



## UNRATIFIED DRAFT

### **BDS Wales Annual General Meeting Community Hall, Newbridge on Wye Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 1.00pm**

#### **Members present**

Ms J Lambert, Ms R Royle, Mr P. Scheffler, Mrs S. Scheffler, Mrs P Hopkins, Mrs J. Todd, Ms A Davies, Mrs G. Kesans, Mr N. Buffery, Mrs A. Birch, Mr B. Birch, Mr N. Dutson, Mrs P. Dutson, Mrs H. Stevens, Mr R. Stevens, Ms A. Say, Mrs M. Peters, Mrs M. Greatorex, Mr M Greatorex, Mrs A. Ham, Miss E. Ham, Mr C. Jones, Ms H. Mann, Mrs R Headworth, Mr Trevor Savage, Mrs Tracey Jones

#### **1. Welcome and address by the chairman Mrs M Peters**

The Chairman Mrs M. Peters opened the BDS Wales Annual General meeting welcoming members and thanking them, and committee members, for attending today's meeting. The Chair introduced the new Area Commissioners, Ms Edwina Hart and Ms Joanne Lambert; Mr Neil Buffery as Rights of Way Officer and Ms Sally Lloyd as providing website support.

Ms Janet Williams is no longer serving as AC and thanks were expressed for all her work in the past and best wishes for the future.

#### **Funding**

Headquarters have discussed retrospective payment of costs on application but in Wales we will still have funding as a grant.

Members must book into events in order to meet the requirements of health and safety, insurance and to ensure space is allocated. Events need to be published to be seen to be run by the BDS and Risk Assessments submitted to the BDS Wales Secretary.

#### **Training**

In Harness funding supported Road Driving Training held in South Wales and this was very well supported by 22 members. Feedback from members and Sara Wildy who led the training was very positive.

There is a further sum from In Harness to be utilised for member's training in North Wales.

Committee are also looking at training for Rights of Way and Safeguarding.

### Website

The BDS Wales website is now in operation and provides useful information about all aspects of the organisation in Wales activities in the areas etc.

Thanks were expressed to Chris Laing for his excellent work in setting up the site for which he made no charge and for his ongoing support, for which he is only charging £100 per annum. Chris has also provided training for which he has been paid some travelling expenses.

Thanks were also expressed to Sally Lloyd who is now assisting in updating the site.

### Young Drivers

Our Young Drivers have had a fantastic year and Angela Sixsmith gave extremely positive feedback on the Welsh portfolio competition that she judged in which Yuris Kesans, Sara Baines and Josiah Rowlands were the winners in their respective age groups. Sara and Josiah were also winners of the UK wide portfolio award.

In the Brian Simms competition, welsh Young Drivers again did extremely well with Melita Powell winning the 10-14 age category, with Jack Kedward a very close second and Callum Jones a very close second in the older age group.

Michelle congratulated all the young Drivers and with Emily Ham presented the National Endeavour Trophy to Callum Jones.

### Camp

An excellent camp took place at the home of Mr John Bulmer, where there are excellent facilities The charge for camp was £100 plus stabling costs.Thanks were expressed to everyone who assisted in making camp a huge success. The small amount left from the charges, once expenses were covered, will be offered to cover travelling expenses for those who very kindly brought ponies for the use of the Young Drivers.

### BDS Wales Show

The BDS Wales Show accounts were presented and a report read by Michelle, who is also the BDS Wales Show Director. The show also achieved a small profit as a result of good entries and excellent sponsorship.

### TREC

The TREC Championship, in which 4 turnouts participated was a success, was organised by Morfyd Greatorex and members in her area. Thanks were expressed for the efforts of everyone involved.

The Championship in 2017 will be organised by AC Pat Dutson and Area 49

### Thanks

Michelle thanked everyone who made the events happen, sponsors, organisers and volunteers on behalf of the BDS Wales Committee.

### BDS Diamond Jubilee

It was explained that marking the Diamond Jubilee with events in all areas had been discussed in committee and it is planned to take these forward.

### Retirement of Officials

There is no new changes due to retirement.

## **2. Apologies for absence.**

Mr C. Ward, Mrs J Bravery, Mr R. Hopkins, Mr M Kesans Mrs A. Kesans, Mr S Kesans, Mr L Dagge, Mr C Laing, Ms R Moyse, Mr P Edwards.

## **3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 15th November 2015**

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously accepted as a true record

Proposed: J Todd

Seconded: M Greatorex

## **4. Matters arising from the Minutes**

### BDS Wales Show

Michelle reported on the BDS Wales Show explaining a new committee had been put in place and monthly meetings held to facilitate the running and promotion of the show, no expenses had been taken by the committee members.

Judges at the show had been Sophie Adkins and Jo Halnan Blackwell who had praised the standard of turnouts that were presented. The Best shod award was judged by Nigel Brown.

Two slots were incorporated into the schedule for Disabled Drivers and these were well supported.

Michelle thanked sponsors, competitors and everyone who gave their time to make the show a success.

The show made a small profit of £149.50 and the show accounts were explained in that whilst the balance showed some £2,072 the real amount was £1421.04 as £100 was outstanding with £500 owed to individuals who had paid 'up front' for items. The situation regarding delay in settling the final account lay in the need to change the bank mandate to cover new show committee members which had proved to be very time consuming.

### Tannoy System

The tannoy system has been amalgamated with equipment provided by Morfydd and her husband and is now in operation.

## **5. Treasurer's Report**

Amanda explained her report covered 20 months which made comparisons on the finances from year to year a little more difficult. However, savings have been made e.g. by using less expensive venues for committee meetings and the AGM and car sharing.

Additional costs relate to things such as setting up the website and postage in respect of the appointment of a new AC in North Wales.

The treasurer's report was unanimously accepted

Proposed: Helen Manns,

Seconded: Morfydd Greateorex

## **6. Matters Arising from the Previous Treasurer's Report**

There were no matters arising.

## **7 Proposals submitted for consideration**

Three proposals, which were made available to members prior to the meeting, were put forward to the membership with recommendations by the BDS Wales Committee and a full explanation of the recommendations. There was also a full discussion by the members before each vote.

One proposal was passed and this is for BDS Wales to actively engage with agricultural shows that have, or have had carriage driving classes to try to deter demonstrations at these shows and regain active full classes. BDS Wales will therefore be sending out a letter to all agricultural shows in Wales offering help and advice with regard to setting up carriage driving classes and/or improving those that already exist.

It was reported that next year there will be five area shows in addition to the BDS Wales Show.

#### **10. Date and Venue of the next meeting**

Michelle concluded by thanking everyone on the BDS Wales Committee for their hard work over the year, both in their individual roles and also as a team, she also thanked members for attending and Morfydd and Mick Greatorex for providing the buffet and raffle for the AGM

The next AGM will take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Weekend in November at Newbridge on Wye Community Hall.

**The meeting closed at 2.45pm**