



WESSEX TREC

Annual General Meeting of Wessex Trec Club
on Saturday 29nd October 2022
at 2.00pm in Quenington Village Hall, GL7 5BS

MINUTES

Present:

Sally Ashwin; Alex Baldwin; Melanie Bowers; Angela Buckle; Helen Curley; Lois Eyre; Sue Giddings; Sue Hargreaves; John Hargreaves; Fran Huckle; Sheila Jones; Niki King; Denis Lawlor ; Chris Massey; Phoebe Parsons ; Sharon Petchey;

Apologies:

Kirsty Adams; Yvonne Allen; Jane Anscombe; Erin Baldwin; Hilary Barnard; Michelle Bowe; Julie Brand; Janice Bridger; Katie Briscoe; Louisa Burke; Karen Butt; Vicky Cresswell; Helen Edwards; Charlie Fleming; Jo Gardiner; Helen Halpin; Christine Harling; Jane Hulbert; Martina Kasar; Zara Lawlor; Sarah Lincoln; Jon Lomas; Margaret Lomas; Laura Mackay; Ann Maisel; Joanna Messenger; Mike Messenger; Gillian Miller; Willa Muir; Janet Overend; Julian Pearce; Laura Pearce; Caroline Pederick; Angela Percival; Eleanor Prescott; Becky Rice-Chandler; Millie Rice-Chandler; Amelia Shire; Mark Shire; Jan Tucker; Jo Vincent; Vanessa Warren; Mary Williams;

Approval of minutes of the AGM on 2nd October 2021

Members were asked to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting. One spelling correction was made. *This was proposed by Sharon Petchey, seconded by Denis Lawlor and carried by those present. The minutes were therefore adopted and signed by the Chairperson.*

Chair's Report

Since October 2021 it has been nice to get back to normal after the pandemic. Wessex have continued to hold a variety of events in the last year on foot map reading, PTV, POR rides. 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 are also the second largest club in the country. Last Winter we held 7 winter qualifier Arena TRECs, 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 boasted huge trophies; this league will be held again this year and 6 winter qualifiers have already been booked for this winter season.

Our summer season this year kicked off with a practice POR for level 1 riders organised by Lois Eyre which was great preparation for newcomers for the season ahead with participants coming from far and wide.

Then we had our Spring Camp at Bucklebury and for those lucky enough to participate as places sold out within 48 hours. It was a great learning experience as well as a lot of fun and great food – thank you Sally and special thanks to Jan, Janice, Janet and Phoebe for all your hard work and all the other volunteers who mucked in.

Our first summer TREC was at Newbrook near Dursley, where we received a very warm welcome from our hosts who could not have been more helpful, and the views along the POR of the Cotswold Hills were amazing, for those who lifted their heads from their maps for long enough to admire them!

All our events this summer were blessed with good weather, none more so than at Deer Park in July which almost bit the dust because of the high temperatures forecast. However, careful mitigation measures were put in place and it went ahead with no ill effects on horses or riders—so congratulations to the organisers - a lot of lessons were learned that week! Our final event of the summer was our very first 10:10 competition, a one-day event held near Marlborough in August, once again organized by Lois, celebrating her 10th anniversary of organizing TREC events. Thank you to all the organisers and helpers for these events. They are a huge amount of work to put on and we couldn't do it without you!

Looking forward, we have so much planned for this coming year including 6 Winter competitions, PTV training, our social map club, we have dates booked in for 2 full Summer TRECs as well as hosting the TREC GB National Championships, which this year will host Levels 1-4!

It is a pleasure to be on the Wessex TREC committee - we all work so well together as a team and I look forward to many more social evenings organising with our new committee members 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

Sheila Jones commented on the 10:10 competition and suggested we held more of these. Lois Eyre asked if the boundary dispute between Wessex TREC and Moonrakers and South had now been resolved and if this meant she was now free to organize events in her area, south of the A4. It was explained that the boundary had been imposed by TREC GB for one year only while M&S were under probation. They had now been granted official status and the boundary was no longer in place. This meant that the clubs were free to organize events in any area, but it was recognized as a courtesy and common practice for clubs to consult neighbouring clubs for agreement first.

John Hargreaves proposed that the Chair's report be approved by the membership, seconded by Alex Baldwin. The vote was then carried.

Treasurer's Report

Wessex Trec Club started this year on a balance of £10,221.33

At the request of the landowner, we donated the £100 parking fee for the Avebury Trusloe POR to the Upper Kennet Churches Ukraine appeal, and £100 to Cleave Common Trust to help with the upkeep of the common.

