

## Minutes of the committee meeting of Cheshire EGB held at The Laurels, Brick Bank Lane, Allstock on Wednesday 24 January 2018

**Present:** Liz Finney (LF) Pat Guerin (PG) Muriel Taylor (MT) Sandra Peters (SP) Pennie Drummond (PD) Cathrine Sandberg (CS) Mandy Morris (MM) Lesley Harrison (LH)

Item	Minutes	Action
1	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> Anna Collins (AC)	
2	<b>Confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting</b> The minutes were confirmed.	
3	<b>Matters Arising</b> The committee are very sad to note that AC is resigning as of the AGM. Our thanks to Anna for her huge contributions for the past three years. The committee also thanked SP for her efforts in organising the raffle for the AGM and her great enthusiasm throughout the busy year. We still don't have any minutes from the Groups meeting and none are likely to be forthcoming. There has been calls for a Cheshire Group spook busting clinic but several are being organised around the North West including one in Cheshire later in the year. The committee doesn't see the need to arrange one for the moment but will reassess later in the year.	
4	<b>Treasurer's Report</b> The balance was £3,550.00 in the Cheshire EGB Account. Rosettes have now been purchased. Accounts have been audited.	
5	<b>Membership Secretary's Report</b> No full membership list has been issued by EGB since last year. Members have started to renew their memberships. PG will continue to do membership secretary for now but will e-mail last year's membership list to committee to see if someone else can create an easy list of e-mail addresses to enable helper forms to be e-mailed out.	PG
6	<b>PR</b> CS also to give access to LF, PG, AC and LH to Facebook Page and issue help notes. Ask AC for template for bulletin from last year and soft copy of flyer + find out where AC got them printed. Jane Stewart has previously expressed interest in joining committee PG to ask if she may be interested in taking on PR or assisting in other ways. LF will also put something on website to appeal for committee members including deadline for helper forms.	CS CS PG LF
7	<b>Update on Annual Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> Feb</b> Heyrose booked for 8 <sup>th</sup> of February. Cost per ticket will be £15. Ticket sales going well, arrangements more or less finalised.	
8	<b>Training Day Feb 18<sup>th</sup></b> Winter Training Day – LF has confirmed with Andraya and Claire and booked Dean Valley. 8 people have booked on so far.	
9	<b>EGB Volunteer Day Feb 10<sup>th</sup></b> MT & CT are going, PG & LF also said they'll go. MM will confirm if she can go. Will raise point re membership info being sent out as Access Database extract rather than excel which would be easier for groups to handle.	
10	<b>Report from Congleton Ride</b> Day went well, 20 members and 22 non-members attended. Everyone enjoyed the ride and we made a profit of £377.	
11	<b>Confirm 2018 ride dates</b> <u>Trans Pennine</u> – TBA MM struggling for venue, will look at options around Carrington. <u>Frolic</u> – Forest commission at Delamere have e-mailed PG saying that they are unlikely to let us have the venue this year and it would not be financially viable to run Kelsall as a standalone ride. <u>Wirral</u> – 9 June <u>Whitegate</u> – 21 July	MM

	<p><u>Chester Zoo</u> – 26 August EGB Website needs correcting as 42km option has been included despite MM saying it's not viable.</p> <p><u>Oswestry/Malpas</u> – September? Various venues being considered currently no Organiser</p> <p><u>Delamere</u> – 13 October</p> <p><u>Congleton</u> – PG will provisionally book for 18 November.</p>	PG
<b>12</b>	<p><b>Online entries for PR's</b></p> <p>Online Entries – MT will pick up with Cath Houghton re PayPal. PD also suggested we should look at "Entry Master", she will forward details to MT.</p>	MT PD
<b>13</b>	<p><b>Volunteers for Rides</b></p> <p>CS had done basic schedule illustrating that we are likely to have a significant shortfall of helpers to covers the currently suggested schedule. Unless significantly more support is offered by members we may need to reduce the number of rides we organise this year. The consequence of not making such a decision would be that unreasonable pressure is put on a few members to cover most of the rides.</p> <p>Ride organisers to send list of last year's helpers and jobs required for each ride to CS so she can add to schedule.</p> <p>Further appeals for helpers to be posted on website and mentioned at the AGM.</p> <p>Helper appeals to be posted on Facebook once on the website.</p>	PG,LF, MM  LF MM/CS
<b>14</b>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>SP will enquire at Hope Valley re shopping evening.</p> <p>8 Black portrait style covered clipboards to be purchased.</p>	SP PG
<b>16</b>	<p><b>Date of next meeting.</b></p> <p>8.00pm Wednesday the 14 March at The Laurels.</p>	