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|  | | | **WEALD HARNESS CLUB**  President: Mr Barrie Luck  Club founded in 1977.  **30.11.2022 Minutes of Committee Meeting** | | | |
| 1 | | **ATTENDANCE:** The Meeting was attended by Jane Lamb, Alison Drew, Susi Anderson, Barrie Luck, Janet Ashdown and Sally O’Nion.  Apologies for absence were received from Georgie Ashdown | | | |  |
| 2 | | **MINUTES** of the last meeting were signed as a correct record.  . | | | |  |
| 3 | | **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:** There were no matters arising from the Minutes. | | | |  |
| 4 | | **MEMBERSHIP –** up on previous years which were low due to COVID restrictions. Still not as high as in years pre 2019. | | | |  |
| 5 | | **FINANCE:** It has been a good year, currently showing £1,017 profit. This is the first time we have been in profit since 2016. At present the club has a bank balance of £7,738.66. | | | |  |
| 6 | | **EVENTS**: The visit to the Carriage Museum didn’t happen, due to lack of interest.  The joint event at Old Hay with Bradbourne Carriage Driving Club at the end of July was successful and both Clubs made a small profit of £84.00 net.  The new venue at Bethersden hosted and run by Alison Drew in August was well attended and very popular.  Training at Saddlesdane Equestrian Centre with Jane, is booked for 2 November and 13th December. The first session on 25th October went well with 4 turnouts. We have a Christmas Dinner booked at The Halfway House, Brenchley on 9th December and Saddlesdane is booked for 21st December from 11-4 for a fun event.  Alison has offered to hopefully hold another ODE at Chequer Tree Fishery next year, depending on the availability of the field, so no date can be decided yet. Jane is planning an ODE at Old Hay for about mid August. It needs to be after haymaking! She will host more “Have A Go” or World Cup events in 2023 as these have been very popular. | | | |  |
| 7 | | **CORRESPONDENCE -** There has been an email from British Carriagedriving re Club Affiliation | | | |  |
| 8 | | **PR, NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE –**  It was noted that the website is not as up to date as  it should be. Jane is going to speak to Georgie and possibly get in touch with Kirstie Farrant again. Also Alison knows someone. Shepway and Oaks both have good websites | | | |  |
| 9 | | **ANY OTHER BUSINESS** There was a lot of discussion regarding British Carriagedriving’s proposed affiliation and membership plans. None of the local clubs are in favour of them and Jane is meeting up with Shepway and Indoor Carriage Driving to see what their proposals are. She also wants to find out what other SE clubs are doing. We are considering not affiliating with BC and getting our own insurance. If we become independent, it will mean a change to the Constitution and probably the year end date. We would need to have an Extraordinary General Meeting, possibly by email, so that we could send out a questionnaire with boxes for members to tick. We don’t have much time as BC want memberships at the beginning of January 2023.  BC are running fewer events. Their start fees cover office running costs. It seems that these days, with spiralling costs, most people are quite happy to attend smaller events, at reduced entry fee and travelling costs .  Alison wanted to know if we might merge with other clubs. Susi enquired if all the club’s assets had to be passed to British Carriage driving if the decision ever arose to cease WHC. | | | |  |
| 1O | | **DATE OF NEXT MEETING -** 13thNovember at 3pm at 2 Brick Kiln Cottages | | | |  |