

Minutes of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on 10th May 2011

1. **Welcome** Eve Hall, Chairperson, welcomed members to the meeting
2. **Apologies for Absence** Sue Clowes, Jackie Millatt, Pauline McCartney, Cecilia Dixon, Adele McLoughlin, Sharon Cash, Sarah Webster.
3. **Minutes of last AGM 11th May 2010** These were confirmed as a true and accurate record
4. **Matters Arising** none

5. **Chairperson and Secretary's Report** These were combined and read by Eve, who thanked everyone for their continued help over the last year. There were over 300 members in 2010 and as a Society we feel that we are keeping the profile of horse riders well represented both to the public and local authorities.
Special thanks to those who helped at the Tack Sale, Races and fundraising Ride, especially those who gave up their time to sit at a gate – we had lots of verbal and email thanks for this.
Over the year the Group have supported the Hincaster Trailway Project, Save Our Forests campaign and provided information on local routes to the BHS EMAGIN project.
Locally we have been involved with bridleways at Redwell, Nutgill and Lune Millenium Path.
We had a number of speakers at our meetings, including Ceri Watkins from BHS EMAGIN project, Liz Davison with an illustrated talk on her holiday riding in the North Yorkshire Moors, Jean Marsden gave a very informative talk on side saddle riding and its history. Sharon Cash gave a presentation on how the Riding for the Disabled (RDA) helped a young rider. Tim Boardman, vet, attended again to give a talk on equine worming. There were also two visits arranged to Police Mounted Division at Hutton Hall, Preston, Lady Wreay kindly loaned the indoor riding facilities at Whittington Hall for a demonstration on natural horseman techniques by Jo Birbeck and several members attended a side saddle taster session at Wreay Green.
There were the usual fundraising activities including the “famous” Tack Sale which raised £700; a pleasure ride at Warton and collecting entrance money at Whittington Races.
The Chairman extended her thanks to all those who joined the committee last year at the Annual General Meeting and have worked hard at their posts.
We have survived another harsh winter and are now out and about, as for the Chairman she has a new hip and has three holidays planned!!

6. **Treasurers Report** Sheila Kissack circulated copies of the accounts, NLBS has £3878 in the current account and £6,578 in the deposit account
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8. **Membership Secretary's Report** Kate gave the report on behalf of herself and Adele, she began by acknowledging all the hard work undertaken by Barbara during her years as Membership Secretary. Barbara will be a very hard act to follow and we wish her a happy “retirement” from the role she organised so well.
As previously mentioned there are currently over 300 members. Eight of these are new members who have joined since Adele and Kate took up the reins (no pun intended!) and there has been one non-renewal by a member who has left the area.
Although the subs are due in May, and remain at £5, quite a few members are paid up well in advance with 37 due in May 2012, one in 2013 and 3 in 2014. Added to that there are 76 members paying by Standing Order and 13 honorary members.
On a slightly less positive note there are 38 members whose subs for 2010 are still outstanding so it may be fair to assume these will not be renewed. So it just remains to collect the 166 subscriptions that are now due! Copies of membership forms and forms to request to pay by standing order are available to download from the website. There were copies of the forms available at the meeting.

9. **Election of Officers** - the following were elected:-
Chairperson – Eve Hall – proposer Julie Sico, seconder Rose Thornton
Treasurer – Sheila Kissack – proposer Barbara Hartley, seconder Liz Davison
Secretary – Kay Edwards – proposer Anna Twinane, seconder Eve Hall
Minutes Secretary – Andy Awde – proposer Julie Sico, seconder Christine Evans
Newsletter Editor – Sheena Robertson to continue
Website Co-ordinator – Kay Edwards to continue
Speakers Co-ordinator – Julie Sico to continue
Mailing Secretary – Carly Colquhoun to continue

