

THE TYNEDALE HUNT
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT
STAMFORDHAM VILLAGE HALL ON Thursday, 4th October, 2018

<u>PRESENT:</u>	D P Johnson Esq	- Chairman
	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

Mr & Mrs J Armstrong; Hon R & Mrs Arthur; Mr & Mrs J Atkinson; Master F Atkinson; Mr & Mrs J Brown; Mrs A Carter; Miss E Carter; Mrs S Coe; Mrs T Daghish; Mrs A S Dickinson; M Douglas Esq; Mr & Mrs H Gilfillan; Miss C Greenwood; Mrs A Hall; Misses J & V Harrison; P Harrison Esq; Mrs D Johnson; Miss V Johnson; Miss B Johnson; Miss J Kane; Mrs A C Keate; C Lawson-Croome Esq; Mr & Mrs J Leech; Hon Mrs Liddell; Dr J McElroy; Mrs R Murphy; Mr & Mrs P Nixon; Miss P Nixon; Miss A Pigg; M Priestley Esq; E Riddell Esq; Mrs A Robson; Mrs J Royds; Mrs & Mrs I Smales; Mr & Mrs B Speke; C Steel Esq; Mrs S Stewart; M Suddes Esq; Ms A Tate; Miss A Tate; Mrs W Telfer; W Telfer Esq; Mrs F Templer; Mr & Mrs D Tolson; J Turnbull Esq; J Walby Esq; Mr & Mrs S Wilson.

APOLOGIES: Mrs A Addis; Mrs J Anthony; Ms B Buglass; Mrs K Clark; Mrs A Cowie; Mrs S Dalglish; Miss J Dalglish; Mrs P de Wesselow; Mrs J Dodd; Mrs R Fletcher; Mrs R Gaisford; Mrs P Harrison; A C Keate Esq; R Murphy Esq; Mrs W Murray; Miss L Philipson MFH; Mr & Mrs S Pittendrigh; W Pittendrigh Esq; J Reed Esq; Mr & Mrs S Riddell; Mrs P Scrope; Mrs T Speir; Miss V Steel; A Steel Esq; Mrs R Tindale; A Thompson Esq; Mrs J Turnbull; Mrs M Walby; J Watson Esq.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everybody; he then read out the names of all those who had sadly died during the year and a minute's silence was held. Mrs D (Theresa) Gibson; Mrs R (Bettine) Main; Mrs E (Aileen) Robson; Mr Jack Robson; Hon Matthew Beaumont; Mrs Isabelle Burns; Mrs J (Susie) Browne-Swinburne; Mr Harry Nixon; Mrs Josephine Aldridge; Mrs Audrey Cuthbert; Mr Eddie Elliott; Mrs Joyce Ireland; Mrs A (Vicki) Park; Mr Robert Archer; Mr David Watson;

MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING: The Minutes of the 2017 AGM and 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: Mr Edward Riddell and Seconded by: Mrs Angus Keate.**

TREASURER'S REPORT: In the absence of the Treasurer, the Chairman read out his statement.

"You will have received this year's hunt book electronically which included the financial detail, comprising a profit and loss, fund raising record and balance sheet as at 30th April 2018 comparing numbers with the previous year.

Starting with income, the total was some £5,700 behind the previous year. Income from subscriptions was down £3,600 and from field money £2,500 so when combined explain the overall reduction. Full subscriber numbers fell to 28 compared with 30 for the last two seasons, 34 three seasons ago, 38 four seasons ago and 42 the year before that. Field money is obviously visitor and weather dependent, both uncertain from a budgeting viewpoint. The fundraising list is self-explanatory with the stand out contributions being from the P2P, the Hunt Ball, and Auction. I should point out that the Auction proceeds came to some £14,500 in total with the balance going into the current year of account. A very welcome contribution was made from the Ladies and Gents days, being a new initiative, effectively making up for the shortfall in subscriptions and field money.

Turning to Expenditure, this speaks for itself and is controlled as tightly as possible whilst at the same time making provision for the Tynedale to maintain the standard we enjoy. The two uncertain items each year are expenditure at the kennels and the purchase of hunt horses, both of which can be quite major. Very little was spent at the kennels last season as against the prior year and this does tend to alternate between consecutive years. For example, there is some fairly significant remedial work being carried out currently to the Kennelman's cottage which will appear in next year's accounts.

The Committee are required to provide 5 hunt horses and currently there are 4 following the loss to colic of Dermot last year. Declan, Gormo, Butty and Mellors are the current incumbents. I would also like put on the record to thank Mrs Keate on behalf of the hunt for her donation of Mellors.

We are now into year 10 of full subscriptions being able to be paid by standing order and roughly half full subscribers pay in this fashion. The committee are always very conscious of what neighbouring hunts charge hence the decision to restrict increases to subscriptions and field money as much as possible. For the establishment to be maintained at its current high standard then we are again left with fundraising as our major source of additional income. To put this into simple perspective, the hunt needs to raise £1,000 per week from fundraising alone.”

It is important to note from the fund raising return that the smaller events make a vital contribution in addition to the bigger hitters and the committee’s thanks go to all who played a part in all the fundraising, big and small. Special thanks go again to the THSC and Gift Fair for all their work and for again showing such support to the hunt.

To conclude with a small profit is heartening and makes a small dent in the running loss which now stands at £26,486 since the first loss was recorded in 2006/7.

Once again my thanks go to Tim Sale of Redesmouth Hall for formally auditing the books thus continuing to provide external verification.

