

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE WEALD OF KENT PLOUGHING MATCH ASSOCIATION HELD ON 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2009, AT MARDEN CRICKET CLUB, MARDEN.

Present: Messrs O A REYNOLDS, W STEEL, A WISE, K BRITT, J FORKNALL, J R STEVENS, T OVERY, R THOMAS, G DADD, MISS R WICKHAM, MRS L MANNINGTON, M MARDEN, A MARDEN, S HIGHWOOD, R CHANTLER, C SMITH, M ENSOLL, W THOMPSON, G ECKLEY, N RIDLEY, S RIDLEY, M CLEVERDON, J SIMPSON & Mrs K WHEELER.

Apologies for Absence: Messrs A HURLEY, JR HENLEY, MC FOREMAN, M IDE, N HENLEY, C LILLYWHITE, G STONHAM, T CHAPMAN.

The President, Mr R Thomas opened the meeting by welcoming all those present, followed by a two minute silence following the sad loss of Mr Stuart Tipples.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING, HELD 9<sup>TH</sup> June 2008 as previously circulated were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Mr Thomas thanked the secretary and the committee for all their hard work over the year, and also thanked the hosts at Tilden Farm, Sissinghurst for their generous offer of their site for 2008 following the cancellation the previous year due to the threat of F&M disease. This match had been doubly important but stepped up to the mark and was an astounding success. Mr Thomas thanked the Eckley family for kindly offering a fabulous site at Staplehurst for this year, and to everyone who supports the Association in anyway, helping to ensure its continued success and growth.

CHAIRMANS REPORT: The Chairman, Mr T Overy thanked the committee for their hard work and support during his two years as Chairman, and through two completely different years. In particular thanks should go to the Secretary without whom the Chairman would be toast! Thanks also need to go to the sponsors for their massive financial support, long may it continue! In conclusion Mr Overy wished the new Chairman Mr Adam Wise good luck in his new post and even more luck to the Committee!

MATTERS ARISING: NONE

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

FINANCIAL REPORT: copy attached

Mr G Dadd reported that the final accounts for the last financial year were completed and had been presented to the committee who had approved and accepted them. The accounts showed a hum-dinger of a match showing an overall profit of £9782 over the two years, resulting in a bank balance of £39k. The gate alone netted just over £10k! Congratulations to everyone involved. As always, it was important to impress on the committee that it is imperative that the gate is good this year again and perhaps more emphasis is needed on chasing new advertisers for the schedule, but this was nit-picking really as we are a successful hard-working committee who have got the job right, but must ensure that we do not rest back on our laurels, but strive to maintain this growth.

Acceptance of the Accounts

Proposed: Mr JR Stevens

Seconded: Mrs L Mannington

Election of Officers

a.) President Mr M Ensoll

Proposed: Mr R Thomas

Seconded: Mr T Overy

Mr Ensoll thanked the Committee for their nomination, he could only hope that they knew what they were doing!

