

THE TYNEDALE HUNT
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT
STAMFORDHAM VILLAGE HALL ON Thursday, 5th October, 2017

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Mrs J Leech	- Chairman (Outgoing)
	D P Johnson Esq	- Chairman
	A C Keate Esq	- Hon Treasurer
	Hon Mrs M H Beaumont	- Hon Secretary
	Mrs W J Dickinson MFH	- Joint Master
	Mrs C Lawson-Croome MFH	- Joint Master
	Mrs S Eggleston MFH	- Joint Master
	C Shirley-Beavan Esq MFH	- Joint Master

Mrs A Addis; Mr & Mrs J Armstrong; Hon R & Mrs Arthur; Mr & Mrs J Atkinson; Mr & Mrs J Brown; Miss E Carter; Mrs A Carter; Mrs S Coe; Mrs J Dodd; M Douglas Esq; Mrs N Foster; Mrs R Gaisford; Misses J & V Harrison; P Harrison Esq; Miss S Isaacs; Mrs D Johnson; Miss J Kane; Mrs A C Keate; C Lawson-Croome Esq; J Leech Esq; Hon Mrs Liddell; Mrs R Murphy; Mrs P Nixon; Miss P Nixon; Miss A Pigg; J Reed Esq; Mrs S Robinson; D Robson Esq; Mrs J Royds; Mrs P Scrope; D Skinner Esq; Mrs T Speir; B Speke Esq; A Steel Esq; C Steel Esq; M Suddes Esq; J Turnbull Esq; Mr & Mrs S Wilson; Mrs D Wood;

APOLOGIES: Mrs J Aldridge; Ms B Buglass; Mrs K Clark; Mrs T Dalglish; Mrs N Dalglish; Mrs P de Wesselow; Mrs J Dickinson; Mrs H Gilfillan; Miss R Greenwood; Mrs A Hall; Mrs P Harrison; T Hooper Esq; Capt P Jones-Davies; Dr J McElroy; R Murphy Esq; Miss L Philipson MFH; Mrs H Porter; Mr & Mrs S Riddell; E Riddell Esq; Miss V Steel; Mrs S Stewart; Mrs W Telfer; Mrs F Templer; Mrs R Tindale; J Walby Esq; Mrs M Walby; J T Watson Esq.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everybody; she then read out the names of all those who had sadly died during the last year and a minute's silence was held. Major Michael Lycett; Miss Jane Rowell; Mrs Sam Enderby; Mrs W (Sue) Sample; Col Michael Bell; Ms Christine Kellett; Mrs T (Bridget) Hamilton; Mrs Roger (Pam) Goodwin; Mr Hughie Robson; Mr Bob Johnson; Mr Ernie Telfer.

MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING: The minutes of the 2016 AGM and the Hunt Year Book and Accounts had been circulated electronically; there were no matters arising and the Chairman asked that the minutes be approved as a true record. This was agreed and **Proposed by: Miss Amanda Pigg and Seconded by: Mr S Wilson.**

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer referred to this year's electronic hunt book which as usual included the financial detail, comprising the Income, Expenditure and Appropriation account, fund raising record and the balance sheet as at 30th April 2017 compared with the previous year.

Starting with income, the total was some £3,500 ahead of the previous year. Income from subscriptions was static whereas field money, car caps and donations were all up. Full subscriber numbers remained at 30 compared with 34 two seasons ago and 38 the year before and 42 the year before that. Field money is obviously visitor and weather dependent, both uncertain from a budgeting viewpoint, but a healthy £4,000 up on the previous year. Donations and car caps were also ahead £900 and £250 respectively. These increases were broadly offset by a lower fund raising return of some £4,000. The Treasurer referred to the fundraising list which was self-explanatory and which highlighted the two stand out contributions from the P2P and the Hunt Ball auction. The miscellaneous item of immense magnitude was the hugely generous donation of £12,500 from the THSC and a further £1,500 from Stagshaw Estate for part payment of the drive repair.

The Treasurer commented that Expenditure spoke for itself which was controlled as tightly as possible whilst at the same time making provision for the Tynedale to be the premier hunt in the North and run as such. It was noted in the Minutes of the previous year that significant repair expenditure was going to be necessary and that this was where the THSC donation had been so invaluable. Their contribution had funded the refurbishment and replacement of the Sherwood's kitchen, further concreting, the installation of nine windows and one door and replacing one chimney stack and sorting a second.

The hunt was now into year 9 of full subscriptions being able to be paid by standing order and roughly half full subscribers pay in this fashion. The committee were very conscious of what neighbouring hunts charged hence the decision to restrict increases to subscriptions and field money as much as was possible. For the establishment to be

maintained at its current high standard then we were again left with fundraising as our major source of additional income.

The fund raising return spoke for itself and as ever it was noted that the smaller events were vital in addition to the bigger hitters and the committee's thanks went to all who played a part in all the fundraising, big and small. Special thanks went to the THSC and Gift Fair for all the work they did and for again showing such support for the hunt.

To conclude with a £10,000 loss was disappointing and from the profit and loss this came about from a combination of a higher guarantee, a hunt horse by the name of Dermot and kennels repairs net of the THSC donation.

The balance sheet reflected the asset of the hunt being cash.

Tim Sale of Redesmouth Hall was thanked for formally auditing the books thus continuing to provide external verification.

