

NORTH LANCS BRIDLEWAYS SOCIETY

Minutes of the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** held on 8th May 2006

1. Eve Hall, Chairperson, welcomed members to the meeting and the following new members were welcomed to NLBS: Nicola Garnham (Carnforth), Rebecca Boyd & Katy Alty (Storth), Catherine Fritz & Peter Morris (Lancaster), Liz. Holden (Carnforth), Jane Armstrong (Ulverston), Carley Colquhoun (Beetham), Heather Binkley (Preston), Alison & Katy Grieve (Gressingham), H. Lucas (Heaton-with-Oxcliffe), Carol Forsyth (Crag Bank), Sharon Dalton (Halton), Sue Houghton (Wesham) & Jill Bamber (Beacon Fell).
2. Apologies for Absence:- Monica Nagy, Melissa Smith, Cath Woods, Claire Simpson, Barbara Parker, Linda Cornall, Pauline McCartney, Janet Bebbington & Rosemary Worrell.
3. Minutes of the AGM of 10th May 2005. These were accepted and signed as a true and accurate record.
4. Matters Arising. None
5. Reports:-
 - i) Chairperson. Eve Hall reported another busy year and thanked numerous people:- Vicky for her marvellous letter-writing and emailing etc., Liz for looking after our money so carefully, Barbara for her hard work and encouragement to new members, Lesley for her work in pursuing grants, Sheena for the great newsletter & Chris & Darren for printing the minutes. Eve also gave a big THANK YOU to all members who have helped at events, especially the gate-openers who bring in lots of praise at the rides.
 - ii) Secretary. Vicky Lowe sent her apologies, along with a written report. This included the work over the last 12 months regarding access to canal towpaths, the Westgate Triangle, Forestry Commission land, and Morecambe Promenade and beach
 - iii) Treasurer. Liz Davidson also sent her apologies. The accounts are looking very healthy, with £6803 in our current account and £1056 in our deposit account
 - iv) Membership Secretary. Barbara Hartley reported that we now have 280 members, and that new members are coming via all sources eg leaflets, website, fundraising rides etc.
6. Election of Officers:- the following members were elected.

Chairperson - Eve Hall	Secretary - Vicky Lowe	Treasurer - Liz Davidson
Membership Secretary - Barbara Hartley	Grants Secretary - Lesley Owen	Minutes Secretary - Sue Clowes
Chief Field Officer - Chris Bell	Newsletter Editor - Sheena Robertson	
7. Any Other Business. None

Minutes of the **ORDINARY MEETING** held on 8th May 2006

1. Welcome as AGM
2. Apologies as AGM
3. Minutes of the meeting of 14th March 2006. These were accepted & signed as a true and accurate record
4. Matters Arising other than those on the agenda:-
 - i) the Halton Park Ride, scheduled for 16th July, has unfortunately been postponed until September due to parking problems
 - ii) the first Fell Pony Society Trotting Races are to be held at Tebay on 9th July 2006
5. The NLBS website is to be taken over by a professional updating service at a cost of £15 per month
6. NLBS has been awarded a £750 grant towards a 'horseriding routes' publication in the Arnside/Silverdale AONB. Another bid for funding towards Lost Ways has also been successful
7. Information was given out that horse passports must be carried whenever a horse is being transported. Failure to comply can result in on-the-spot fines of £2,000 per horse, or impounding of the vehicle. Don't leave home without your passport!
8. Equi-Talk has contacted NLBS to ask if we're interested in organising a joint ride. This would be a good way of promoting our organisations, and is being considered.
9. 'Packs & Tracks' event to be held at Brockhole on Lake Windermere 20th/21st May . Organised by Cumbria Bridleways Society, this includes our own display boards, also demonstrations of sidesaddle riding, BHS Trec, dressage to music etc
10. This item was unfortunately omitted from the meeting.
NLBS wishes to congratulate one of its members, Jason Lee, for raising over £900 in a recent sponsored ride in aid of leukaemia. Well done, Jason!
11. Any other business – none

The meeting concluded with a talk by Jennifer Buxton, artist of animal portraits. Jenny started drawing horses at an early age, but didn't start properly until later in life when she bought her own horse. Her talk was peppered with amusing anecdotes and illustrated by her own amazing paintings and drawings. Jenny described her method of firstly taking photos and sketches, and getting to know the animal to learn its character. Her love of horses (and tigers!) was obvious, and the talk was very much enjoyed by all.

Date of next meeting 11th July 2006 8pm at Hest Bank Memorial Hall
The speaker will be from Abcats, a new BitBank that has been set up locally.
Everyone welcome & please bring a friend!

PS. Ride, July 8th. - 15 mile Social Ride organised by Lancashire EGB from Out Rawcliffe to include White Hall Farm ride, bridleways & lanes. Contact Liz. Rowlandson for details & application, tel. 01995 679627