

NORTH LANCS BRIDLEWAYS SOCIETY

Minutes of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on 8th May 2007

1. Eve Hall, Chairperson, welcomed members to the meeting
2. Apologies for Absence:- Sheila Kissack, Diane Richmond, Jackie Millatt, Tina Graham, Lesley Owen, Hannah Watson, Rosemary Worrell, Jane Parkinson, Janet Bebbington, Catherine Fritz, Kath. Richardson and June Chapman,
3. Minutes of last AGM 9th May 2006. These were accepted and signed as a true and accurate record.
4. Matters arising:- it was pointed out that the amounts in the NLBS current and deposit accounts had been mixed up . It should have read £6803 in the deposit account and £1056 in the current account.
5. Reports:-
 - i) Chairperson. Eve Hall reported another busy and active year. Membership is now over 300, and 3 successful grant applications have been made, resulting in £6,500 towards funding various projects. £500 for NLBS was raised by members collecting gate money at Whittington Races, and the fundraising ride on 29th April 2007 attracted a massive 130 entrants at £10 or £15 each. Eve thanked profusely all the members who volunteered to help at these and other events, but stressed that MORE volunteers are needed. Speakers at the last year's meetings have included an animal artist, a bitbank company, a Trec competitor, the BHS Road Safety Officer, and presentations on treeless saddles and an epic horseride from Johnno' Groats to Lands End. New bridleway routes have been created at Haweswater near Silverdale and off the A6 near Yealand, and many more are being investigated. Eve thanked the leaders of the monthly social rides, and ended by thanking all members for being 'a great bunch'.
 - ii) Secretary. Vicky Lowe detailed many of the issues over the last 12 months, including the NLBS campaign to prevent horses being banned from Morecambe beach and promenade, which received wonderful support. Vicky wrote to Geraldine Smith MP regarding the Early Day Motion on Bridleways, also she commented on the Cumbria Rights of Way Improvement Plan. Various letters have been sent on blocked bridleways, parking for the Settle Loop, and on AONB issues.
 - iii) Treasurer. Liz Davidson, circulated the accounts, which are looking healthy.
 - iv) Membership Secretary. Barbara Hartley reported that NLBS now has 310 members, which is wonderful news. However, she also reported that she has struggled to cope with the amount of work involved and is now attempting to divide the post. (see later)
6. Election of Officers:- the following members were elected.
Chairperson – Eve Hall (proposer Sue Clowes, seconder Anna Twiname)
Secretary – Vicky Lowe (proposer Cecilia Dixon, seconder Sue Hodgson)
Treasurer – Lynne Hodgson (proposer Barbara Hartley, seconder Vicky Lowe)
Membership Secretary – Barbara Hartley, with Gina Prill assisting with mailing and Pat Oliver and Hannah Watson offering help with managing the website.
Grants Secretary – Lesley Owen Minutes Secretary – Sue Clowes Chief Field Officer – this post has been deleted

Minutes of the ORDINARY MEETING held on 8th May 2007

1. Eve Hall, Chairperson, welcomed the following new members to NLBS:- Eileen Chambers (Lyth), Amanda Madden (Bacup), Kaye McIver (Great Urswick, Cumbria), Fiona & Ellen Lawton (Silverdale), Maggie Davis (Lindal, Furness), Veronica Tobin & Helen Porritt (Sawley) and Tim Atkinson who has rejoined us.
2. Apologies as AGM
3. Minutes of the meeting of 13th March 2007. These were accepted and signed as a true and accurate record.
4. Matters arising other than those on the agenda:- none
5. Thoroughbred Rehabilitation Centre Open Day. This is to be held on Sunday 1st July 2007 12-4pm and stewards are needed to help with car parking etc. It should be a good day out, so any members wishing to volunteer please contact Sue on 01524 782766 who will co-ordinate the responses.
6. Think Horse Signs. These are again available for distribution.
7. 10th Anniversary of NLBS :- we are still considering a way to celebrate this and it will be discussed properly at the July meeting
8. Summer Pleasure Rides – see attached list. Please note there are still places available on the Arnside Knott ride on 24th June. Please contact Sue Clowes on 01524 782766 or 07766928118.
9. Any Other Business:-
 - i) The pack of local horseriding routes is selling well, and the AONB route leaflets are now available, also on the website.

- ii) Eve reported problems experienced during the April 29th ride at Warton, including a number of participants allegedly unsettling a herd of heifers on farmland. Discussions have taken place with the landowners and tenants concerned and it is hoped that all can be resolved amicably.
- iii) Bridleways and NLBS are now included on the Lancashire County Council website City Coast & Countryside, thanks to Barbara's persistence. Try the following link!
<http://www.citycoastcountryside.co.uk/site/what-to-see-and-do/horse-riding-in-our-district-p77440>

Unfortunately the presentation by Ann Hull was postponed until later in the year, however this gave members the opportunity to socialise during tea and biscuits.

Date of Next meeting 10th July 2007 **7.30pm** at Hest Bank Memorial Hall.
 The speaker will be Paul Wardby – Horse Dentist, which should be very informative.

Everyone welcome and please bring a friend

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North Lancashire Bridleways Society
Pleasure Rides 2007

Sunday 24th June – Arnside Knott Contact Sue Clowes 01524 782766 or 07766928118.

Sunday 1st July – Scorton, Nr Garstang – Nicky Nook Contact Janet Bebbington on 01995 670887 or Janet@inj.eclipse.co.UK

August- Yvett – Far Sawrey (tbc)

Sunday 9th September – Austwick Tel Kath 015242 51488 or email katie@pkrs.wanadoo.co.uk for more details or to book on the ride.

Full details of these rides were included with the March minutes.

OTHER RIDES:

3rd June – Gt Asby, Eden Valley - Tel:01768351210 / 07980822747

23rd. & 24th. June – ‘The Gathering’ at Bigland Hall Equestrian Centre, Haverthwaite, nr. Ulverston. For details contact www.lakes-riding.co.uk or tel. **0870 321 5371**

15th – 17th. July – Adult Horse Camp, Newton Rigg College Tel 015394 45124 or e-mail gcharnley@uclan.ac.uk

25th. Aug. – Nateby, nr. Garstang 15 miles, shorter routes available. Fylde Coast Bridleways Society – to raise funds for St. John's Hospice. £15 entry. Details: Liz. Rowlandson, tel. 01995 679627

22nd September – HOLKER – June Chapman e-mail Junechapman1@hotmail.com or phone no. 01229 716479

Additional Information

Two horses for sale. One is a five year old thoroughbred mare with beautiful paces, kind genuine horse. Good to clip shoe and box. Rides out alone or in company. Lots of potential. Good knowledgeable home required. Also 18year old thoroughbred nice horse for hacking, or companion. No ailments. Contact Liz. Tel: 01200 426276 Mob: 07894 **455 728**

Horse for sale: Rosie - stunning 15.3hh dark bay mare, 16 yrs. old, foaled in April '06. Suitable for hacking/endurance. 100% in traffic, good to hack out alone & in company, gentle in nature & excellent manners. £1200 - loving home only. Contact Kate at Beaumont Cote Stables, 07889 851111

Gina is now taking over the mailing so, if anyone is left out this month please let me know (Barbara on 015242 21026) & we will sort it. Apologies for any hiccups – we just need to get our act together!!

Many members' subscriptions are now overdue. Please send your subs. to B. Hartley, The Cottage, Millhouses, Tatham, Lancaster, LA2 8NF a.s.a.p.

Members with standing orders – I will have to wait until we receive our next bank statement to confirm these so please be patient for your receipt – if not with this mailing then will be included in the next one. Thanks. Barbara