



**Fenland Goatkeepers & Smallholders Club**  
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**Minutes of Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2009 at 7.30pm**  
**West Walton Village Hall**  
**Wisbech**

**Present**

Tiff Hall, Kim Webb, Emma Durston, Judith Hall, Jacky Hopper, Roger Symonds,

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Shane Durston, Sarah Sayers, John Francis,

2. **Minutes of Last Meeting**

Approved with no amendments.

3. **Actions Arising from Last Meeting**

John was not present to comment on the seed ordering info. This would be itemised on the next agenda. JF

Meat inspector had been confirmed and the club would not attend Wisbech St. Mary. No items had yet been donated for stand.

Vermin control workshop idea was ongoing. Rudi was not in attendance to comment. RJ

4. **Treasurer's Report** (figures provided after meeting)

Current Account £2073.72  
Savings Account £1423.07  
Cash £ 33.81

5. **Meetings and Events**

June – Stuart White and Rebecca Denny from Guyhirn had offered to host. Smallholder bookshop would also be present.

July - Theresa and James George from Market Deeping had offered to host. They would also demonstrate their pizza oven.

August – Funday at Daryl & Bev Fruen's in Holbeach Drove. Will include the popular cake stall. Judith will liaise. JH

September – Produce Show

October – Harvest Lunch and talk by Guy Surguy on growing giant competition veg.

November – Meat Inspector. What they look for both pre and post mortem and advice on

travelling.

December 13<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Party – activities to be confirmed. To be itemised on next agenda.

January – AGM

February - Talk by Norfolk Farm Vets – subject to be agreed. Membership would be asked via newsletter whether there was anything specific they wanted the vet to include.

ED

Member Sue Salter, had offered to give her popular demonstration of heelwork to music. This could possibly tie in with the August funday.

JH

13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> June – Doddington show has been **cancelled**

20<sup>th</sup> June - The club has been invited to attend the Upwood and Ravelly village fete – details to be confirmed. However, due to lack of volunteers we would probably not be attending.

28<sup>th</sup> June – Wisbech St. Mary – no offers of help had been forthcoming. This date also clashes with the regular club meeting.

4<sup>th</sup> July – Pymoor – Tiff and Judith will attend.

11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> July – Stow Bardolph – Shane & Emma will attend at least one day.

5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> September – Skylark Garden Centre in Doddington are having a show and have asked if we'd like to attend. Again we will decline due to lack of volunteers.

27<sup>th</sup> September – Ramsey Plough Day – Tiff and Judith will attend.

11<sup>th</sup> October – Peterborough Autumn Exhibition – Shane & Tiff to arrange. As many committee members as possible will be in attendance to 'man the stand' in shifts.

TH/SD

To increase interest of the stand it was suggested members be requested to donate suitable items of interest – e.g. a non-working incubator. This would be reiterated in the newsletter.

ED

## 6. **Club Stand**

Work on this was ongoing. Tony and Stuart were not at the meeting to be able to comment. Roger asked if a written report could be provided as to the status of the stand.

TD/SW

## 7. **Ideas Received**

Roger suggested providing audio discs of interviews and sounds from member's smallholdings. Working title 'Down on the Smallholding'. This could be a way of generating funds for the club if there was enough interest. Roger would progress with a demo disc.

RS

## 8. **Any Other Business**

The club's insurance renewal had been received. Cover is as previously agreed. All present agreed to renew. Emma would pass info to Sarah.

ED/SS

Emma would would put an advert in the newsletter drawing attention to the club's t-shirts and would liaise with Sarah re cost.

ED/SS

Kim asked if the committee were happy to receive agendas and minutes via email as this saved time and postage. All present agreed.

Kim asked for clarification of what constituted an 'information pack' for new enquirers. Emma explained that a pamphlet detailing the club together with an application form would be sent.

These were also downloadable from the club's website. Once the membership fee had been received, a directory (subject to availability) and latest newsletter were sent.

Jacky brought the committee's attention to an advert for tents/marquees in the freeads, This might be of use for updating the stand. Jacky would request a catalogue.

JHop

Judith suggested we ought to have a club photographer for main events. Roger advised he always had his camera with him and if he was in attendance would be happy to take photos.

Judith pointed out that one of the monthly national magazines had the club's outdated contact details. She would confirm which publication so it could be amended.

JH

9. **Date of Next Committee Meeting**

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2009.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 20:40 hrs.

**Distribution**

All committee membes via email. All FGSC members via the newsletter.