**LINDUM EGB GROUP MEETING. WHITE HART, LUDFORD. 02.08.17**

PRESENT; Andrea Campbell, Helen Hilder, Graham Hilder, Thay Stephenson, Heather Burchnall, Sue Scarborough.

APOLOGIES; helen ganney, Bridie Lydon-Towle, Hannah Lydon, Sheila Ludlow.

MEMBERSHIP; Currently at 45 full members, 28 associates.

TREASURER; Looking very healthy at this point. The Pony Club money (£80) has not been added as yet. The group was given £100 by Lloyds Bank as compensation. This could be put towards subsidising the Christmas dinner.

DIARY: Auriols. Competitive GER , organised by Sheila Ludlow. 26th/27th August

Royalties Competitive GER ride, orginised by Thay Stephenson, 6th-8th October.

SOCIAL RIDES; Hemingby Straight organised by Caroline Taylor is booked for 24th September.

Bardney Memorial Ride, November 5th to include a cake stall for a donation to the Poppy appeal? Organised by Heather Burchnall. The points for this ride will go on 2018 card.

Christmas ride at Ravendale, 7th January? Sue Scarborough.

Andrea Campbell suggested a ‘quiz night’ as a social event. White Hart, Ludford?

Both Andrea Campbell and Danni Foster have kindly offered to run a social ride next season.

NATIONAL DIARY 2018; Problems this year due to rides in neighboring counties being scheduled for the same weekend or the following weekend as Lindum rides. Hopefully this will be rectified in 2018 with a change of organiser in EGB.

Lindum will be unable to put on several rides in 2018 with organisers withdrawing .

Sue Scarborough will be organiser for Wootton in March, with help from Andrea Campbell (marking) and Helen Hilder (experience!).

Silk Willoughby will have a rest in 2018 and return in 2019.

Willow Banks will not be run.

Cranwell will be co-organised by Thay Stephenson and Maria Lammin. The ride has a new venue Beeches lane, Carrington, PE22 7JD

HELPERS AND ORGANISERS: The group is experiencing problems due to the small number of members ( both full and associate) who help at rides and organise rides during the season. It has been frustrating and tiring for the few who have put effort and time into producing the really quite impressive calender of events for this season, for both national and social rides. It was decided to broach the subject on the Lindum Facebook page.

It was put forward that perhaps members/associates should be required to help at a ride to qualify for trophies but it was pointed out that we are trying to persuade riders to give in their cards at the end of the season and this would be another discouragement.

Andrea suggested that a ‘helper’ diary could be introduced onto the website. Organisers could ask for help with specific tasks.

Heather Burchnall also suggested that to reduce the load that food should be dropped from the social rides events which would bing us into line with Nottinghamshire and others. It was suggested that we could drop the sandwich/bun and provide a biscuit and drink. This was agreed as a possible move.

LINDUM SPIRIT; Despite the initial lack of help it went very well. Lots of ‘thankyous’ on the Facebook site etc.

AOB; Further to the ‘helper problem’, it was suggested that we ought to properly revive the voucher system. Help at 2 rides for a free ride voucher at a social ride. This was agreed. Heather will keep a count of helpers via online payments.

It was thought that we could ask sarah Hawken-Hebditch to look at the notts website re less to do when bookimg riders in at social events, even allocating numbers beforehand.

Heather suggested a ‘How to do Endurance’ evening , perhaps with Becky Broughton.

AGM date in early January, date to be arranged.

The group Annual Christmas Dinner has a new venue , on the 9th December thanks to Heather Burchnall at The Cross Keys????? Please ask Heather!!!!

NEXT MEETING’ the White Hart, Ludford, 27th September, 2017. 7.30 for 8.00pm.