



## **WESSEX TREC**

Annual General Meeting of Wessex Trec Club  
on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2021  
at 2.30pm in Quenington Village Hall, GL7 5BS

### **MINUTES**

#### **Present:**

Kirsty Adams; Melanie Bowers; Janice Bridger ; Angela Buckle ; Helen Curley ; Susan Hargreaves ; John Hargreaves ; Christine Harling ; Frances Huckle; Davey Kirk ; Hilary Kirk ; Zara Lawlor ; Denis Lawlor; Phoebe Parsons ; Angela Percival ; Sharon Petchey ; Eleanor Prescott ; Camille Toole ; Jan Tucker

#### **Apologies:**

Jane Anscombe; Yvonne Allen; Sally Ashwin ; Mary Bray ; Louisa Burke ; Victoria Cross ; Trish Donnelly ; Ashleigh Earle ; Lois Eyre ; Charlotte Fleming ; Jo Gardiner ; Catherine Greening ; Anna Hebard ; Joanna Huckle ; Joanne Jenkinson ; Ros Jones ; Martina Kasar Sandra Keen; Jon Lomas; Margaret Lomas ; Geoff Lovis ; Laura McKay ; Chris Massey; Joanna Messenger ; Michael Messenger ; Gillian Miller ; Janet Overend ; Chris Paine ; Jim Phillips ; Shelagh Rolls ; Mark Shire ; Kylie Toms ; Vanessa Warren ; Samantha Wise

#### **Approval of minutes of the AGM on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2020 (see attached)**

Members were asked to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting. *This was proposed by Kirsty Adams, seconded by Davey Kirk and carried by those present. The minutes were therefore adopted and signed by the Chairperson.*

#### **Chair's Report**

Since October 2020 times have continued to be challenging with the pandemic, despite this Wessex have continued to hold a variety of events and kept members entertained with online activities with judging exercises and a quiz. In the last year Wessex TREC have held 26 events this year, not bad during a pandemic year! We are also the second largest club in the country and this year have created a new website which means members can book entries online.

Last Winter we held 6 winter qualifier Arena TREC's, which were all well attended and competitive. Wessex members also did very well in the TREC GB winter league. We also held our own winter league that this year boasted huge trophies, this league will be held again this year and 6 winter qualifiers have already been booked for this winter season.

This summer we have held 2 qualifying summer competitions at Wernham, people were so excited to be back out competing again and Sands Farm which was so much fun for all involved. We also held a new format competition at Lyford which was well received and we will be repeating.

Wessex has also continued to host a variety of training events including on foot map reading, PTV, POR rides at Cirencester Park and Ablington and an introduction day at Avon RDA. I would especially like to thank all the volunteers who organised and helped at these events throughout the year as we couldn't do it without you!

We received news early in the year that 2 Wessex members wished to set up their own club in Wiltshire and further South. Wessex were pleased that the area further south would be utilised especially in the New Forest and were interested to support this, as more TREC is always good news. Wessex representatives attended several meetings with Moonrakers and South mediated by TREC GB to discuss potential boundaries. Our proposed boundary was not accepted by the new club who ceased contact with us at this point and appealed directly to TREC GB Trustees. The TREC GB Trustees have now granted Moonraker and South probationary status and decided the Wiltshire boundary with Wessex will be the A4. Looking forward, we have so much planned for this coming year including 6 Winter competitions, PTV training 2 in the next week alone!, and then the return of Camp in May, followed by 2 full summer TRECs and Lois's 10 year anniversary 10:10 in August and another POR ride in September.

We also have events in planning stages for 2023 including hosting the Grassroots Level 1 Championships!

It is a pleasure to be on the Wessex TREC committee and we all work so well together as a team and I look forward to many more social evenings organising all these events for our members to take part in. I would once again like to thank each and every person who has volunteered ideas, time and resources to help put on our events. Here's to more adventures in our beautiful countryside with our friends and horses!

