

DMFH Ltd

Minutes of the meeting of directors held on 29th May 2019 at The Dalby Room, Monksmoor.

Present: Miss Cane (Hon. Sec), Mr Crawford, Mr Daw, Mr Goodman, Mr Glanville, Mr Gosling MFH, Mr Grose, Mr Jennians, Mrs Johnson, Mr Lucas, Miss Michelmore (Hon Treas.), Mrs Peters (Chairman), Miss Ross, Mrs Skitt, Mrs Treneer(Vice Chairman), Mrs Owen and Mr Peacock

Apologies: Mr Branfield, Mr Hardy, Dr Mills and Mr Morgan.

1. Minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 16th April 2019 were agreed. Proposed by Mrs Johnson and seconded by Mr Peacock.

2. Matters arising

No Matters arising

3. Correspondence

Hunt Staff Benefits Society Polo Day at Beaufort Polo Club- Sunday 28th July, 2019

Email had been received by Mr Morgan, Miss Cane read out the suggestions on fundraising for further consideration.

1. Is there the opportunity to invite a Drag Hunt on the moor to encourage others on to the moor
2. Child/ beginners meets to try and be more inclusive and designed for the inexperienced
3. Towards the end of the season to have a hunt breakfast before the meet.

4. Finance report

Accounts given at the last meeting showed that there may be a deficit, this has improved. instead of a loss of £11,500 , may well be down to £8, 000 and this may well continue on an increase depending on the moneys coming in from the Party in the Park and Point to Points which will be in the 2019/20 accounts.

The Chairman paid thanks to Jed, Jo Jo, Richard and Tom Lyle for their work and effort at the point to points and do hope that they will be able to take this forward next year?

Action – Chairman to thank the Sayers family for the use of their catering van.

5. Kennel report

The chairman confirmed with directors that that there is a maintenance budget £4k per year. When required (for day to day maintenance) Mr Jennians has the ability to £500 without the need for coming back to the committee.

Various work has been completed roofing and some on the KH cottage to rectify the pointing and damp. Mrs Peters requested that Mr Jennians contact the previous company with regards to painting the fascia boards. Mrs Peters thanked Mr Goodman for the recent work undertaken on septic tank for the private households. Ivor Talbot came in to put in new soak away, 2 days work. Inspection pit has

also been put in place, to buy us time when we may have to replace the septic tank. Indication that this may cost £1,500.

Action: Mrs Peters is to send pictures (which were taken by Mr Goodman) to Nigel/Jo for the records which have been.

Mr Grose asked how much we are spending on the kennels? Renew the guttering and painting the fascia boards and renewing like for like. Approx. £9,000 spend on maintenance for 2019/2020.

Action: A new quote to rectify the fascia boards will be requested within the next 10 days.

6. Subscriptions

The officers looked at what the South Devon do, are doing and what the Mid Devon did last year and the fact that last year we discussed leaving flat for too long would not be a good idea and that there should be a slight increasing slightly. Indicated two new subscription ideas young adults 25-30 and the taster/welcome pack if you have not hunted with us before. Suggestions for discussion.

	<u>Subscription</u>	<u>Field Money</u>
Adult Hunting (£675 if paid after opening meet)	£625	£20
Commute (incl. Autumn hunting)	£1125	-
1st Year Subscriber	£325	£20
Young Adult 25 to 30 yrs	£250	£10
Young Adult 18 to 24 yrs	£185	£10
Young Person 12 to 17 yrs	£40	£5
Point to Point	Contact Hon Secretary	
Non-Riding	£90	£5
Adjacent Moorland Pack Subscriber (to be paid on or before opening meet)	£375	£20
Welcome pack 3 days "one off"	£100	
		<u>Cap</u>
Pony Club under 18 years		£5
Visitor 30 yrs & under (maximum 4 days)		£25
Visitors over 30 yrs (maximum 4 days)		£50
1st September to Opening Meet		£15
Taster Day – "one off"		£30
Adjacent Hunt		£25
This is open to fully paid up subscribers of any hunt in Devon & Cornwall and is limited to 4 days per season		

Ticketing in the past has not really worked, trying to keep ourselves a float.

Discussions have happened between South Devon to see we are able to cooperate more with subscriptions.

Proposed the changes by Mr Grose and seconded by Mrs Treneer these will be put forward at the AGM for no further discussion.

7. Hound liaison

Mrs Peters had a couple of long chats with Dr Mills who is recovering well. Dr Mills and Miss Cane are currently those who have a special interest in hounds. Miss Cane is unable to continue with this due

to commitments. Following discussions with Dr Mills and Mr Gosling, Mr Daw has been put forward to replace her; he is very interested and committed to hound. Agreed by directors.

8. AOB

Miss Ross, where can we do a ride but not guided ride like Flete. As there could be much more money raised, for unescorted rides. The Dartmoor National park would limit us to 75 people so would not be enough. Experienced arranging endurance rides but to undertake this on the moor would require many more requests. There may be an opportunity to use Flete in April or May next year.

There is a Facebook page for fun rides in the South West which advertise all the dates.

Action - Miss Ross agreed to liaise with the Dartmoor National Park to enquire what is possible , Mr Daw and Miss Cane also agreed to speak to Mid Devon who arranged one last year.

The Master is holding an open evening this Saturday 1st June. Directors were asked to bring nibbles.

The Puppy show will be held on 14th July, Mr Gosling has set up Hound Sponsorship at £15 per hound (including a photograph) there will then be a prize at the next years puppy show for the best sponsored hound.

Thanks to all those who helped out at the Horse show on Monday.

Date for diary, Sunday 30th June, The Thurlestone Hotel, lunch, tennis, swimming croquet, 12-6 £20 adults /£10 children.

Meeting Closed