

NORTH LANCASHIRE BRIDLEWAYS SOCIETY

Annual General Meeting - 14/05/2013

1. Welcome and New Members: Eve welcomed all members especially new members. The Society has 25 new members since May last year. Several new members joined the Society at the Kirkby Lonsdale ride earlier in May.

2. Apologies: Kay Edwards, Denise Woodcock, Adele McLoughlin, Jean Smith, Sarah Webster.

3. Minutes of the last AGM 08.05.2012: were agreed as a true and accurate record.

4. There were no matters arising

5. Chairperson's and Secretary's Annual Report:

We would like to thank everybody for their help over the last year. We had a variety of speakers and events over the year. They included:

Carriage driving taster session at Cartmel with John Moorhouse

An update on laminitis by Callum Garvey, Farrier

An owner's perspective on a mystery illness by Pat Gregory. Unfortunately, the mare eventually had to be euthanized

Tack sale in October raised £676

Social Evening in November where members brought along a photo of their horse/pony and enjoyed a chat and catch up

Christmas Meal was a success, even though postponed because of the snow until March – however, we still had roast turkey, mince pies and Christmas crackers!

In January, Bev Whitehead gave an interesting talk on Saddling

The year was rounded off with a visit from the North West Air Ambulance fundraiser who outlined the vital work that they undertake.

Thank you Julie for organising all these events and speakers. Members were asked to let Julie have any ideas for future speakers.

Thanks to Sheena Robertson, Newsletter editor who has done such an excellent job in producing the twice yearly newsletter. Please let Sheena have your photos, ride reports, horsey holiday ideas, in fact anything you think might be of interest to members.

This year, we have concentrated on improving bridleway gates and latches in the area. To date, these include the bridleway at Greenlands Farm, Tewitfield and the unfenced road at Farleton Fell. Work is in progress on gates in the Kirkby Lonsdale area where you may have felt the benefit of these on our recent pleasure ride.

The Cantsfield BW ford over the River Greta is now open – see noticeboard.

Thank you to all our members who helped at Whittington Races resulting in a generous donation to our funds from the Vale of Lune Hunt committee.

Due to high postage rates we now distribute the minutes electronically and they are available to view on our website.

Thanks to all for your continued support and we hope to have a decent summer so we can all enjoy our horses and ponies.

6. Treasurer's Report:

Sheila Kissack circulated copies of the accounts, NLBS has £ 5827 in the current account and £ 6646 in the deposit account

7. Membership Secretaries' Report:

Currently there are 256 members. There have been 25 new members since May 2011. However, the not so good news is that 69 members' subscriptions are outstanding from May 2012

Copies of membership forms and requests to pay by standing order are available on the website

Overdue subs 69

Due May 2013 46

Due May 2014 33

Due May 2015 6

Standing Orders 90

Honorary Members 12

Total 256

8. Election of Officers

Kay Edwards has decided to stand down as Secretary and Andy Awde has decided to stand down as Minutes Secretary. Many thanks to both Kay and Andy for all their hard work and often going above and beyond the call of duty.

Chairperson: Eve Hall p Diane Richmond s Jan Crooks

Vice Chairperson: Julie Sico p Claire Mitchell s Rose Thornton

Secretary: Three volunteers to divide up the work: Frances Clisham, Claire Mitchell, Denise Woodcock

Treasurer: Sheila Kissack p Eve Hall s Jane Armstrong-Lancaster

Membership Secretary: Kate Lennox will continue

Minutes Secretary: Kay Edwards has volunteered

Newsletter: Sheena Robinson will continue

e-mail circulation: Linda Hobson will continue

Speakers: Julie Sico will continue

Website co-ordinator: ?

NLBS Brochure: Janet Casey

PR/Noticeboards: ?

8. Any Other Business: None

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Ordinary Meeting - 14.05.2013

1. Welcome and New Members: Eve welcomed all members especially new members, several of whom joined at the Kirkby Lonsdale ride recently.

2. Apologies: Kay Edwards, Denise Woodcock, Adele McLoughlin, Jean Smith, Sarah Webster.

3. Minutes of last Meeting 12.03.2013: were considered to be a fair and accurate record.

4. Matters Arising: None

5. Whittington Races: Eve thanked all members for their valuable help at Whittington Races when we received a donation of £500 from the Race Committee and their thanks once again.

6. NLBS Fundraising ride at Kirkby Lonsdale. Another successful ride was held at Kirkby Lonsdale on Sunday 5th May. Unfortunately, the weather was wet, but that didn't deter about 60 riders. We should be grateful to the 'gate openers' who braved the rain. Nearly all the riders requested that we thank them. They were Andy and Charlotte Awde, Shirley Richardson, Denise Woodcock, Sue Hargreaves, Cath Woods, Frances Clisham, Claire Mitchell, Diane Richmond, Sue Clowes, Sheila Kissack – organiser, Chris Bell and Eve's friend, Anne at the venue.

Thanks to Liz and Kay for marking the route and especially Liz's efforts with all the entries by e-mail. We had a waiting list of over 10 on Saturday morning "Never again" she said. Thanks also to Sue Clowes who did a risk assessment.

Donation to Air Ambulance of £350 proposed by Sue Clowes and seconded by Helen Wilkinson.

7. Cantsfield bridleway official opening There was a mix up over the date of opening! See photos on noticeboard.

8. Gates and Latches update: A new horse friendly gate catch has been installed between two bridleways on Hillam Lane in Cockerham. Many thanks have been passed on to the local farmer who installed this.

9. Safety posters: Eve has taken some to Truckhaven and reported that some of the drivers will take copies to their own headquarters. Leaflets were distributed at the meeting. More are available. It was suggested that these could be given to driving instructors if possible

10. Led rides: Liz - many thanks. Bridget also led a ride (Eve christened this "The Magnificent seven"! Many thanks

11. World Horse Welfare: Eve attended a meeting in Blackpool. Aintree and Appleby were discussed.

12. Any Other Business

(i) **Furness RDA Group ride at Holker Hall:** Saturday September 28th 2013. If more details become available, these will be circulated by e mail.

(ii) **Life Membership** this idea will be discussed at a future meeting.

(iii) **Canal.** Eve has received a complaint. Please take care when riding on the canal and pass people slowly and considerately. Be aware of other users and stand still and give dog owners a chance to get the dog on the lead or under control.

(iv) **Hillside Slaughterhouse.** A petition was circulated.

Kath Pinnington and Nicky McDonald from the Thoroughbred Rehabilitation Centre gave an excellent and insightful talk on their work at the TRC. It was very interesting to hear how the horses are rehabilitated and patiently introduced to a new life away from the racecourse. Members were encouraged to look at the TRC website which gives details of forthcoming events. There is also a possibility of arranging a visit to the Centre at a

future date. Many thanks to Kath and Nicky. The proceeds of the raffle were donated to the TRC

Date of Next Meeting at Hest Bank Memorial Hall

Tuesday 9th July 2013 at 7.30

Speaker: John Barlow from Barlow Trailers.

Please come along and bring a friend

PS **TACK SALE DATE: Sunday 13th October.** Tables are limited. Make sure you book early!