

NORTH LANCS BRIDLEWAYS SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting held on 11th July 2006

1. Eve Hall, Chairperson, welcomed members to the meeting.
2. Apologies for absence:- Rose Priestley, Sheila Carter, Monica Nagy, Jane Horton, Janet Bebbington, Pauline McCartney, Sheena Robertson, Cath. Wood & Lynda Cornell.
3. New NLBS members were welcomed:- Sally & Simon Davies (Kendal), Janet Bland (Levens), Ruth Higgins (Askham-in-Furness), Jackie McClure (Broughton-in-Furness), Dawn Hunter (Nether Kellet), Clare Hughes (Poulton-le-Fylde), Irene Gawith (Crook), Carol Robinson (Holme) and re-joined – Vicky Grisedale (Grange).
4. Minutes of the meeting on 8th May 2006 were accepted and signed as a true and accurate record.
5. Matters arising. None
6. Change of date of Tebay Show. In the last minutes it was announced that this event, which was hosting The Fell Pony Society Trotting Races, was to be held on 9th July. The date has been changed to 16th July.
7. Website Update. Members were urged to feed in information on news and events, including photos. It was agreed that NLBS minutes and newsletters should also be included.
8. Funding for Track Improvement. NLBS has donated £2,000 towards surfacing works on a stretch of the North Lancashire Bridleway near Caton
9. Re-opening Lune Estuary Path. On 24th June an Open Day was held to mark the re-opening of the Glasson-Lancaster track after its resurfacing. NLBS attended with display boards etc. A good PR job!!
10. The annual Tack Sale will be held on Oct 22nd at Hest Bank Memorial Hall. Sandwiches and cakes would be greatly appreciated.
11. AONB routes. NLBS has already received £250 from Lancaster City Council towards publication of these routes. Discussions with the printers are being arranged.
12. Future Events:-
 - i. 22nd July – ride at Knott End
 - ii. 29th July – Scorton Trec – Diane Richmond needs helpers please
 - iii. 6th. Aug. Cliviger Gorge Ride – details sent by e-mail due to shortage of time.
 - iv. 19th & 20th August – Endurance GB Lancashire Group – two days of riding at Coniston Cold (Craven Country Ride) – come for one or both days. Refreshments each day. Contact Jane Wood, tel 01254 823260 for details.
 - v. 26th August – Out Rawcliffe ride. Details from Janet Bebbington tel. 01995 670887 or e-mail janet@bnb.seriouslyinternet.com This is in place of the ride on the calendar which Sheila Kissack hoped to organise.
13. Any other business:-
 - i. Morecambe Promenade. Vicky Lowe has asked for clarification as to its designation, and has been told it will be classed as a cycle track
 - ii. Lancaster Canal. The second 6-month trial ended in May. Vicky has asked for a meeting with British Waterways. Members are apparently receiving comments from walkers due to the ‘No Horses’ signs
 - iii. Dallam Estate is interested in introducing a toll ride scheme. Members discussed whether we should support such schemes, as they might affect permanent equestrian access
 - iv. British Horse Industry Confederation. Following the publication of The Strategy for the Horse Industry in England and Wales, the main equestrian organisations from around the country have formed a working group called the Equestrian Access Forum. Its aim is to increase equestrian off-road access.
 - v. Members reported on their experiences at Pony Camp at Cartmel in June, which was very enjoyable. Eve won the ‘Most Improved Rider’ prize!
 - vi. Members rides. Kath Richardson organised a ride at Skelwith Bridge. Although not well supported, it was thoroughly enjoyed. The Farleton ride on 25th June led by Sue Clowes was exhilarating, as most of the horses seemed to be wearing their go-faster stripes that day. There were stunning views from the top of the fell.
 - vii. Saddle Security. Barbara Hartley has details of a microchipping Scheme, advertised in BHS magazine, which works out at £6.25 each if 8 people want it. Anybody interested should give their details to Barbara.
 - viii. Barbara also asked about North West Animal Welfare, which sends mailings to her from time to time, but without any contact address or number. How can we support or help an organisation which remains anonymous??

Several NLBS members receive this communication but Barbara would be interested to hear if any horsey, non- NLBS members also receive this mailing. Please contact Barbara if you have any info. tel. 015242 21026 or e- mail Batmillhouses@aol.com

There followed a presentation by Katy and Abigail from AbKats, a new local bitbank. They rent bits out on trial for up to 6 weeks, at £5/week, and can supply every make and type from miniature up to 6''. Local delivery is free, they are happy to carry out biting assessments on your yard, and even do 'Bit Parties' in your home. AbKats persuaded all members present to join in a biting quiz, which involved identifying and answering questions on different bits, including some strange-looking contraptions. This was not only entertaining, but definitely educational. AbKats can be contacted on 07725114446 or 07815762275, or through www.abkats.co.uk (email sales@abkats.co.uk)

**Date of next meeting 12th September 2006 8pm at Hest Bank Memorial Hall.
Everyone welcome and please bring a friend**

There will be a showing of a Trec video with supporting talk by Helen Wain.

Additional Information:

Pat Murray would like to thank all those friends who contacted her on hearing about the tragic loss of Morano. She greatly appreciated the messages & cards at such a difficult time. Thank you to everyone!

Hannah Watson also lost her faithful friend, Prince, earlier this year after a long illness. She tried a 'new' younger horse but, with a new baby to care for also, decided the challenge was too much. She may be interested in a horse to loan so if you know of a suitable, nice, steady gelding call her & have a chat. Her tel. 015242 62038

Membership:

At the moment we have 295 members but approx. 90 members have not yet renewed their subs. which were due in May. I did send out 'yellow cards' (as one member so aptly put it!) with the last mailing – now we don't want 'red cards' do we???? Also there were a few discrepancies with small problems about standing orders or people already having paid. Please forgive me if I get it wrong sometimes – I just do not want to lose you!!!!

I know that this is a busy time with competitions, holidays, good weather or house moving high on the agendas of most but please pop your £5 in the post to me as soon as possible to maintain such a wonderful degree of support. Every member is very valuable to us, whatever part you wish to play, big or small, in NLBS.

My address: Barbara Hartley, The Cottage, Millhouses, Tatham, Lancaster LA2 8NF

Please, please renew!!

Can you help? Please read again item viii in Any Other Business – North West Animal Welfare.

I really would like your help on this one. The group is not a registered charity nor is it known by the Animal Welfare group in Furness but, other than that, I know very little. I would like to contact the group to see if there is any way we can support their work but how is that possible without any contact name or number?

Please do you best & ask around. Thanks.

Another plea – we have received a standing order for subs. from J & F Pearce – but I have no members by that name! I have no way of contacting them so I cannot send any mailings etc. If you know of anyone who may have set up that standing order then please ask them to contact me. I know I love to get new members but I also like to know who they are!

Thanks again, everyone, for your help & continued support. Barbara

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