

NORTH LANCS BRIDLEWAYS SOCIETY

Minutes of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on 11th May 2010

1. **Welcome** Eve Hall, Chairperson, welcomed members to the meeting
2. **Apologies for Absence** Jackie Millatt, Jane Armstrong, Pauline McCartney, Janet Bebbington, Sarah Webster, June Chapman, Sheena Robertson, Judy Robertson & Helen Wilkinson.
3. **Minutes of last AGM 12th May 2009** These were confirmed as a true & accurate record
4. **Matters Arising** none
5. **Chairperson & Secretary's Report** These were combined and read by Eve, who said that during the year the work had come in waves, sometimes busy, sometimes not so busy. She thanked everybody for their help.

Over the year NLBS has supported a number of BHS campaigns, including Forest Access, Coastal Riding, Mapping and Tax on horse ownership. NLBS has also been involved with the Dynamo Group and the campaign 'Twenty is Plenty', and has financially supported Cumbria Bridleways Society with its Eden Valley Loops Project.

Locally, NLBS has been involved in access issues at Crag Bank, Arkholme and Thursland Hill.

We have had a number of speakers at our meetings, including about a horse safari, equine euthanasia and equine homeopathy. There have been social rides organised and many members have got together for holidays on horseback

We have survived the 'bad winter' and are now looking forward to a glorious summer of riding

Eve announced that Vicky Lowe was resigning as Secretary, and thanked her for her tireless hard work and enthusiasm over the years, and especially for her great letter-writing skills and talent for achieving results at meetings. She presented Vicky with a book token - Vicky gave a short speech

6. **Treasurers Report** Lynne Hodgson circulated the accounts, NLBS has £3,417 in the current account and £6,535 in the deposit account
7. **Membership Secretary's Report** Barbara Hartley first of all entertained us with an Eve-type story about her day at the filming of the Cross-Bay ride for 'Countryfile'. Unfortunately all had not gone to plan – some horses had spooked at a large channel, resulting in the trap at the lead of the ride overturning, damaging the trap and injuring the driver. But Barbara was compensated, she'd had her photo taken with the rather handsome presenter of 'Countryfile'!
To date the number of members is 322, not as great an increase as in past years, and the big challenge now is to get them all to renew!! Please remember, **subs. are now due and remain at £5**. If you pay by standing order you will receive your receipts as soon as we receive the bank statement for that period.
Thank you everyone for your continued support.
8. **Election of Officers** - the following were elected:-
Chairperson – Eve Hall – proposer Barbara Hartley, seconder Beverley Hodgson
Treasurer – Sheila Kissack – proposer Eve Hall, seconder Barbara Hartley
Secretary – Kay Edwards – proposer Chris, seconder Diane Richmond
Minutes Secretary – Andy Awde – proposer Barbara Hartley, seconder Sue Gill
Newsletter Editor – Sheena Robertson to continue
Website Co-ordinator – Kay Edwards to continue
Speakers Co-ordinator – Julie Sico to continue
Rides Co-ordinator – Andy Bryan – andybryan03@hotmail.co.uk
Grants Secretary – to be confirmed
9. **Any Other Business** none

Minutes of the ORDINARY MEETING held on 11th May 2010

1. **Welcome & New Members** Susan White (Endmoor), Julie Schofield (Tosside), Lisa Billington (Tatham) and Sarah Owen (Knott End).
2. **Apologies for Absence** as above
3. **Minutes of meeting** of 9th March 2010. These were confirmed as a true & accurate record
4. **Matters Arising** none
5. **Whittington races** Members volunteered their time again on a lovely day, in return for a £500 donation to NLBS
6. **Warton Ride** 5th April 2010. This again proved very popular with 94 riders taking part. Only 1 complaint was received but lots of thanks. More volunteers are needed in future years
7. **Future Events** There are still places left on the visit to Hutton Police on Wed 9th June 2010. Please contact Julie Sico for details

