was a great success, making £850 profit, with only 1 complaint from a landowner!

9. Monthly Rides:- the April rides were enjoyed by participating members, apart from Eve who fell off! There are 2 rides organised for June, though these will have already taken place when these minutes are circulated. On 5th July Lynne Hodgson will lead a ride in the ever-popular Witherslack area (015395 52293)

10. Any Other Business:-

i. Future NLBS events:- The Whittington Ride will be held on 6th Sept 2009 (see website for details) and the Famous Tack Sale is scheduled for 18th October 2009.

ii. Bolton le Sands Parish Council has put up barriers on the shore to prevent access to travellers after the recent problems. Unfortunately this also prevents horseboxes and trailers from parking. A similar problem has arisen at Scorton where a height barrier has been placed on the picnic area.

iii. Grimshaw Lane is to be formally claimed. Queries were also raised regarding Lords Lot at Kellett – could access be provided?

iv. Liz Davison was placed 7th in the Kelly Marks Trec Winter Series, out of hundreds of entrants. Well done Liz!

v. Lanquetrain at Overton are now providing polocrosse facilities, should anybody be interested

Date of next meeting – Tuesday July 14th. at Hest Bank Memorial Hall, 7.30p.m.

Two new members, Amy & Paul, will tell us about their honeymoon

spent on a Horse Safari! (How romantic is that??)

Please come along & bring a friend.

Additional Information

Sunday 12th. July ANNUAL CHARITY HORSE RIDE at Cardinal Allen High School, FLEETWOOD. Entries and info. Helen Swatton, Cardinal Allen Catholic High School, Melbourne Avenue, Fleetwood, FY7 8AY tel; 01253 872659

Please enclose a large SAE with sufficient postage and mark the envelope with "horse ride". Mostly beach.

Classic Hackers now offering tailor made rides for you and your horse around Hawkshead, Coniston and Claife. Contact Yvette on 015394 45124 or visit the web site www.classic-hackers.co.uk

Monday 13th July 6.30pm for 7pm Ride With Your Mind introduced by Helen Wain . Newton Rigg Penrith Campus.

TICKETS £5 advance £8 on day Tel 015394 45124 email yvette@classic-hackers.co.uk

Subscriptions now due for May '09 – May '10.

Many of you have now paid – thank you to all those people. I have not yet seen the bank statements for standing orders so if you pay in this way I am sorry but you will have to wait a little longer for your receipt but thank you in anticipation because I greatly appreciate payment in this way. Those of you who have not yet paid but who wish to continue their support (and I

hope that is all of you!) then please send £5, (cheque payable to NLBS), to B. Hartley, The Cottage, Millhouses, Tatham, Lancaster LA2 8NF a.s.a.p. Sorry I cannot be at the July meeting so please post or wait until the Sept. meeting to pay.
Thanks everyone