As there were no questions, the accounts were proposed by: **Mr Ben Speke and seconded by: Mr Struan Wilson.**

SUBSCRIPTIONS: The Chairman reported that the subscription rate had had a small increase and the exact figures could be obtained from the Secretary. They were approved and proposed by: **Mrs A (Fiona) Carter and Seconded by: Mrs S (Anstice) Coe.**

OFFICERS OF THE HUNT: The Chairman stated that there was no change in any of the Officers and he asked that this be approved. **Proposed by: Mrs S (Katie) Stewart and Seconded by: Mr John Turnbull.**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: The Chairman explained that there was a three year rotation policy and the people due to stand down were: Mrs J (Carol) Brown; Mrs T (Belinda) Speir; Mr Jamie Atkinson and Mr David Robson. He thanked them all for their hard work and contribution towards the hunt and hoped that they would still be on side to assist with hunt functions! The following people were being welcomed on to the Committee: Miss Jenny Kane; Mr Will Telfer; Mr David Tolson and Mr John Turnbull. Mrs A (Fiona) Carter had kindly joined the Committee mid-term as the THSC representative.

Proposed by: Mrs S Eggleston MFH and Seconded by: Mr J Leech.

MASTERS’ REPORT: Another year has gone by and this was my fifth season hunting the Tynedale hounds. We continued with the same Mastership team and in Kennels we had Andrew Higgins as the Kennel Huntsman and David Sherwood as Kennelman, Ashley Small and Jayne Briggs as grooms. I would like to thank all the staff for their endless work at keeping the show on the road. This was particularly true this winter with the inclement conditions making everything much harder. This includes John Pigg and his team who do a lot throughout the season.

David Sherwood finished at the end of the season having completed 14 seasons working for the Tynedale Hunt. We thank him for all his hard work over those years and he won’t be going far as he is still helping out with hunt fencing and living at Todridge.

I would like to thank my Joint Masters for their continued support, as each season a lot of unseen hard work goes into putting on the days hunting for your entertainment.

We started the season with continuing the Farmers Tent at the County Show and this was again popular, especially the ferrets for the children. We continue to try and give a little back to all those kind enough to accommodate us.

We took hounds to various Hound Shows over the summer with Caverton being the Champion at the Roman Wall Hound Show. We also had a successful picnic for anyone at the Harrogate show and it continues to grow each summer.

The Puppy Show was on Friday 28th July and was judged by R.M.Tyacke Esq. MFH and C.C.Frampton Esq. MFH. Digit walked by Mrs D Gibson won the Bitches who was by Devon out of Raffle. The Dogs was won by Villain walked by Mrs C.M.Shirley-Beavan who was by South Shropshire Vortex out of Crafty. The best working hound went to Rector walked by Mr Jack Watson.

Autumn Hunting commenced on the 5th September and continued through October with the young entry entering well. We had the Opening Meet on Saturday 4th 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 and with lots of snow and hard frosts it was an incredibly testing time and I can't thank the Farmers and Landowners enough for allowing us to continue.

We had the Old Berkshire hounds in December to have a day from Swinburne thanks to the Murphy family. We had the Bedale hounds in January to have a day from Ingoe thanks to the Harrison family; they had a very busy day and I always find it interesting how different packs of hounds deal with the space and freedom of our unspoilt country.

In January we had two new initiatives, which was a Ladies day from Belsay and a Gents day from Bingfield. These were both good days and successful fundraising events. Thanks to the de Wesselows and the Arthurs for hosting us.

We were fortunate enough to be invited to the Old Berkshire and Heythrop countries with our hounds and after rearranging we headed down for two enjoyable days.

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

We closed the season at the beginning of March at Sweethope. We had the Masters tent for the Farmers at the Point to Point

This season we continued to lay trails and hunt within the law, which we have to continue to prove. Lastly, I would like to thank all the Landowners and Farmers for their continued support.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Mr Harrison reported that he planned to run the 200 Club again and that it had raised over £600 last year and he hoped to improve on that total for 2018. The tickets would cost £10 and there would be four draws throughout the season.

The Chairman said Mr Wilson (The Friary) had been selected to go to Aintree for the judging of the ROR and that this was an amazing achievement to be selected from so many entrants and he wished him well and hoped that some supporters would go along. Mrs Armstrong said that the THSC had donated a very smart rug for The Friary to wear!

The Chairman asked everybody to support the forthcoming events:

Hunt Breakfast on Saturday, 6th October at Well House

XC Schooling Day on Sunday, 14th October at Little Whittington

Newcomers' Day on Saturday, 20th October at Belsay Event Lorry Park

Tynedale Gift Fair on Monday, 29th & Tuesday, 30th October – lots of helpers, bottles for the tombola, cakes for the cake stall etc. would be needed.

Mr Riddell asked how much the Tumblers' Club made during the last season; it was listed in the accounts as £660 and a donation had been given to the GNAAS.

The Chairman reported that the Belsay Bounce had been an outstanding success and thanked Mrs de Wesselow and Mr Watson for organising it and all the ground helpers were invited to take a small bottle of gin as a thank you from Mr Watson. The Chairman reminded everybody that the Tynedale were the first people to do a Gift Fair and 10 Mile Rides and asked everybody to keep thinking of new ideas.

Mrs Gilfillan asked the Chairman when he'd like the hunt suppers to resume? He said that he'd know better after the next Committee meeting.

As there was no further business, the meeting was then closed and everybody was invited to partake of a curry supper kindly provided by Mr and Mrs Johnson.