We only have two income sources which are the membership fee and entry fees. Our income this year was £27,808.80

Our biggest costs this year were venue hire which was over £9000 and our Trec GB affiliation and associated fees of just over £2000. We also refunded £2,869 in entry fees.

Due to the exceptionally hot weather we had a lot of riders withdraw for our summer Deer Park competition. We also put in place more measures to keep both animals and people safe throughout that weekend. Subsequently this event ran at a loss of over £700. All other events have been well attended.

We finish this year with a balance of £14,113.94.

A copy of the Auditor's report for this financial year is attached at Appendix A

Q&A

There had been no further enlightenment on the fraud pertaining to the use of the account to set up a Vodafone account which was reported last year, however the situation had been resolved.

There was a request for new low branches and a 3 step mounting block. This would be considered by the committee. Chris Massey still has a wooden mounting block and Helen Curley still has 2 heavy wooden bridges to be disposed of.

Sally Ashwin proposed that the Treasurer's report and accounts for 2021/22 be approved by the membership, seconded by Sheila Jones. The vote was then carried.

Membership Secretary's Report

As of the end of September we had 141 members, which included 1 honorary member, 7 supporter members and 9 junior members.

The majority of members came from Gloucestershire (27); Oxfordshire (15) and Wiltshire (35), but also significant numbers from Berkshire, Avon and Bristol; Herefordshire and Worcestershire; and 6 from Wales. And we attract others from as far as Dorset, Hertfordshire, Somerset, Devon and Surrey.

As always, at renewal time a number of people fall by the wayside for various reasons, so this year 10 members have informed me that they will not be renewing, 32 have not responded to my request to renew their membership, totalling 42. However, new members are joining all the time (4 so far in October) bringing the current total to 104.

Election of Committee

As required by the constitution, all the committee members stood down at the meeting. Retiring members were Melanie Bowers, Christine Harling, Sue Hargreaves and John Hargreaves. The remaining members were willing to stand for re-election.

Lois Eyre proposed that the remaining committee be re-elected for a further year; this was seconded by Mel Bowers and carried by the members present. Yvonne Allen; Helen Curley; Fran Huckle, Zara Lawlor, Phoebe Parsons and Jan Tucker were therefor duly re-elected to the committee.

Two people had put themselves forward for election to the committee (Kirsty Adams and Sue Giddings) whilst 2 further members were willing to be co-opted temporarily to help with organization of the Championships this summer (Sharon Petchey and Caroline Pederick). *There were no objections so Lois Eyre proposed that these four be elected to the committee, seconded by Sheila Jones and the motion was carried by those present.*

Sharon Petchey requested it be noted that it is not essential for a member to be a committee member in order to be an event organizer.

Individual committee roles will be appointed at the first committee meeting following the AGM.

Presentation of Awards

The following awards were announced and the winners congratulated:

Volunteer of the year: Michael Messenger

Person going above and beyond: Christine Harling

Best comeback: Nichola Peace

Most improved: Alex Baldwin and Charlotte Fleming

Special Achievement Award: Kirsty Adams and Eleanor Prescott

Rosettes Kilometriques were awarded to the following people:

50km

Erin Baldwin

Alex Baldwin

Gillian Miller

Janice Bridger

Zara Lawlor

Chris Paine

100km

Eleanor Prescott

Fran Huckle

Diane Green

Erin Baldwin

Alex Baldwin

Chris Paine

Angela Buckle

Close of Business

Helen Curley thanked the retiring members of the committee for their invaluable service and presented thank you gifts.

She 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 3.00 pm.

APPENDIX A - AUDITOR'S REPORT

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28th October

2022

Melanie Bowers
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Dear Mel,

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

Thank you for asking me to again audit the year end statement for Wessex Trec club, I insert a copy of my Independent Audit Report for your report.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Regards,

Lucy Gray

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

Wessex Trec Club

I have carried out an audit on the Wessex Trec Club Account for dates inclusive of 01/10/2021-30/09/2022.

My audit involved locating evidence surrounding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. I have discovered that the financial statements are free from material misstatement. It has been great to note that further measures have been put in place to reduce the risk of Fraudulent activity within the account.

In addition, I read all the financial and non-financial information in your report, along with all supporting information within the account file and have not been able to identify any relevant inconsistencies.

In my opinion the club's financial statements: give a genuine and good view of the state of the club's affairs as at 30/09/2022 and of its profit for the year then ended.

I would see benefit in the club analysing data into further identification codes, to include but not limited to the breakdown of sundry payment categories. Noted that catering costs are a large sum throughout the financial year and I would see great benefit in detailing these within the costs. Perhaps the list mitigated by removal of items not used for a considerable period.