9. **Any Other Business** none

Minutes of the ORDINARY MEETING held on 10th May 2011

1. **Welcome and New Members** Annabelle Lathom (Heysham), Carla Brayshaw (Heysham), Bernara Addison (Thornton Cleveleys), Barbara Sloan (Milnthorpe) and we welcome back Wendy Drinkwater (Poulton le Fylde).
2. **Apologies for Absence** as above
3. **Minutes of meeting** of 8th March 2011. were amended to read: Item 9 - Any Other Business – “*Some members attended a talk on animal rescue training for firemen, vets etc. It would be good to have this for NLBS’ calendar.*”
4. **Matters Arising**
 - i) Monthly led rides have been arranged as follows:
 - Sunday 5th June – Bolton le Sands area. Sedate ride. Contact Eve Hall 01524 824205
 - Sunday 17th July – Winster area. Contact Julie Sico 015395 33959/07951670625
 - Sunday 21 August – Austwick area. Contact Kath Richardson 015242 51488
 - Wednesday 14th September – Barbon area. Contact Kay Edwards 01524 417122
5. **Speakers** Suggestions for forthcoming speakers are urgently needed. If you have any ideas please contact Eve or Julie.
6. **Bridleway gate at Bolton le Sands** The Group have arranged for a new gate to replace the broken wooden gate, this will include a rider friendly latch and handle.
7. **Whittington Races Point to Point/Farleton Fell fundraising ride** Both these events went well. We received a £500 donation from the organisers of Whittington Races and over 70 riders took part in the Farleton Fell ride. Parking for the ride was by kind permission of the owners of Elmsfield Business Park for which the Society made a donation to Holme First Responders.
8. **BHS Access Training** To be held at Haslingden Library over 2 days – Day 1 – Saturday 28th May with Day 2 on Saturday 25th June. Any member wishing to take advantage of this training should contact Chris Peat via email: mail@chrispeat.co.uk or tel: 01254 386459
9. **Lune Millenium Path Diversion at Crook ‘o’ Lune** The Crook ‘O’ Lune East Bridge has been closed for safety reasons and a diversion over Caton Lune Bridge is in place. Traffic lights are in situ with sensors in place to detect larger slow moving objects (horses/riders included) and providing they are moving at more than 2.5 mph the green light period will automatically be extended to let them through, if moving more slowly than this the sensors cannot detect there is traffic on the bridge and will allow the opposing traffic through. Therefore the advice is to cross the bridge expediently or, if at all possible, find an alternative route.
10. **Cross Bay Ride – Thursday 26th May 2011** Contact Phyllis Capstick tel: 01729 850295
11. **Area of Outstanding National Beauty (AONB) meeting/World Horse Welfare (WHW) meeting** Eve attended an Arnsdale and Silverdale AONB meeting on 16th March where cutbacks in funding and their impact were discussed. Eve was unable to attend the WHW meeting.
12. **Packs and Tracks, Dalemain, Nr Ullswater – Sunday 15th May** Please support this event which is organised by Cumbria Bridleways. If you would like to help on the day contact Hilary Fell.
13. **Country Fest, County Showfield, Crooklands – Sat 28th/Sun 29th May** We have been invited to share a stand with the Hincaster Trailway Project so if you are going along please pop and see us.
14. **Any Other Business**
 - i) **Ride and Stride Event - Sun 19th June** see Cumbria Bridleways website for more info
 - ii) **Hutton Roof Country Fair Sat 28th May** we have been offered a stand at this event but we are unable to attend as it clashes with another event we are attending.
 - iii) **NLBS Ride Leaflet No. 1 – Barbon** Please note the lay-by just as you turn right to Barbon by the river has been blocked off with large boulders, this may be a temporary measure therefore be prepared to use the alternative parking suggested in the leaflet
 - iv) **Cockerham Charity Ride in aid of North West Air Ambulance – Sun 19th June** Contact Julie Hagger 07788984118/01524 793004 or email: jules555@hotmail.co.uk.
 - v) Update on Sue’s progress - Sue Gill, secretary Cumbria Bridleways has had her operation and is awaiting the results. We wish you well Sue.
 - vi) A sponsored walk along the Cumbria Way is being undertaken from 5th – 9th June 2011 by relatives and friends in memory of Linda Hughes with the aim of raising funds for St Mary’s Hospice, Ulverston where Linda received excellent care. Many members knew and had ridden with Linda and her horse Crystal so, if you’d like to sponsor one of the walkers, please contact Janet (Linda’s sister) tel: 01524 832711.

Lakes Personalised Prints attended the meeting and brought along examples of products they can personalise with your own pictures. Products include T-shirts, mugs, keyrings, fridge magnets, stable name plates, coffee cup coasters, bedroom door signs. They also provide an embroidery service onto a wide range of products such as jackets, saddle cloth’s, show rugs. Specialising in equestrian designs they attend various events where they take high quality digital photos which can then be put on to a wide range of products or you can just purchase the photo. They can also work from good quality images provided in jpeg format so you could even email them a photo. For further info tel: 01229 582001 or email: lakespersonalisedprints@yahoo.co.uk

Date of next meeting 7.30pm Tuesday 12th July 2011 at Hest Bank Memorial Hall.

Please come along and bring a friend