

Minutes of the meeting held on 11th September 2007

1. Eve Hall, Chairperson, opened the meeting and welcomed all new members as follows:- Juliette Huddleston (Heysham), Sandra Parker (Morecambe), Sheila Aimson (Penrith), Helen Bright (Satterthwaite), Heather Park (Wigton), Melanie Gard & family (Grisedale) & Sarah Moorcroft (Bentham).
2. Apologies for Absence:- Monica Nagy, Jackie Millatt, Lorraine Hind, Sheena Robertson, Pauline McCartney. (Sorry if there were any more – I did read your names out at the meeting but have lost my list!!)
3. Minutes of the meeting of 10th July 2007. These were proposed for acceptance by Chris Evans and seconded by Karen ?(Eve's daughter)
4. Matters arising other than those on the agenda:- none
5. Tack Sale on 28th October. Posters were handed out for distribution – please display them in as many places as possible. Helpers are desperately needed to set tables up on Saturday 27th at 8pm, also to take them down after the event. And don't forget, please please bring cakes and loaves of sandwiches on the day.
6. More 'Think Horse' signs are being ordered, possibly with the Police logo on to lend them a bit more clout. A plea was made that the signs be placed on dangerous bends, not just placed on livery stable gates to look pretty! Eve told members of her recent near-miss on Bottomdale Road, Slyne, when a car skidded to a halt behind her while out riding, and collided with another vehicle. Also, Hi-viz tabards are still available for all wanting them.
7. NLBS has invested in posh new laminated display boards for exhibitions etc. Thanks to Andy for these.
8. Details of our 10-year celebration were announced. A hot pot supper, disco and live music to be held at Arkholme Village Hall on Saturday 1st December 2007. The price is £15 including a free glass of champagne or non-alcoholic drink. A bar will be provided, also a raffle, proceeds to be split between NLBS and Air Ambulance. Attendance is totally and absolutely compulsory, anybody not attending will be tarred and feathered at the next meeting. (Sue's comment!!!!) Also, on the night please bring a photo of you with your horse to fasten onto a notice board. Tickets will be available shortly.
9. Rides and forthcoming events:- see later, but thanks to Classic Hackers for the Hawkshead rides on 12th August, which were thoroughly enjoyed. Wonderful news - A new circular bridleway route was opened on 10th June 2007 in the Cloughton/Caton area, with excellent facilities. This is called the 'Lots House Bridleway' and more information is available by phoning 01524 770802 or on www.forestofbowland.com/visit_activities_horse.asp Members are also reminded that the NLBS route wallets and AONB packs are still available.
10. Any other Business:- Sarah Harper is our new website co-ordinator, thank you Sarah. If you have any news items, event dates, reports of rides, photographs etc. you can send them direct to a.boylan@btinternet.com (Sorry no tel. no. at the moment). Secondly, it is newsletter time again – if you have any snippets to go in eg, pleasure ride reports, holiday tales, useful information to share, please pass it to Sheena or Barbara.

The evening should then have continued with a presentation from Ann Hull who drives and shows heavy horses. Unfortunately Ann let us down for the second time by 'forgetting about it'. Our sincere apologies to all those members who turned up to hear this talk.

Date of next meeting 13th November 2007 7.30pm at Hest Bank Memorial Hall

The speaker will be from Cumbrian Heavy Horses, who fairly recently made an epic trip with their horses from Scotland to Cumbria. Not to be missed!
Everyone welcome and please bring a friend.