

## **TREC Southwest AGM Minutes**

**Friday 15th November at Kentisbeare Village Hall, Devon**

1. **Present:** Karen Harmer, Ann Butler, Anne Warner, Jenny Plastow, Lydia Thomas, Diana Milner, Anna Ames, Debbie Percy, Dominique Ricci, Hannah Smeed, Sarah Goodwillie, Frances Kelly, Becky Jury, Jo Jenkinson, Erica Taylor, Rick Taylor, Hilary Barnard, Janet Grindrod, Jo Cox, Gizzy Miller

2. **Apologies:** Shelagh Carter, Jen McCann, Kathryn Cresswell, Louise Carter, Martin and Susan Poole, Helen Halpin, Lizzy Hill, Vanessa Warren, Kay Kitson, Hattie Abretti, Karen Butt, Zara Lawlor, Kelly Foden, Kathy Whitehead, Yolande Ifold, Debbie Harris, Jacqui Pyle, Zara Lawlor, Julie Brand

3. Approval of the minutes from the AGM held on 15 March 2024.  
Approved: Hilary Barnard, Seconded: Erica Taylor

4. Matters Arising: None

5. Chairperson's Report. See attached.

6. Treasurer's Report. See attached.

7. Membership Report:

Previous year we had 89 members, we are currently running at 50.

Membership was due on 1 October. It was agreed to keep membership fee the same for 24/25 at Individual Riding £20pp; Family Riding £30pp, Supporter membership £5, Young Rider £10pp.

**ACTIONS: Would any members be interested in taking a First Aid Training Course? Please contact the committee via the club email: [trecsouthwestclub@gmail.com](mailto:trecsouthwestclub@gmail.com)**

8. TREC GB Report. Next Year's Nationals will be held on August Bank Holiday 2025, the venue will be in the Northamptonshire area.

9. Members ideas and feedback (previously submitted question) None received, see AOB.

10. Presentation of Club Awards: Gizzy presented the clubs awards:

Horse and Rider Partnership: Hilary Barnard and Aquila

TREC Horse of the Year: Badger

Volunteer of the Year: Kathy Whitehead

Moment of the Year: Kathryn Cresswell and Paddy

Long Suffering Partner of the Year: James Miller

Photo of the Year: Lydia Thomas

Rosettes for the league were also handed out:

Newcomer: Champion: Anne Butler, Reserve: Dominique Ricci

Novice: Champion: Jo Cox, Reserve: Di Milner

Intermediate: Champion: Jenny Plastow, Reserve Di Milner

Open Intermediate: Champion: Gizzy Miller, Reserve: Susie Ford

Open: Champion: Susie Ford, Reserve: Gizzy Miller.

11. The Year Ahead: Plans for 2025.
- There will be a training event in Poltimore - possibly May/June. A discussion was held whether this could extend to a camp or full competition. To be discussed further at the next committee meeting.
  - **ACTION: Anna Ames will discuss opportunities with Poltimore. If possible to report back before the next Committee meeting on 5th December.**
  - Venue charges are increasing. At the moment membership fees are sufficient to cover our current venues, but this will need to be monitored. Membership dynamics have changed as we now have more members in Somerset and less in Devon. Hence venues like Cannington sell out very quickly.
  - Other potential venues could be Badgworth, Pontispool, Chard, Coxley Barton and Ayton. We may need to increase entry fees depending on venue charges.
  - **ACTION: Erica Taylor offered to discuss the potential to use Badgworth as a training venue.**
  - **ACTION: Jo Cox offered to contact Pontispool regarding holding an Arena Trec competition** (they have steps, bank and water in their arena)
  - There will be another event at Cannington in March 2025.
  - There is no summer competition confirmed, but this is still being explored.
  - We are also still exploring a residential camp at Stockland Lovell. Other venues are also being researched and it was agreed that it does not necessarily have to have a training POR.
  - **ACTION: Heather Andrews and Domi Ricci have volunteered to help organise a camp. Could any other volunteers please contact the committee via email.**

12. Election of the 2025 Committee: The election of the committee for 2025: Gizzy Miller will not be continuing with the committee, but will be available to help. Hattie Abretti also resigned from the committee earlier in the year.

The following were nominated and seconded onto the Committee:

Jo Jenkinson

Dominique Rici

Di Milner

Anne Warner

Lydia Thomas

Hannah Smeed

Erica Taylor

This committee was proposed by Ann Butler and Seconded by Ann Warner and Debbie Percy. Roles and responsibilities will be confirmed at the next Committee Meeting to be held early December 2024.

