

NORTH EASTERN DRIVING TRIALS LTD

14th Annual General Meeting held on 16th January 2011 at The Bridge Inn, Walshford at 10.30am.

Present: President, Vice-chairman & 54 members.

Apologies: Ken Walmsley, Joanne Thomas, Joe Hodgson, Wendy & Stephen Stromberg, Steve & Liz Kerry, Heather Clark, David & Julia Wagstaff-Myers, Debbie Dale, Ruth Jackson, Sarah Clarkson, Tony Mould, Jane & Ben Smith.

Barry Hilditch opened the meeting by sending best wishes to the chairman, Ken, for a speedy return to good health.

Minutes of the previous AGM had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was proposed by Sheila Hawking and seconded by Steve Nichols that they be accepted as a true record. They were accepted by the members & signed by the vice-chairman.

Vice-Chairman's Report:

Barry Hilditch reported on another successful year in 2010 despite membership falling from 94 to 90. There were six indoor events which produced new members and six two day events averaging 49 competitors which was the highest average entry for any Club in the country.

A marquee and entertainment was provided at every event and training and a plaeday provided at Escrick Park. In addition to two presentations at Bishop Burton, there was an Introduction to Driving at Follifoot. The annual Helper's Lunch at East Keswick was well attended & much enjoyed. The Sponsored Drive in April at Escrick Park raised a record £6500 for Help For Heroes. £1300 was also raised for the Wish Upon A Star charity at the annual prizegiving dinner in November. There was a good attendance by club members at the judges & coursebuilders clinics at Penrith. The website is popular and well used and we now have a facebook page. A new computer and printer have been purchased which are used for administration and scoring. Allerton Park was the venue for our first Regional Event, although it only attracted 13 national competitors in addition to club competitors. New permanent obstacles were built at Escrick Park and Ripley Castle. Our only 5 stage marathon was held at Escrick Park.

Barry finished his report by thanking the many volunteers who gave up their time to help in many ways such as event organising, stewarding, obstacle building, computer training, administration etc. Special mention being made to Alwin Harrison for his hard work the past year. He concluded by saying that there was a need for more individuals to help. The next generation was needed.

Financial Report

The year ended with a balance of £5593 (£7787 in 2010)

Subscriptions and bank interest were down on last year and event expenses were greater due to marquee hire and provision of more toilets.

Patti Atkinson proposed and David Calvert seconded that the accounts be approved, and members voted in favour.

Appointment of Auditor

Lynne Longbottom proposed and Jean Calvert seconded that Johnathan Carter Ltd be appointed as Company Auditor.

Election of Officers

The president, Derek Holah, then assumed the chair.

He announced that Douglas Strachan, Barry Hilditch and Jane Wilson were retiring as directors according to the constitution, All were willing to stand for re-election. Ken Walmsley proposed and Alwin Harrison seconded that Julian Hartley stand for election. As there were no more nominations for office and there were four vacancies on the board, Derek proposed that they all be approved en bloc. Members voted in favour. He went on to propose that Ken Walmsley be re-appointed as chairman and members voted in favour.

Close

The vice-chairman then resumed the chair and closed the meeting at 10.53am.