There were no questions and the accounts were:

Proposed by Mrs Liddell and Seconded by Mr B Speke

SUBSCRIPTIONS: The Chairman reported that the subscriptions were raised a small amount every year to keep in line with inflation.

OFFICERS OF THE HUNT: The Chairman announced that she would be standing down and explained that she had originally agreed to serve a term of three years and had now completed four years! The Committee had asked her to propose the appointment of Mr David Johnson to take over and said that he was well qualified to be Chairman, having already been the Treasurer, Master and Field Master. The Treasurer and Secretary had both agreed to continue in their roles. Mr Johnson's appointment was **proposed by: Mr B Speke and seconded by: Mrs D Wood.**

The Treasurer then spoke and wanted to acknowledge and recognise what Mrs Leech, as Chairman had contributed to the hunt and on behalf of the members, subscribers and committee thanked her and presented her with flowers and a picture. Mrs Leech thanked the Treasurer and members present and said that she had enjoyed her time as Chairman and still planned to be involved with the hunt.

Mr Johnson then took over as Chairman of the Tynedale Hunt.

The Chairman (Mr Johnson) said that he planned to continue to uphold the tradition of the Tynedale Hunt and commented that there was an excellent team and he planned to steer everybody forward and reminded everybody that they should be very proud of the sport the Tynedale produced.

MASTERS' REPORT: Mr Shirley-Beavan reported that another year had gone by and May 2016 seemed a long time ago, where we started the season with the Farmers Tent at the County Show. This once again was well attended and was a way to give a little back to all those kind enough to accommodate us.

Our hounds had been to various Hound Shows over the summer with Shildon being the Champion at the Percy Hound Show. They also had a successful visit to The Yorkshire Show at Harrogate with placed rosettes in most classes. The Puppy Show was on Friday 5th August and was judged by Mr Adrian Dangar and Mrs Daphne Bourne-Arton.

Renegade walked by Mrs J Brown won the Bitches who was by VWH Rancher out of Gaudy. The Dog Puppy was won by Rebel walked by Mr S Walsh who was by VWH Rancher out of Gaudy.

Autumn Hunting had commenced at the beginning of September and continued through October with the young entry entering well. People will forget, but it was considerably dry up until November, which made conditions difficult.

The Opening Meet was on Saturday 5th November at Capheaton Hall kindly hosted by the Browne-Swinburne Family. Again, this was well supported with a large turnout and a busy day. This season we were fortunate with the hounds staying in good health. This was not the same for the weather as it was an incredibly testing time and I can't thank the farmers and landowners enough for allowing us to continue.

The Brocklesbury hounds visited in December to have a day from Westside Ryal thanks to the Blackett and Walby families. This was a busy day and the visitors thoroughly enjoyed their northern experience. Personally, I always find it interesting how different packs of hounds deal with the space and freedom of our unspoilt country.

We were fortunate enough to be invited to the Brocklesbury and South Shropshire countries with our hounds and a great number headed down for a very enjoyable two days.

I would like to thank the Field Masters who are continuing to entertain around the country and assist myself; they are Mr D Johnson, Mr J Atkinson, Mrs Keate and Mr W Telfer.

After the Point to Point where we have the Masters Tent for the Farmers and Members, we closed the season at the beginning of March at Sweethope.

This season we continued to lay trails and hunt within the law. We had Andrew Higgins as the Kennel Huntsman and David Sherwood as Kennel-man and Ashley Small and Hannah Williams as grooms. I would like to thank all the staff for their endless work at keeping the show on the road. This includes John Pigg and his team who do a lot throughout the season.

At the end of the season we said good-bye to Hannah Williams. We would like to wish her the best for the future and for turning the hunt horses out to a high standard.

Lastly and most importantly, I would like to thank all the Landowners and Farmers for their continued support.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: The Chairman reminded everyone that there was an important National Trust vote about trail-hunting on NT properties due on 21st October and that all postal/online votes had to be cast before Friday, 13th October; he said that although the Tynedale would not be affected, but there would be a serious impact for the adjacent hunts. He urged NT members to use their vote and encourage family and friends to vote too and suggested using Social Media to spread the word.

The Chairman showed the green card with diary dates for the coming year and encouraged everybody to be supportive of fund-raisers, as they must make money and needed to be fun. He emphasised that members must be prepared to go to functions, particularly the big ticket ones (i.e. the Hunt Ball) rather than expect others to go, in order to pay for their sport.

Mrs Speir said that she had produced a new type of calendar (not year dependent), with an aide memoir and detachable post-cards showing various 'tumblers'. They will be on sale at the Tynedale Gift Fair (£12 or 5 for £50).

Mr Harrison reported that the 200 Club (£10 a number) had been re-introduced and the first draw would be at New Year's Eve meet, with a further three draws during the year.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Johnson for organising such a prolific table top sale of 2nd hand hunting/saddlery items and encouraged everybody to support it. He rather hoped that there might be a permanent 2nd hand store running throughout the year.

The raffle of two tickets to the Countryside Race day at Aintree on 29th October (kindly donated by Mr Jones-Davies) was won by Mr Wilson.

The Chairman confirmed that the ever popular Brocksbushes Sunday Lunch would take place on Sunday, 5th November.

As there was no further business, the meeting was then closed.