



WESSEX TREC

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at Quenington Village Hall
on Saturday 12th October 2019 at 7pm

Present: Melanie Bowers, Christine Harling, Helen Curley, Mark Shire, Sue Hargreaves, John Hargreaves, Zara Lawlor & Penny Ibbotson, 20 club members and 3 guests.

Agenda Item	
1.	<p>Apologies: Chris Massey, Lois Eyre, Diane Green, Sally Morgan, Fran Huckle, Ann Thorpe, Gwen King, Rachel Mcllroy, Vanessa Warren, Ros Jones, Jackie Price, Hilary Barnard, Marian Pritchard & Janice Bridger. Due to Chris Massey (Chair) being ill, the Vice Chair Helen Curley chaired the meeting.</p>
2.	<p>Minutes of the previous AGM: The minutes of the meeting held on 29th September 2018 have been available on the Wessex Trec website. The minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the proceedings.</p>
3.	<p>Chair's Report: See attached report.</p>
4.	<p>Treasurer's Report: Wessex Trec club have had another successful year; all of our events have been very well attended usually filling up before the closing dates. Due to this and last year's successful year we have been able to purchase some new PTV kit to upgrade the old kit that was starting to show its age. We have also purchased a brand new box trailer for transporting our kit to events. Following on from last year's donations to good causes this year we have again donated nearly £500 with this going to the Wiltshire Air Ambulance and to the Ridgeway Bridleways and Paths to whom we helped provide a new bridleway gate. As my first year as treasurer it was a surprise to find that we had credits from entries and membership of around £29,000. Our outgoings for event costs and kit expenses etc came to nearly £30,000. I end my report by saying we ended the year with a balance of £7075.57.</p>
5.	<p>Membership Report: At the end of September membership stood at 98, which includes 1 honorary member, 3 supporter members and 3 under 14s. Approximately half of these are also members of TREC GB. We are currently in the renewal period for 2019/20 so it is difficult to estimate exact figures going forward. However, although we have had a few dropouts mainly from people moving away from the area, membership figures have been steadily growing, so I am hopeful that we shall very soon top the 100 mark! It is great to see younger members coming on board – hopefully they will encourage their friends to participate in TREC as well. Grateful thanks are due to our honorary and supporter members as well, whose help is invaluable. It is worth noting that as from this year TREC GB will no longer pass on a fee to a nominated local club for those applying via this route – it will be necessary to join TREC GB and your local club separately. It remains to be seen whether this will significantly affect our subscriptions, but all in all the future looks good!</p>
6.	<p>Rosettes kilometrique: The following were awarded their 50km rosettes: Michelle Bowe, Kirsty Adams, Mel Bowers & Yvonne Allen</p>

	The following were awarded their 100km rosettes: Ros Jones, Yvonne Allen, Jan Tucker & Mel Bowers
7.	<p>Presentation of Awards:</p> <p>Best Winter MA – Susie Poole – 25 Best Winter PTV – Jo McCormac - 97 Best Summer MA – Jayne Prestwich - 49 Best Summer POR – Kirsty Adams & Eleanor Prestcott - 239 Best Summer PTV – Jo Vincent - 142 Best Newcomer: Caroline Pederick Most Improved: (Two awards were given as the judges couldn't decide between them) Eleanor Prestcott & Christine Harling Most Spectacular Dismount: Sue Hargreaves</p> <p>Most points over Summer Competitions: Christine Harling – 64 Nikki King – 60 Kirsty Adams – 46 Michelle Bowe & Nichola Peace - 43</p>
8.	<p>Election of committee members: One committee member is standing down this year: Penny Ibbotson—she was thanked for the time and help that she has given to the club.</p> <p>The rules of the constitution state that all the committee members have to stand down and then be re-elected for the coming year. Sharon Petchey proposed that the remainder of the committee were re-elected (Chris, Christine, Mel, Helen, Mark, Fran, Sue, John & Zara), Anna Hebard seconded and all were in favour.</p> <p>Two volunteers came forward to join the committee: Michelle Bowe & Angela Percival. Jo Vincent proposed that they join the committee and Nikki King seconded.</p>
9.	<p>AOB</p> <p>Question: Are there any plans to run a Versatile Trec competition, Helen replied that this was being looked into and also 10/10/10 Trec and Score Trec competitions will be investigated.</p>

Meeting closed at 7.57pm

Chairman's report 2019-10-12

This has been another busy year for Wessex, and did you know that Wessex is 5 years old this month. Through the winter we ran 5 Arena Trec competitions, Cheltenham RDA, Tumpy Green, Grove's Farm and 2 at Lower Hadden, which were all qualifiers for the TREC GB winter League. They were very well supported by competitors and thank you to everyone who come along and helped on the day.

TREC GB League results;

Jo McCormac 7th in the Intermediate, Nicola Peace 2nd in the open.

Last winter we decided to run our own Wessex winter League which Christine Harling organised with prizes presented at Rabson to the winners. We will be repeating this again this season, so please check out the rules and join in.