## Q&A

Some members questioned the decision of TREC GB to draw the boundary for the new club as being the A4. It was confirmed that the White Horse area and Barbary Castle would be on the Wessex side of the boundary, whilst Sands Farm would be south. The period could be extended if TREC GB felt this was necessary. It was also confirmed that events that had already been planned and advertised for the forthcoming season would go ahead. Sharon Petchey expressed her sadness that TREC GB had decided on the A4 boundary, especially as our founder and long-term member lives outside that boundary. Members were told that they could write to TREC GB personally with their comments. Janice Bridger was surprised that the boundaries were so prescriptive, but it was explained that whilst we could run events at venues in each other's areas, it requires negotiation between the two sides and is easier to stay within our boundary line where possible. Sharon Petchey asked what happens at the end of the probationary period; Jan Tucker explained that it could be extended. Kirsty Adams wondered if the new club had had an impact on WT membership; FH felt it was too early to say, but in any case it was possible to belong to more than one TREC Club. John Hargreaves commented that it would take 12-18 months for the new club to build a membership base.

*Denis Lawler proposed that the Chair's report be approved by the membership, seconded by Sharon Petchey. The vote was then carried.*

## Treasurer's Report

Wessex Trec Club, like all of us through the lockdowns, has again had another on, off year. As soon as we were able, we set about organising summer competitions and trainings. We soon found that the running costs for all of these has increased.

During one of our regular stock takes of kit and equipment it was noted some items had been mislaid, namely one of our yellow mounting blocks and some of the marker cones. We will be replacing these. We have also had to upgrade old or damaged Wessex signage. This year we also had a fraudulent attempt to take money from the Wessex account. This was in the form of a direct debit set up for a Vodaphone account. It was spotted immediately and, after almost a whole day off contacting and talking to TSB bank, the money was returned into the account the following day.

Our insurances are rising for the coming year ahead which includes our affiliation to our Governing body TREC GB. They provide the governance and insurance for all our events and trainings. They also provide club support and of course run the summer and winter leagues and the Championship events. If you are not a TREC GB member please consider joining as they, like us, are experiencing rising costs and would appreciate your support.

This year we had receipts of £18,023.00 which included a £100 donation from Trec Riders Club, which was gratefully appreciated.

We have spent £16,054.52 with a few in invoices still to come in.

We end our year with a closing balance of £10,221.33.

The treasurer also read the auditor's letter confirming the accuracy of the accounts (Attached as separate document)

## Q&A

Denis Lawlor asked how many signatories were required for bank transactions and whether we should consider changing banks, but the treasurer replied that TSB were the only bank currently accepting Treasurer and Club accounts. Jan Tucker proposed that the committee should look into how much it would cost to set up a more secure account and the members agreed with this.

Zara Lawlor thanked the treasurer on behalf of members for all her hard work in managing the accounts.

*Angela Percival proposed that the Treasurer's report and accounts for 2020/21 be approved by the membership, seconded by Denis Lawlor. The vote was then carried.*

## Membership Report

As of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021 there were 117 members of Wessex TREC club, including 1 honorary member, 5 supporter members and 8 junior members.

Despite a dip in renewals last autumn/winter, owing to COVID lockdowns and the lack of events, numbers have grown significantly this year – 34 new members since January.

However, the renewal process for 2021/22 is in progress and we expect there to be some drop-off initially with numbers then steadily growing throughout the year – this seems to be the general pattern.

We have sent out 5 newsletters to members this year and have also introduced a members Only Facebook page, administered by Jan Tucker. We also have a members' area on our new web site, currently not restricted.

### Election of Committee

As required by the constitution, all the committee members stood down at the meeting. However, all were willing to stand for re-election. No further nominations had been received, therefore *Janice Bridger proposed that the existing committee be re-elected for a further year; this was seconded by Angela Percival and carried by the members present.*

### Presentation of Awards

The following awards were announced and the winners congratulated:

Best junior: Eleanor Prescott  
Volunteer of the year: Lois Eyre  
Best Newcomer: Louise Carter  
Most improved: Debbie Hodder  
Person going above and beyond: Helen Curley

### Close of Business

Helen Curley thanked those present for their attendance and encouraged everyone to put forward any ideas or suggestions for future events, activities and venues. The meeting closed at 3.15 pm.