

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE WEALD OF KENT PLOUGHING MATCH ASSOCIATION HELD ON 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2008, AT MARDEN CRICKET CLUB, MARDEN.

Present: Messrs O A REYNOLDS, W STEEL, A WISE, K BRITT, J FORKNALL, M IDE, J R STEVENS, T OVERY, R THOMAS, J SIMPSON, G DADD, N BURDGE, N WICKHAM, MISS R WICKHAM & Mrs K WHEELER.

Apologies for Absence: C LILLYWHITE, N OVERY, N HENLEY, W THOMPSON, M MARDEN, A MARDEN, M SCOTT, R CHANTLER, G ECKLEY, S RIDLEY, N RIDLEY, MRS L MANNINGTON, G STONHAM, M FOREMAN, T CHAPMAN.

The President, Mr R Thomas opened the meeting by welcoming all those present.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING, HELD 4<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 for their generous offer of another site for 2008. The dress rehearsal for 2007 had all gone exceptionally well, it was very sad therefore that it had come to nothing. It had been very nerve-racking with only 24 hours to go to have to make a decision to cancel, especially in light of the fact that it had nothing to do with the weather as could have been expected as had happened in the past, but because of the threat of FMD. The decision to cancel had definitely been the right one, especially as the remaining Kent matches followed suit very quickly. It was also worth noting that many representatives from the trade, sponsors and public had confirmed their support for the decision. Special thanks should also go to Four Jays who had only charged the Association the deposit for its marquee hire when their contract had specified that 100% should be paid if cancellation was made less than 7 days before the event.

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 show a loss of £300, as the accountants have rolled forward the income from trade/advertising and entries. Therefore as mentioned previously, it was important to impress on the committee that it is imperative that the gate is good this year.

It was decided that a small sub-committee would meet to consider the proposition of offering a bursary and would report back at the next meeting.

Acceptance of the Accounts

Proposed: Mr JR Stevens

Seconded: Mr W Steel

Election of Officers

a.) President

Mr R Thomas

Proposed: Mr T Overy

Seconded: Mrs K Wheeler

b.) Vice-Presidents

Messrs: Messrs D Barham, G Beard, R Bezant, N Burdge, J Butler, W Calcutt, R Coleman, A Day, M Dear, G Fletcher, M Foreman, J Henley, D Kirby, Lord P Mayhew QC, O A Reynolds, M Scott, W Steel, D Stevens, JR Stevens, R Thomas, P Tipples, S Tipples, R Warner, M Wheeler, N Wickham, P Wickham, J Worsfold, B Wright.

Proposed: Mr W Steel en bloc

Seconded: Mr M Ide

