

**COTTESMORE HUNT SUPPORTERS CLUB
MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD AT WING VILLAGE HALL ON
FRIDAY 17TH APRIL 2009**

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.10pm. There were 31 voting members present.

Apologies. Trish Ruddle, Clare Bell, Trish Holmes, Janet Mills, Sheila Irvine, Robin Smith-Ryland, Jo Morley, Anne & Mike Eley, Richard Trembath.

The Minutes of the 2008 Annual General Meeting, having been circulated, were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Christine Hawksfield, seconded by Max Stewart and unanimously carried.

Chairman's Report. Christine Hawksfield welcomed everyone to the meeting, including Jamie Hawksfield, Master of the Crawley and Horsham Hunt and also her brother in law, who would be speaking after the formal AGM business. Despite the difficult times, she was delighted that the CHSC was in a position to hand over to the Hunt a cheque for £16,000 and also that it was thriving with a continued membership of well over 500. Sadly, some members had passed away during the year and a minute's silence was held in memory of Betty Hoare, wife of the late Bob Hoare, Mr Burbage and Rosemary Partridge.

Following a busy year for the committee with many functions being held and much money being raised, the Chairman thanked all who had helped or contributed in any way and drew the meeting's attention to two forthcoming events, the Open Day in June and Ketton Hunter Trials on 20th September.

Secretary's Note: The full text of the Chairman's Report appeared in the spring 2009 edition of The Foot Slogger.

Treasurer's Report. Russell Nearn tabled the accounts to the end of March 2009, which showed a surplus of over £16,000. He acknowledged the contribution of Ken Hallam and Alan Comber with the sale of merchandise and the whisky raffles which together had made £3000. Unfortunately car caps had been down, mainly due to the bad weather, also the Open Day had been slightly down and Ketton Hunter Trials had had to be cancelled, so it was gratifying that other activities had compensated. He congratulated Michael Dungworth on the success of the 'Grumpy Huntsman' bar at the Garthorpe Point to Points and Ros Rowley on covering the costs of the Foot Slogger by advertising. The Treasurer concluded by saying that the outcome meant that the CHSC was in a position to give the Hunt £16,000 and presented the cheque to the Treasurer of the Hunt who warmly thanked the Supporters' Club on behalf of the Hunt committee.

President's Address. Jeanne Dungworth expressed her regret at having to miss several functions during the year but was delighted to see the CHSC in such good spirits and great heart. She congratulated everyone on the excellent figure to be given to the Hunt and expressed her gratitude to the members of the committee and the Club and, in particular, the Chairman.

Committee. The chairman thanked retiring members Jenny Dale, Janet Mills and Trish Ruddle for their contribution and reported that Ros Rowley was to step down as Membership secretary, in order to concentrate on producing the Foot Slogger, and that Dawn Ross had agreed to take over this role. One new member, Trish Holmes, had been approved by the committee. Christine Hawksfield read out the new committee list and proposed that they be elected. This was seconded by Ros Rowley and unanimously carried.

Suggestions for consideration by the Committee. None had been received by the secretary.

Any Other Business

Ken Hallam wished to thank everyone who had donated prizes for the Whisky Raffles and said that these could be extended to the Lincolnshire country next season, if there were sufficient donations of bottles.

The chairman reminded the meeting about the Open Day on Sunday 14th June. Fiona Beddoes-Jones would be doing the Tombola, Trish Holmes cakes & produce and Jayne Keeley teas. She and asked everyone to donate generously.

There being no other business the formal part of the meeting closed at 7.40pm, after which Jamie Hawksfield entertained all present with a most amusing talk.