

**Minutes of the committee meeting of Cheshire EGB held at The Laurels,
Brick Bank Lane, Allstock on Wednesday 19 April 2017**

Present: Liz Finney (LF) Pat Guerin (PG) Muriel Taylor (MT) Anna Collins (AC) Lesley Harrison (LH) Cathrine Sandberg (CS) Mandy Morris (MM) Sandra Peters (SP)

Item	Minutes	Action
1	Apologies for Absence Pennie Drummond (PD) and Shaun Walsh (SW)	
2	Confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting The minutes were confirmed.	
3	Matters Arising With regards to a possible North Wales ride Jill Thorburn had asked if we can pay for the use of venues. It was confirmed that whilst it's possible it is not the preferred option. AC to pass message on. AC circulated a "Quick Guide to dealing with the media" with the February minutes. Follow up Jill Thorburn's offer to provide safeguarding training to committee members, ride organisers, health & safety & first aid reps.	AC LF
4	Treasurer's Report The balance was estimated at £2302.43 the Group account with a further £60 having been deposited recently. The Rides account remains at £446.56. PG still has the cheque book and paying in book.	
5	Membership Secretary's Report PG has received a list of paid up members for 2017 from the EGB office dated 01/04 although she believes some of the information is incorrect. She is aware we've had >60 full members and circa 10 associate members so far with several people still to renew.	
6	PR Email to be sent to all 2016 members reminding them to renew membership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AC had created a flyer for rides and 100 copies have been printed. • Facebook events have been created for all rides planned so far this year. • CT has added ride dates to website and shared with neighbouring EGB Groups. • AC and MM both have between the ear shots on location at the Delamere ride that could be added to the Delamere rides on Facebook. 	AC
7	Trans Pennine PR up-date Ride has now sold out and is not accepting any further entries. MM reported that she has got all helpers sorted as well as catering. All ride equipment has been collected from PG.	
8	Frolic up-date PG reported that there has been a slight change to the setup for the Kelsall venue which will be posted on the Cheshire EGB website prior to the ride. Helper positions are nearly all covered. CS brought up that there is a Bike Demo Day being organised by the resident Bike shop at Delamere in the Old Pale car park which could possible impact on some riders. PG to speak to Bike shop and add to risk assessment.	PG/CT PG
9	Group clothing AC has got a set of the tights from Performance Equestrian that she will road test on the Trans Pennine PR which can be ordered directly from Steve at Performance Equestrian with various padding options at extra cost. AC issued e-mail with selected options for braded clothing from Jamie Q's but has yet to receive feedback from other committee members. All other committee members to review options and respond to AC e-mail. MT offered to coordinate orders as prices can be kept down if items are purchased in bulk.	ALL
10	Kit list for group equipment Undertake an audit and create a kit list which can be used at each ride to book equipment in and out as some items cannot be located. To assist PG it was decided the committee meeting should start 1hr earlier at 6.30 PM next time so this exercise can be carried out before the meeting commences.	PG
11	Inter-Regional Championships. To be held at Cirencester in 2017. The vacancy of Chef d'equipe has been advertised on website and Facebook but no expressions of interest have been received to date although the deadline posted is 30 th April.	

	At the time of the meeting no one had come forward to take on the Chef d'equipe role. LF to speak to Lancashire to see if they can put someone forward. AC offered to do clothes order.	LF
12	<p>AOB</p> <p>MM said she had been asked to do a talk to Pony Club members at CRS in Comberbach which was agreed would be good publicity. LF suggested she speaks to PD to find out more information and mentioned that Joe Claridge can be contacted to provide more specific information on rules and regulations for Pony Club Endurance. Date to be arranged.</p> <p>SW had brought up the question about sponsorship by Jess Jones Vet Physio at the Wirral ride in return for some publicity. LF to speak to SW about what sponsorship she would be looking to offer.</p> <p>The possibility of looking at adding further rides to the calendar was discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MM mentioned Chester Zoo ride which has previously been held as PR by Cheshire EGB and competitive ride by another organisation. She will investigate this option further as venue is ok but some of the bridleways are very overgrown. • CS mentioned Mostyn Farm Ride which has held non-competitive rides by another organisation before although this may be difficult without additional land owner access but still worth bearing in mind for the future. • LF to look at older rides that are no longer held to see if any of those would have potential to be revived. <p>Training Day/ Schooling sessions options were also discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MT mentioned the West Yorkshire group had run a social day with Human Physio as well as "have a go activities" such as Trec and Side Saddle. • Several committee members had enjoyed the session held in February by Andraya Hiscock and Claire Whitfield and suggested it would be an option to do an extended version of that as a training day. 	MM LF MM
13	<p>Date of next meeting. 7.30pm Monday 22nd May at The Laurels</p>	