



## **MINUTES OF THE DABBERS TRIALS CLUB MEMBERS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024,**

**West Row Village Hall, Chapel Road, West Row,**

**Bury St Edmunds, IP28 8NY**

**1. Welcome and Introductions.**

Andy Stevens opened the meeting and introduced the club officials.

Attending the meeting: Nick Dyble, Ian Grinsell, Tine Grinsell, Jon Leeke, Sharen Halfpenny, John Halfpenny, Guy Stanley, Peter Rank, Ian Kidd, Gary palmer, Alan Baker, Graham Butcher, Dave Ryan, Kevin Ryan, Keiran Ryan, Andy Stevens, Alana Stevens, Mick Butcher, and David Carter.

**2. Non-attendance apologies were received from: Sally and Steve Dyer, Ken Carroll, Rob Edwards, Alan Pain, Hannah Pain, Mick Howard, Joe Aley, Mark Cross, Paul Neilson.**

**3. CLUB OFFICIALS: Officials are: Andy Stevens – Chairman, Alana Stevens – Secretary, Paul Neilson – Membership Secretary, Nick Dyble, John Halfpenny.**

PROPOSAL: The current Club officials should remain in position for the coming season.  
Proposed – Ian, Seconded – Dave R. All in favour.

**4. THANK YOU: to all the observers, helpers, and landowners. The “thank you” was approved with a round of applause from the room.**

**5. GENERAL DISCUSSION: re event format, venues, calendar dates etc.**

This year the Nov trial will be at Middleton pit. Details will be on the Dabbers website soon.

The club is always looking for new venues. John Leeke mentioned the pit at Crimplesham opposite our old venue would be ideal and 4x4s already use it.

Alana mentioned that the Christmas trial will not include food from the van as part of the entry fee. However, the van will be on site for people to buy whatever they want. The entry fee will be adjusted accordingly.

We should bear in mind that Ashdon may not always be available for the summers 2-day event. Another venue should be considered if possible.

- 6. FINANCIAL REPORT:** A single page overview is available to all club members.  
Alana talked through the report (attached below). It was generally thought that our entry fee is sufficient at the moment and will not change for the coming season. The replacement trailer was purchased recently and is kitted out. The old trailer has been sold.  
The stock of Dabbers clothing will be run down. However, items will be available to purchase from a partner online seller.

- 7. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT:** Paul Neilson.  
The membership report is attached below. Paul is happy to continue in the role, however his laptop is not really up to it.  
Proposal: The club should purchase a laptop for this purpose. Proposed: Alana Stevens, Seconded: Andy Stevens. All in favour.

- 8. CHARITY DONATIONS:** Each year the club donates to a charity. Suggestions are welcome for our chosen charities next season.

Three charities were mentioned: Blood bikes, MAGPAS and East Anglian air ambulance. It was proposed to support all three. Proposer: John Leeke, Seconded: John Halfpenny. All in favour.

**9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Training day. Nick proposed a training day at Bramley Wood on as soon as possible after the October trial.

Alana will retire from her role as secretary and treasurer at the end of this season. Therefore, the club is looking for someone else to take this on. John Halfpenny thanked Alana and asked for a list of tasks that need to be taken on by others or a new person.

A “cashless” trial entry system was discussed. Pay online at time of entry. John Halfpenny will write a proposal to include online payments, refunds etc.

Nick Dyble will investigate the printing punch cards that are pre-numbered.

**10. MEETING CLOSE**

Andy Stevens closed the meeting at 22:00.

2024			
Dabbers Ledger			
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Opening Balance	2023/2024	2022/2023	2021/2022
	£5,161.40	£4,784.00	£3,439.43
Entry's	£12,903.26	£12,941.74	£12,515.88
AMCA Fees	£4,046.80	£3,713.80	£3,706.20
Landowner Fees	£2,617.00	£2,580.00	£2,799.00
Travel	£480.00	£440.00	£480.00
Observers			
food/Refreshments	£1,696.34	£1,532.64	£1,010.00
Marking out	£243.22	£424.36	£400.08
Scoring	£407.99	£371.39	£562.87
Trailer	£4,411.83	£602.95	£416.79
First Aid	£0.00	£1,036.68	£0.00
Memberships	£1,068.65	£1,035.00	£908.20
Misc In inc charity	£2,581.83	£3,193.64	£4,065.89
Mic Out inc charity	£4,318.09	£6,091.16	£6,863.47
Closing Balance	£3,427.36	£5,161.40	£4,784.00
Charity donations	£3,100.00	£3,510.00	£2,780.00
Charity pot available	£842.28	£416.47	£1,082.10

## Membership Secretary's Report 2023/24

We have the following membership of the club

5 Officials

12 Observer Members

214 Rider Members

Income from membership has been

£ 1068.65

Membership has increased by 7 over last year so it would appear we are still as popular

There have been very few problems this year, the box at Ashdon once again proved popular & makes the job a whole lot easier.

The Laptop I use for completing the memberships is very old & like me is becoming slower by the day, going forward could the club look to possibly supplying another laptop to complete the Memberships?

I am happy to continue in my role for the forthcoming year, especially as I've already started.

Paul Neilson

Membership Secretary