We have been complimented on more than one occasion, by other clubs, for our enthusiasm for encouraging new members to come and join Wessex and enjoy riding in beautiful parts of the countryside as a Trec competitor. With this in mind, many of our un-mounted trainings have been aimed at new members. Teaching you map reading skills and explaining the complexities of the rule book. Existing members have also had the chance to attend trainings to help them improve. Thank you to all the people who have given up their time to help run these: Sue, John, Helen, Lois, Mel, Penny and Christine. Over the last year we have also held mounted PTV and MA training at Cheltenham RDA, Wotton Bassett and Deer Park, thank you to Sheila and Michelle for instructing at these. We are also grateful to Janice for arranging a lovely practical POR ride at West Ilsley for us to test out our newly acquired skills. Seventy nine pounds of the money donated to the Ridgeway Fund raised from this event was used to replace a Bridleway gate.

We held our 2nd Wessex Camp at Bucklebury in May. Our instructors for the weekend were Liz Beddows, Michelle Bowe and Demelza Hawes. Twenty members including one junior headed off to camp, some complete novices and a more than a little nervous. The weekend was non-stop activities but thoroughly enjoyable, however we are planning for next year's to be over 3 days just so that it's not so hectic. I like to say a big thank you to the team of Mark, Helen and me.

Zara is our judge's trainer and ran informative judges training days. The more you learn about how Trec is judged, the better you will be when competing. If you offer to judge at any summer competition and would like your card signed by the TD, please advise them in advance so they can observe you. Helen and Angela are now qualified judges.

This year saw the introduction of a new scoring system, 6 members attended a training day run by Helen Martin from Central. Christine Harling being an IT wizard took on the role of scoring firstly at camp as a practice and then for our first live competition at Rabson. There were a few hiccups but much experience was gained and put into practice over the summer. We have also recruited Mike Messenger to learn the ropes and with Christine's assistance he scored his first Competition at Frocester.

This summer we were to run 3 full Trec Competitions, but sadly storm Hannah had other ideas with Star Farm having to be postponed. We did try to reinstate it for September, but Trec GB wouldn't sanction it as 2 other competitions were already booked for that weekend. The venue couldn't accommodate us with any other dates so we changed it to a Camp weekend which was well planned and brilliantly organised. A huge thank you to Sharon, Mel, Fran and Zara and their instructors Louise and Angie.

Rabson and Frocester were both well run with very different terrain to negotiate on the POR and well thought out PTV's. A great opportunity for our new Level 1's to have a go at a full competition. Well done to the organisers who put in a great deal of work, Lois, Mark, Helen, Angela and me.

The Committee has decided that schedules for summer competitions will be published 6 weeks before and winter schedules 1 month before to try to cut down on the large volume of administrative changes.

The Level 1 Championships took place this year at Bucklebury and many Wessex members qualified, some having only taken part in one full competition. As I'm sure you have seen from FB and the newsletter, they came away with some wonderful prizes and tons of rosettes.

Newcomers Individual: 6th Kirsty Anne McGregor

Newcomers Pairs: 1st Emma Saunders and Jo Vincent, 2nd Anna Hebard and Laura Moore, 4th Nadine Pinchin and Jackie Price

Intermediate Individual: 3rd Sarah Kate Edwards, 5th Angela Percival

Intermediate Pairs: 2nd Yvonne Allen and Martina Kasar, 4th Fran and Jo Huckle, 7th Catherine Greening and Jo Taylor

Open Individual: 1st Nichola Peace, 3rd Joanna Messenger

Open Pairs: 1st Kirsty Adams and Eleanor Prescott, 2nd Danielle Glaister and Caroline Pederick, 6th Michelle Bowe and Marion Pritchard

Non-Championship Open: 1st Christine Harling

Teams: 1st Wessex Smaug and 5th Wessex bays & greys.

Well done to all our winners.

The National Championships took place in Scotland this year, well done to Christine and Zara who came 3rd in the Level 2A pairs and Jo McCormac came 2nd in the Level 4.

Provisional top twelve places for Wessex member in the Summer League

L1 Ind =1st Nichola Peace 6th Joanna Messenger

L1 pairs 3rd Emma Saunders and Jo Vincent 7th Kirsty Adams and Eleanor Precott

9th Michelle Bowe and Marion Pritchard 11th Mel Bowers and Sharron Petchley 12th Danielle

Glaister and Caroline Pedrick

L2 Ind 2nd Niki King

L2A pairs 7th Christine Harling and Zara Lawlor

L3 Ind 6th Kirsty Adams

L4 Ind 2nd Jo McCormac

Looking to the coming year we have lots of competitions and trainings coming up so, keep an eye on the Website and Facebook for dates. If any of you have any suggestions of activities we could include in next year's program, please come and talk to any member of the committee.

Trec GB now have a Flu data base, members will be contacted when their vaccinations are due for renewal is due.

We will be looking for volunteers for Bridleway clearing working parties in Wiltshire in the spring in order for us to run a competition in May. Unfortunately very little funding is available for this work.

I would like to say thank to everyone who has given their time to help at any competitions in the last year; we appreciate all your help and we would struggle to run all the activities without your generous support. However that said Breach Lane came very close to being cancelled as we didn't have enough volunteers. We need a minimum of 6 people to run an Arena Trec. Please can all members consider offering to help for a half day over the 6 months of the Winter season, it is your club and it is not the job of the Committee members to be the only helpers.

Finally, I would like to thank the Committee who have put in a huge amount of time and effort this past year. I think we have really grown as a committee with so many of you stepping to take on the organising of events. You are a brilliant team to work with.