

**FGSC
Committee Meeting
Thursday 27 July 2006 7.30pm
West Walton Village Hall**

Attending:

Tiff Hall, Judith Hall, Shane Durston, Emma Durston, Trixi Dix, Rachael Senior, Barbara Dobson and Carol Matthews.

Apologies for absence:

Tony Turk, Sandra Carrick and Sean Carrick

1. Minutes from last meeting

The minutes from the meeting on Wednesday 18 May were reviewed and taken as correct.

2. Actions arising from last meeting

Tiff has made contact with the Peterborough Autumn Exhibition show organiser and is still attempting to finalise arrangements for the stand. Action ongoing with **Tiff**

Carol mentioned the butcher demonstration proposed for the November meeting. Attendees thought that Sean might know someone closer and more available than the butcher Carol knows. It was agreed that **Emma** would contact Sean to pass this action point over for him to follow up and see if a butcher could be arranged to speak at November's meeting.

Due to family circumstances it is unlikely that Joy Wolton could attend at the harvest lunch to speak. **Trixi** will suggest to Joy to speak at a future meeting. **Carol** will speak to the Oxfam representative and ask if they can provide a longer talk after the meal, which is planned for 12.00, sit down 12.30.

3. Treasurers report

Bank account balance	£1383.25
Savings balance	£1278.18
Cash	£15.56

4. Workshops and club meetings

Littleport Country Show 6th August. **Shane** will confirm with the show organisers that we will attend with a club stand. Venue details and timing will be given in advance to committee members attending to 'man' the stand. Trixi suggested bringing her spinning wheel and some bee demonstration items and Emma suggested bringing a few young hens to display. All attending agreed the ideas. **Tiff** will bring the stand on the morning of the event. **Rachael** will supply member's forms and British Goat Society information, **Judith** will supply magazines and **Barbara** will supply information packs* for the stand. New magazines will be sold at £1.00 and back copies given out for free.

*Point arising – new information packs are required with updated committee members details. **Barbara** will arrange 30 copies to cover the Littleport show and produce further copies in advance for the Ramsey Plough Day and the Peterborough Autumn Exhibition.

Visit to Eddy Mears Sunday 27th August

Eddy has requested that FGSC members make themselves identifiable on the day. Barbara will note this in the August issue of the magazine and make the club logo like a cut out label for people to wear.

It is noted that the club will provide refreshments.

Produce Show Sunday 17th September

An entry form will be provided in the August magazine. Members entering more than one class can copy it themselves or pick up additional copies on the day.

It was decided that as the show is later in the season, some of the classes would be less likely to be entered. An amendment to some of the classes was agreed. **Barbara** will print the revised classes in the magazine. Committee members will be selected as class judges on the day.

Shane and Emma agreed to book in and count the entries on the day.

Rosettes* will be given as prizes and there will be an auction of the items members are happy to sell as in previous years.

*Point arising – 17 rosettes are required, **Judith** will confirm if there are enough left. **Rachael** will arrange for 50 rosettes to be made, as they will be required in the future.

Ramsey Plough Day 24th September

Carol advised that our attendance with a stand is organised. More details of the event will be printed in the next magazine.

Peterborough Autumn Exhibition – arrangements to be discussed at next committee meeting

Harvest lunch – arrangements of who is cooking/bringing what to be discussed at next committee meeting

26th November meeting – to be followed up with Sean and discussed at next committee meeting

Christmas event 10th December

Barbara suggested that the committee put on a small play (15mins) as something different for this year. This idea was agreed by all attending. **Barbara** will proceed with getting a script prepared. Trixi offered to assist with costumes. It was also suggested that other games should take place but no quiz this year.

AGM 28th January 2007

A speaker is still to be arranged for the meeting - to be discussed at next committee meeting.

5. Any other business

Carol put forward a suggestion from Bev and Glen Conway that a club award is made in honour of Keith, all attending agreed this to be an excellent idea. The thoughts are to have 'The Keith Tomlinson Award' to be presented to a member for recognition of a written contribution to the magazine. The award could be presented at the Christmas 2007 meeting.

Trixi read a letter provided by Farm Africa thanking the club for the £150.00 raised from the fun day in June. This will be printed in the magazine (when space allows)

We have been invited to buy shares in Standard Life but the minimum investment would have to be £1000. It was decided not to proceed with this.

Trixi asked Tiff and Judith to confirm the amount owed for food provided by them at the fun day.

Barbara will add Emma as 'acting' secretary – to be reviewed at the AGM. Emma joined as a member in her own right for club constitution requirements (already a family member with Shane)

Barbara had visited Kim and the August magazine is going to be a tribute to Keith. The funeral address provided by Tiff and David (work colleague) will be printed together with words sent to Barbara by work colleagues and club members. Barbara read an editorial that was agreed as excellent and very appropriate by those attending. The magazine will include words provided by Kim, favourite pieces of Keith's own articles from past magazine and an account of the funeral written by Rachael.

Barbara advised that out of the total number of members in the club, only 46 replies to the request for directory details had been received. It was agreed that another request would be placed in the magazine and unless members specifically advised that they did not want their details included, all members would be published in the directory. **Tony** will continue to deal with this item.

Due to space, Barbara suggested printing the Farm Africa information in the October magazine. Attendees discussed that as a picture of Keith being presented with his medal won at the fun day where the farm Africa money was raised is being used on the front cover, it was decided appropriate to include the Farm Africa article in the tribute magazine.

Rachael asked how many August issue tribute magazines should be printed. It was agreed that only sufficient to post to existing club members should be printed.

Rachael advised that a revised FGSC detail to the British Goat Society is required. **Barbara** will be named as the clubs contact point and will notify the BGS of the change.

Date of next meeting to be held at West Walton Village Hall Thursday 21st September at 7.30pm