

RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION
SOUTH DARTMOOR GROUP

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 1st August 2011 at the Devon Tors Hotel.

Present: Mrs M Lawrence (Chair) Mrs P Whitfield
 Mrs K Body (Treasurer) Mrs R Morcom
 Mrs P Missen (Secretary) Mrs L Wood
 Mrs L Pidgeon

MINUTES	Action Points
<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u>	
Mrs C George	
<u>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS A.G.M</u>	
These were read, agreed and duly signed.	
<u>ACTION POINTS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES</u>	
None.	
<u>CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT</u>	
Mrs Lawrence's report as follows: - The Group's season started on the 13th April with training for volunteers and a general assessment for horses and ponies supplied mainly by generous owners who use Bickleigh livery stables, one or two ponies owned by Bickleigh and Margaret Ball, who kindly transports her two cobs fortnightly. Riding began on 20th April with some new helpers, which is always encouraging, friends and family of existing volunteers and some from Vinvolve, which the Group has been supporting for three years. Unfortunately, funding has been withdrawn for this project and it ceased in March this year. I feel it has been very worthwhile for the Group by boosting our number of helpers and for the volunteers from Vinvolve as it has given them the experience of enjoying fun and learning with our riders whilst being close and involved with the horses and ponies, the provision of which has been fairly consistent in the shapes and sizes we have needed. Weather wise, it has been a mixed bag amounting to 53% of the season being dry enough to ride. The Group is still without a Physio. Annie Gibbs was asked but due to being retired, she has no current insurance. Our Regional Instructor, Becky Monk, visited the Group for reviews and assessments of our Instructors, which had a positive outcome. A variety of training sessions have been held at The Brook by Peggy Douglas, which some of our helpers attended and also at the Duchy at Stoke Climsland. The Group's BBQ went ahead on the 6th July in sunny weather. The evening began with a musical drill followed by a tasty BBQ organised by Pam and Pauline with food cooked by Andy and Frank. Many thanks to them all. Our riding was due to finish on 28th September but actually, the last ride was on 21st September due to the 28th being rather wet.	

