

Wood Norton Community Orchard

Committee meeting 4th September 2014

minutes of meeting

Present: Mary Sheridan, Tim Lidstone-Scott, Jenny Marchant, Paul Marchant, Steve Piggott, Carol Robson

- **minutes of previous meeting.**

These were approved and signed

- **matters arising**

none

- **grassland management /tasks for autumn**

- 1 some of the netting is coming apart - Action: some small ties will hold it together
- 2 some of the trees have suckers coming up from rootstock. These should be removed
- 3 strimming round trees - Action PM and TLS
- 4 TLS suggested reducing the height of the netting around some of the more established trees
- 5 should the grass areas be cut again before winter? Not decided
- 6 should we treat the thistles? NB cannot use certain substances under terms of agreement

- **finances**

- current balance is

- outstanding expenses from picnic? None
- cost of aluminium tags £41.75 cheque to TLS
- audit for 2 years to be carried out on 6th Sept by Mrs Leedham

- **plans for Orchard Day**

Activities

cider tasting - probably 'on'! (MS - Paul?)

treasure hunt (TLS)

apple bowling (SP - board; CR)

apple identification (invite David Lincoln - CR)

Bee keeping/ honey for sale - ask Clive Haywood (JM)

jams and preserves for sale - (all)

Labels - JM to send suggestions; MS to print

Food need to keep up our reputation for excellent quality...

possible suggestions: smoothies (CR)

local cider (??) Try Wroxham Barns Cider Store (PM)

curried apple soup (JM) home-made bread (JM)

plum crumble

jacket potatoes with grated cheese and chutney

sausage and apple pie (MS)

other ideas?????

publicity

make some fliers to put in P Magazine (JM)

- **Craft Market and Wassail ??**

craft market - probably not, but it depends on success of orchard day. If we did it, would only sell jams etc.

Wassail: is complicated in view of winter timing and probable age of those attending an event in the orchard. Probably not.

- **AOB**

Oxburgh Hall has an apple day on 5th Oct. CR may go to get ideas.

Date of next meeting: Monday 6th October @ 6.30