**Members to note - you don't have to be a committee member to organise an event - any suggestions and offers of help are always welcome.**

13. Any other business:

Hat Tagger: If anyone is interested in becoming an accredited Hat Tagger please let the committee know via email. This entails a free online course with an 'exam' at the end

**ACTION: Any interested members please contact the committee via email and Lydia will be able to send you a link. Please put Hat Tagger in the subject line.**

Anna Ames informed the Committee that banks are beginning to charge for some club accounts. Committee agreed to keep an eye open for this.

The meeting closed at 20:30.

## Chairwoman's report: Gizzy Miller

This is my report for the year 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023 – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

We started off the year with a weekend of fun in West Devon with a pre checked POR ride from Hatherleigh on the Saturday, and our first winter league competition on the Sunday.

The rest of the winter season went smoothly with two competitions held at Cannington and our first held at Stockland Lovell. After being let down at Heazle, we tried to put a competition on at a new venue called Rathkenny stud with beautiful facilities in West Devon but sadly didn't get enough entries to run. Thank you to all our organisers and helpers, and special mention to Erica for organising Stockland Lovell which not only was it a new venue to us, but also Erica's first competition as organiser!

During the winter we also had another successful map club with lots of members joining online zoom sessions with Karen and Kathy, and then saw 3 on foot orienteering events at Knightshayes Court, Mendips and Weston-super-mare. Big thank you to those involved with putting on these events which kept everyone's brains and feet ticking over the winter months.

In January 2024 some of our members travelled to pick up some prizes from the TREC GB awards night in Stratford including summer league placings and Karen collected two prizes on behalf of the Dorchester Summer competition organising team which were reserve best summer POR and reserve best summer PTV. Cannington also won best winter venue for the year 2022-2023.

Hannah and Lydia organised a fantastic camp at Stockland Lovell in May this year with instructors Helen Wain and Tina Fitzgibbon. There were fun activities, goodie bags and we even got to have a go with the club dibbers! We had some really lovely feedback from this camp and lots of happy smiling faces heading home on the Sunday after the practice POR. Huge thank you to all involved to make that happen.

Susie and Anna did a sterling job as always of putting on a fun and friendly MA and PTV competition at Poltimore Park in June which was a great way to introduce some newcomers into the sport. The highlight of the day was of course visiting the lovely café at the end at Poltimore House!

Hattie organised a very well received training rally day at Barrow Farm late in June, with trainer Tina Fitzgibbon coming up to give some expert instruction in the morning, and a mini POR in the afternoon. Again, another great event to get people into the sport.

In mid July, TREC Southwest returned to Stourhead to the lovely Ros and Charles to put on a summer competition. Karen, Kathy and team worked their socks off to put this competition on and it seemed to be a huge success. Please remember to vote for Stourhead for the TREC GB awards if you agree!

Our last event of the membership year was a trec taster day and training with Tina Fitzgibbon at Poltimore House. It was pleasing so many people signed up to this and we had a waiting list. Watch this space as we are hoping to combine the training and competition at Poltimore next year!

Thank you very much to those who have helped and volunteered this year, and to the ladies at this table for forming the committee and all of your incredible hard work.



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Treasurers Report 2023/2024  
AGM 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024



**In Year – 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

▪ Opening Balance	£8595.99	
▪ Receipts	£23,382.51*	*minus Accruals In £1,705 (23/24 Subs & entries)
▪ Payments	£24,127.58**	**inc Accruals Out £1,336 (24/25 subs & entries)
▪ Total Year P&L	-£745.07	
▪ Closing Balance	£7,850.92	

**Total FY2023-2024**

▪ Receipts	£23,751.51*	*inc Accruals In £1,705 (23/24 Subs & entries)
▪ Payments	£24,127.58**	**minus Accruals Out £1,336 (24/25 subs & entries)
▪ Total Year P&L	-£376.07	

**Receipts FY2023-2024**

▪ Membership Fees	£1,408*	*inc Accruals In £690
▪ Entry Fees	£22,232**	**inc Accruals In £1,015
▪ After refunds	£21,158	
▪ Merchandise In	£69.00	
▪ Refund	£42.51 – Timing Sub refund	

**Payments FY2023-2024**

▪ Event Expenses	£17,115.76	
▪ Trec GB	£1950.10	
▪ Insurance	£786.85	
▪ Equipment	£2,273.11 – MA Timing, Gate, number cones, storage boxes, stop watches, clocks	
▪ Training	£376.00 – First Aid	
▪ Merchandise Out	£130 – Rule Books	
▪ Website & Zoom	£ 385.41– Domain name and website hosting + Calander	
▪ Refunds	£1,074.00– Withdrawals	
▪ Postage & Printing	£36.35	