

NORTH LANCASHIRE BRIDLEWAYS SOCIETY

Minutes of Meeting on 11th November 2008

1. Chairperson Eve Hall opened the meeting. An amazing 17 new members have joined since the last meeting, mainly acquired from the Tack Sale and from organised rides. New members welcomed: Glenda Griffin (Southport), Gail Joyce (Blackpool), Tracey & Victoria Brookes (Burton), Estelle Lund (Halton), Sarah Lacey (Ingleton), Jo Rose (Hornby), K. Allen (Milnthorpe), Julie, Christiane & Nicola Rogerson (Yealand), Linda Burns (Barrow-in-Furness), Jean Stott-Brown (Kendal), Anne Wilson (Tatham), Ray Solomon (Penrith), Jo Lingwood (Bolton-le-Sands), Joan Topping (Slackhead). Thanks for your support!
2. Apologies from Celia Dixon, June, Sue, Sue Clowes, Anna Twiname, Kath. Richardson, Peter Kitt.
3. Minutes of the last meeting were proposed by Lyn Hodgson and seconded by Sue
4. Matters arising – none
5. Tack Sale. This was again a very successful event. . Thanks to everyone who helped, especially to Kay for washing up. Thanks also for all the donations of cakes and sandwiches, which really help to make this event so popular. The Sale raised £663.80
6. The Horse Ownership Survey has resulted in almost 100 responses to date, which is excellent. Kay is being kept very busy inputting the data.
7. The NLBS display boards need updating. Please bring suitable material to the next meeting eg. photos of rides etc
8. A volunteer is needed to take over from Eve organising speakers for meetings. Please contact Eve if you can help. At the next meeting Sam Robinson will give a talk about Simple Systems Ltd, followed at the next meeting by Penny Farm World Horse Welfare.
9. The Trec event at Carlisle on 9th Nov was very successful, with 46 riders taking part. The next event will be in March 2009
10. Monthly Rides. These appear to have dwindled of late, mainly due to the terrible weather. They need resurrecting, so volunteers to lead rides required please. Shirley Richardson will lead one in the Yealand area shortly. Incidentally, the Morecambe Bay ride organised by Craven Bridleways donated £25 from their proceeds to NLBS, as such a strong NLBS contingent participated. Thank you Craven BS!
11. A venue is sought for parking for our fundraising ride in the Kirkby Lonsdale area. Underley Estates is happy for us to ride on their land, but the ground is unsuitable for parking during wet conditions. If anyone has any ideas they would be appreciated.
12. Eve has attended a number of meetings.
 - i) 22nd October Arnside/Silverdale AONB,
 - ii) 14th October Lancaster City Council Users Group discussed horses on the cyclepaths. Councillors are keen on this and are taking it to their next meeting.
 - iii) On 21st September the BHS Access Conference was held at Penrith. Apparently Durham have multi-user paths on old railways and are not experiencing any problems. It was also reported that the Mary Towneley Loop is being well-used by cyclists and horseriders.
13. The next newsletter is due out shortly and will be sent out with the next minutes. Articles are needed.
14. NLBS has acquired a laptop, it now needs the programs loading.
15. The website is now up to date. Thank you Kay!

16. Members discussed whether a photocopier should be purchased. The saving in printing costs needs to be balanced against cost of ink cartridges etc
17. A horsey event with stalls and demos is to be held at Aintree on 29th & 30th November. Our Trec group is doing one of the demonstrations.
18. A trip is to be arranged to a sidesaddle demonstration in the near future.
19. This year's Christmas meal has yet to be arranged
20. Any other business
 - i) Barbara Hartley wished to thank all NLBS members for the tremendous support following Colin's death.
 - ii) Helen at Phar Lap saddlery is organising a Ball on 28th November at the County Hotel, Carnforth in aid of strangles. Tickets £12.50
 - iii) NLBS meetings for 2009 will be 13th Jan, 10th March, 12th May (AGM), 14th July, 13th Sept (I think this should be 8th !!) and 10th Nov. Please make a note of the dates now!

The meeting then continued with a real good natter!

Next Meeting will be on Tuesday 13th January 2009 at 7.30pm in Hest Bank Memorial Hall.

The speaker will be Sam Robinson from Swarthdale who will talk about Simple System Ltd. This is a specialist feed company meeting the special needs of the horse's unique digestive system.

Hope to see you there & please bring a friend!

Hope you all have a very happy Christmas with your families, friends and animals!
See you in the New Year!