8. **Holiday leaflets** A selection of leaflets was available at the meeting, including 'Bring your horse on holiday to the Peak District', 'South of Scotland Countryside Trails' and 'The North York Moors & Dales Ride'
9. **Any Other Business**
 - i) Young Farmers will be working on the Hincaster Trailway 15th-20th June
 - ii) Cumbrian Working Horses are collecting horseshoes, which can then be decorated to raise funds
 - iii) On June 7th Jo Birkbeck will be giving a demo on Natural Horsemanship at Whittington Hall. Tickets are limited and are £5 each, available from Eve on 01524 824205. Bring a chair!
 - iv) Packs & Tracks is on again this year at Dalemain on 16th May. Something for all the family
 - v) There is a showing masterclass at Crooklands on 17th May

Ian Sedgewick then gave a talk on pasture management. He has recently set up a business 'Fresh Pastures' which specialises in providing services for smallholders and horseowners. He carries out walling, hedgelaying, chain-harrowing, rolling, spraying, pasture-topping and fertiliser-spreading etc. Ian explained the benefits of these services and answered members' questions. He is based at Burton-in-Lonsdale but will travel any distance. For contact number, please see the ad. on the back of the accompanying Newsletter.

Date of next meeting 7.30pm Tuesday 13th July 2010 at Hest Bank Memorial Hall.

The speaker will be from BHS and is to tell us about the electronic mapping that is taking place of riding routes across the country. Lorraine (NLBS member) has been involved with this project.

Please come along and bring a friend

Additional Information

We have a new 'rides coordinator' – Andy joined as a new member at the last meeting and immediately offered to act as the coordinator. Within days we had a list of rides on offer. What a service! Two have passed, successfully I hope and thanks to the leaders. Anyone else who is willing to lead a ride then please contact Andy direct on andybryan03@hotmail.co.uk or tel. 01524 730581. I know some of you have offered in the past but somehow your offer has been overlooked so please continue to support us with the rides, especially as we now have such an enthusiastic coordinator. We can only offer rides if we have volunteer leaders. Please also remember that rides are free to NLBS members but, if you bring along a non-member, then they pay £5 to join and to enjoy the ride/rides for free. Please support.

NLBS rides:

Sunday 25th July - organised by Eve Hall for a sedate ride in the Hest Bank area but will get more details nearer the time for this ride. Tel Eve 01524 824205

Friday 30th July - Out Rawcliffe – charge for this ride - 3 miles cross country ride(jumps optional) £5 per horse for unlimited use for the day. Space for 15 vehicles. Further info. please ring Janet Bebbington on 07709 329 963 or e-mail Janet@inj.eclipse.co.uk (NB Janet also has a Torsion treeless GP saddle for sale, at a good price. If you are interested, contact her direct.)

Other rides/activities:

Summer Horse Camps (but in B&B!) - Classic Hackers and Cumbria University Adult Horse Camps.

27th - 29th June and 11th - 13th July. May still be a couple of places left on either of the summer camps at Newton Rigg June and July. Also coming soon Sawrey to Satterthwaite Soup and Sandwich Ride and Big Boris's Beach and Bacon Buttie Bash. To get further details on any of these events please contact Yvette -015394 45124, 07760475157 or email yvette@classic-hackers.co.uk

Saturday 3rd July 2010 - Annual Charity Horse Ride to raise funds for pupils going to Lourdes Ride at Cardinal Allen High School, FLEETWOOD

The ride will consist of approx 1 mile of road, a couple of miles of bridleway and the rest is along the beach towards Blackpool (approx 25km). Shorter route available. Entry fee £15 per rider. Free refreshments to all riders. Start time 9-10am.....NO LATER!!!! Rosettes to all who complete the ride.

Entry forms available from: J Bebbington, Cardinal Allen Catholic High School, Melbourne Avenue, Fleetwood, Lancs FY7 8AY Tel: 01253 872659

Saturday 18th September – Furness RDA Holker Ride (details in Jan. minutes). Web site - info@furnessrda.org.uk

Sunday 26th September 2010 - Discovering Saddleworth's Bridleways Fun Ride

Friezland Arena, Greenfield, OL3 7JA off Manchester Rd A635 (open to cyclists and horse riders)

ROUTE: There will be a choice of 2 Circular Rides, both rides cover quiet lanes, rough tracks and sections of the Pennine Bridleway Network. Choose from a medium (18km) or a long (25km) ride; please take into account the fitness of your horse (or bike?). 9.30 am START. £2/entry including a rosette at the finish. No entries on the day. For more info contact Jennie tel: 01457 872598 or email: env.brownhill@oldham.gov.uk