

Cottesmore Hunt Supporters' Club
Minutes of the AGM held at The Sun Inn, Cottesmore on
Thursday 15 April 2010

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7pm. There were 47 voting members present.

Apologies: Robin Sturgess, David Knight, Sarah Roade, Jo Morley, Caroline Mitchell, Clare Bell, Ian Bell, Michael Dungworth

The Minutes of the 2009 AGM, having been circulated, were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Christine Hawksfield and seconded by Max Stewart and unanimously carried.

Chairman's Report: Christine Hawksfield welcomed everyone to the meeting including Louise Bagshawe, prospective Conservative party candidate for Corby and East Northants, who would be speaking after the formal AGM business. Before giving her report she stated that under the rules of the club the Chairman of the club shall hold office for a period of five years, as this time had now passed the committee had agreed that she should continue. She was delighted to report that the CHSC had been in a position to hand over to the hunt at a recent hunt meeting an advance cheque for £6,000.

Sadly some members had passed away during the year and a minute's silence was held in their memory.

The Chairman thanked all who had helped or contributed in any way and drew the meeting's attention to three forthcoming events: the Open Day on Sunday 13 June, the Clay Pigeon Shoot on Sunday 20 June and the Hunter Trials at Ketton on Sunday 19 September.

Secretary's note: the full text of the Chairman's report is available on the website www.cottesmore-hunt.co.uk and will appear in the next edition of The Footslogger. The Minutes of the AGM will also be up on the website and will appear in the Autumn edition of the Foot Slogger.

Treasurer's Report: Russell Nearn tabled the accounts to the end of March 2010. Activities that raised a similar sum to last year were the Open Day, Christmas lunch, tombola and auction, Subscriptions, Annual Dinner and end of Season party (he pointed out that all of the profit was made at the EOS party), the trip to Newmarket. Merchandise, Evening parties and car capping raised less money than last year- bad weather explains much of this. Events where income was up were the Ketton Hunter Trial (having been rained off in 2008), Whisky Raffle and The Grumpy Huntsman pt to pt bar at Garthorpe, A cheque for 11,000 pounds (total £17,000) was then handed over to Martin Reason, Treasurer of the Cottesmore Hunt, who expressed grateful thanks on behalf of the hunt and praised the efforts and valuable support of the CHSC. The accounts were duly adopted: proposed by Christine Hawksfield and seconded by Max Stewart.

President's address: Jeanne Dungworth expressed her willingness to continue in office and she was proposed by Jane Knight and seconded by Christine Hawksfield. The President said she felt very honoured and spoke of the creative spirit and great enthusiasm still alive to raise valuable funds. She thanked all who had helped and

expressed her appreciation. In particular she commended Max Stewart for the website, Ros Rowley for The Footslogger, Ken Hallam for the Whisky Raffle, Get-Togethers and merchandise and Alan Comber for all his valuable support. She also thanked the Chairman for her dedication and hard work.

Committee: Retiring members are Michael Dungworth, Max Stewart, Ken Hallam, Ros Rowley and Alan Comber. Christine Hawksfield expressed her grateful thanks and appreciation of all their hard work and sincerely hoped that they would all continue their support of the CHSC. Jane Alexander-Orr has joined the committee as secretary, Richard Besant has also expressed his willingness to serve on the committee as has Marcia Gibbs as DC of the Cottesmore Hunt Pony Club. Russell Nearn seconded the Chairman's proposal of these members. Vacancies do exist on the committee and anyone interested in joining is asked to contact Christine Hawksfield or Jane Alexander-Orr.

Suggestions for consideration by the committee: none had been received by the secretary.

AOB: The Chairman reminded members of the Open Day and pointed out that Sue Allen would be collecting items for the Produce Stall and Val Day had agreed to do the refreshments.

There being no other business the formal part of the meeting closed at 7.30pm after which George Bowyer spoke of the future of hunting and the forthcoming election and introduced Louise Bagshawe who spoke of her campaign and her commitment to repeal of the Hunting Act.

The President then presented Jack Bevan, who is retiring from hunt service, with a framed photograph of him with hounds. He was warmly thanked for his service to the Cottesmore Hunt by all present,

Secretary's note: A copy of this picture may be viewed on the hunt website www.cottesmore-hunt.co.uk