



## **MINUTES OF DABBERS TRIALS CLUB MEMBERS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023,**

**West Row Village Hall, Chapel Road, West Row,**

**Bury St Edmunds, IP28 8NY**

**1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:**

Andy Stevens opened and chaired the meeting, welcomed everyone with thanks for attending and introduced the club's officials.

Attending the meeting: Alana and Andy Stevens, Jon Leeke, Graham Butcher, Dave Ryan, Nick Dyble, Bec Hearle, Paul Neilson, Alan Baker, Phil Bailey, Pete Rank, Ian Kidd, Debbie and Martyn Bishop, Sally and Steve Dyer, Mick Howard, Sharen and John Halfpenny, Robert Edwards.

**2. NON-ATTENDANCE APOLOGIES:** were received from: Jonathan Redman, Paula and Jamie Wyatt. Tina and Ian Grinsell.

**3. CLUB OFFICIALS:** Officials are: Andy Stevens – Chairman, Alana Stevens – Secretary, Paul Neilson – Membership Secretary, Nick Dyble, John Halfpenny.

PROPOSAL: The current Club officials should remain in position for the coming season. Jon Leeke proposed that the existing club officials should remain in place. Seconded by Graham Butcher. All agreed.

**4. THANK YOU:** to all the observers, helpers and landowners.

The Chairman thanked all observers, helpers and land owners for their continued support. There was round of applause from all present.

**5. GENERAL DISCUSSION:** re event format, venues, calendar dates etc.

John Halfpenny observed that we are short of venues with high banks or climbs since losing Crimpleham pit as a venue. The venues we have are good and Nick Dyble mentioned that Middleton Pit could be available should we need it.

Dave Ryan mentioned that we have been asked to do an arena trial at Festival of Wheels at Trinity Park, Ipswich on 3rd and 4th August next year.

Trial dates are roughly the same each year whilst trying to avoid events such as the Founders Day rally.

Paul Neilson has noticed that our New Year trial date has clashed with Woodbridge Butley trial.

John Halfpenny proposed moving it to the 7th January. Seconded by Paul Neilson and all in favour. This will need to be confirmed with the land owner and food van.

Andy Stevens will also check with the land owner to see if we can use an additional area for the New year trial.

There was a discussion re a training day at Bramley wood. To be planned with in next few weeks. – Nick Dyble

There was a suggestion for a championship for the Veterans. This could be introduced in the future, but as we have only been running it for one season it will remain as a non-championship class for now.

Proposal: The club will trial an on-line entry form. If successful, it will be introduced as the standard method of entering trials during this season. Proposed by Bec Hearle, Seconded by John Halfpenny. All in favour.

Members are to be reminded that they should let the club know if they can't attend an event after entering it rather than just not turning up. If the trial is oversubscribed, someone else could take their place.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT: A single page overview was presented by Alana Stevens. It is attached below.
7. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT: Paul Neilson presented and membership report. It is attached below.
8. CHARITY DONATIONS: Last season the club supported the Blood Runners and Prostate Cancer. Over £3000 was donated with thanks to all club members.

For this season: Dave Ryan suggested Blood Runners again. Breast Cancer and Cam Sight were also mentioned. The proposal is that we support all three. Proposer: John Halfpenny, Seconder: Graham Butcher. All agreed.

Next year we will ask Gary Palmer to supply quiz questions for the two day charity event. The Ryan family will run it with him.

9. DABBERS TRAILER: It's now old and requires regular repairs. Should we replace it? All agreed that the trailer should be replaced. There was a discussion re cost and raising money. John Halfpenny proposed that the committee will begin the search for a suitable trailer. We can use club funds up to £4000. If more money is required, a fund-raising campaign will begin. This was seconded by Nick Dyble and all agreed.

Jon Leeke mentioned that he has a possible customer for the old trailer.

**10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Club President: Since Dick passed away, we have no club president. It is considered that Dick is a hard act to follow and the club will carry on without a president for now.

Observer shortages: Should we pay observers by adding a small amount to the rider entry fee? Sally Dyer said that money is not the issue and the offer of, say £10 to observe is unlikely to attract any additional help.

It was also noted that recently, we have usually been able to find just enough observers and Club organisers do not have to give up their rides so often.

The club championships are based on the 5 best results out of 6 trials, so riders can give up a ride once per season to help with observing.

Sally and all other observers would like to thank the riders that help to clear up the sections after a trial.

**11. MEETING CLOSE:**

Andy Stevens thanked all for attending and closed the meeting.

**DABBERS FINANCIAL REPORT 2023**

	<b>2022/2023</b>	<b>2021/2022</b>	<b>2020/2021</b>
<b>Opening Balance</b>	£4,784.00	£3,439.43	£3,434.75
<b>Entries</b>	£12,941.74	£12,515.88	£6,763.68
<b>AMCA fees</b>	£3,636.10	£3,706.20	£2,146.30
<b>Landowner fees</b>	£2,580.00	£2,799.00	£1,659.00
<b>Travel</b>	£440.00	£480.00	£400.00
<b>Observers Refreshments</b>	£1,532.64	£1,010.00	£394.71
<b>Marking out equipment</b>	£319.37	£400.08	£4.00
<b>Scoring cards</b>	£371.39	£562.87	£27.98
<b>Trailer repairs</b>	£602.95	£416.79	£162.12
<b>First Aid</b>	£1,036.68		£140.69
<b>Membership fees</b>	£1,035.00	£908.20	£104.85
<b>Misc In (inc charity)</b>	£2,706.64	£4,065.89	£760.41
<b>Mic Out (inc charity)</b>	£6,091.16	£6,863.47	£2,689.47
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>£4,857.09</b>	<b>£4,784.00</b>	<b>£3,439.43</b>
<b>Charity donations</b>	£3,510.00	£2,780.00	£1,500.00
<b>Charity fund available</b>	£416.47	£1,082.10	

## Membership Secretary's Report 2022/23

We have the following membership of the club

5 Officials

12 Observer Members

207 Rider Members

Income from membership has been

£ 1035.00

There is a small difference between my figures & those of the Treasurer because some members pay by Paypal but don't use friends & family which means the club incurs a small admin fee.

Membership has increased by 25 over the previous year so it would appear we are still as popular

There have been very few problems this year, the box at Ashdon once again proved popular & makes the job a whole lot easier.

I am happy to continue in my role for the forthcoming year, especially as Ive already started.

Paul Neilson

Membership Secretary