

**Lincolnshire Wolds RDA incorporating carriage driving
Charity number 1195402**

AGM Minutes

20th May 2025

Present

Rachel Pavitt, William Cooper, Caroline Sanderson, Nicky Duncumb, Liz Marshall, Barbara Mohan, Amy McConnell, Joy Crighton, Wendy Beaumont, Shannon Lynch, Faith, Hilary Penny, Lesley Tilbury, Judy Bankes Price, Janet Viner.

1 Apologies

Julie Barton, Lydia Strawson, Carol Hill, Gill Neal, Sheena Mayfield, Caroline Sanderson, Barbara Baldock, Binnie Campion, Jeff and Juli Crowe.

2 Approval of Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday, 19th September, 2023.

Minutes of the previous AGM meeting were approved as a true and correct record. Proposed by Wendy Beaumont and seconded by Liz Marshall

3 Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4 To receive and approve the Accounts of the Group for the financial period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025.

See attached accounts.

Treasurer's Report

I am pleased to report the accounts for the last financial year to 31st March 2025.

Starting with the income section of the general unrestricted fund, the points to note are:

- Generous donations were received from the Horncastle Farmers Ball, Louth United Charities, Phoenix Singers, ELDC and Market Rasen Golf Club (in memory of Alison Skitt).
- Fundraising was spearheaded by the hugely successful Casino Night organized by Caroline, plus our garden party, Caroline's coast to coast walk, the annual Woodcock tabletop sale and the Louth Classic car show.
- The Golf Club coffee mornings and Pop-Up cafes continued to make significant contributions to our funds and so huge thanks to all the volunteers that give their time

and cooking skills so tirelessly.

- Riding and carriage income was reduced compared to the previous year due to the extended rest period that Guinness took re his detail issues.
- Spare funds continue to be invested in term accounts to generate interest income.

Moving to the expenditure section, the additional costs to note are:

- Guinness incurred dental costs of £2,126
- The equipment costs include £2,650 for a new field shelter and £600 for a new wider gate
- The carriage driving coaches incurred training costs of £1,407 and 12 volunteers received first aid training at a cost of £450
- The fundraising expenses relate to supplies for the op up cafes and the casino night meals

The net result for the unrestricted funds was a small loss of £722.

Turning to the restricted funds, this column relates to the provision for major expenses. We started the year with a reserve of £8,000 for a 4th horse, £2,000 for a new carriage and £1,805 for a holiday fund. During the year, we sold Orbit and received an insurance payout for the loss of Danny. We purchased Guinness and Texas and a new carriage. The Trustees decided to make a £10,000 provision for the future replacement of Harry and £7,000 for a new carriage and carry forward the £1,805 holiday provision. This makes up the closing provision of £18,805 and required a £13,250 transfer from unrestricted funds to restricted funds.

The closing funds as of 31st March 2025 totaled £41,048, held across three bank accounts and a cash float. Hence, we continue to be in a strong financial position.

5. Coaches Report

Another successful year with many individual participant achievements.

20+ participants ride regularly on Tuesday evenings with Tigger also being used on most of the sessions. He has become popular with participants, allowing them to practice skills in a quieter one to one environment.

New Participants are being assessed on a regular basis and are awaiting regular places.

Guinness has become a real asset, taking a while to settle into a new way of life, hie is now enabling many participants the opportunity to progress their skills on and off the head rein, Joey continues to be a firm favorite with our younger participants. Texas, our newest arrival, has settled in well and is now able to start his new career as an RDA horse. Harry continues to be a firm favorite with volunteers and participants.

We have done lots of varied activities this year including an online dressage competition, lots of hacking around the tracks and our Countryside Challenge courses are becoming increasingly complicated to test everyone's skills.

We have 4 coaches teaching on a regular basis, sessions run so much better when we have

enough coaches to run Tigger sessions alongside riding in the arena and hacking out round the tracks.

Our pony care sessions are always well received giving participants the opportunity to spend quality time with their favorite pony learning new skills and gaining confidence in handling and leading with easter egg hunts, scavenger hunts and birthday parties. We will hopefully run more of these in the future.

We had a wonderful Christmas Party this year with games and activities in the arena and a special guest appearance from none other than Olympic gold medalist, Ros Canter, who presented the most improved awards and dressage competition rosettes. She also brought her Gold Medal to show us. Father Christmas (ably assisted by Joey and our driving team) also made a wonderful entrance.

A big thank you goes to the pony care team for keeping the ponies looking so well and happy in their work.

None of this is possible without the continued help and support of our dedicated team of volunteers, however, more are always welcome.

6 Group Driving Coach

The driving coaches and support travelled to Stowe last year for a training camp. This session was most beneficial and informative. Guinness worked well and all participants learnt different skill sets. There were also talks and demonstrations from the GB team. This year David had use of a 'school master' (horses) at Stowe. This gave an insight in how to confidently carriage drive and top tips were shared. David is hoping to compete in the Nationals on 11th July 2025.

7 Group Chairman

Good evening and thank you all for coming.

Thank you to Nicky for her report on our healthy financial situation, to Joy and Hilary for their reports on riding and carriage driving. It is wonderful to hear your reflections on our *achievements* from the past year.

When I sit to write my AGM speech the first thing I do is to read back through the committee minutes to remind myself of things we have done. I did this as usual and my thoughts were "well this has been an ordinary, routine year". Yes we've had highs and lows along the way, but we're financially sound, and things seem to be generally working well.

This then got me thinking, that to reflect on the year as “ordinary or routine” massively understates what we have done and what we do!

A whole year of riding and driving sessions, not to mention Tigger too – no mean achievement when we are all volunteers! Please give a moments thought to the participants and their parents and carers, to the individuals that you especially look forward to seeing each week and the relationship that you have with that person. How they look forward to coming and what they tell their friends and family about RDA and the massive impact that it has on their livesit’s not ordinary at all.

So, I wish to thank our wonderful coaches and volunteers who help with our sessions. Helping comes in many guises – making refreshments, tacking up, poo picking, sharing knowledge, being kind and supportive to all we see, chatting to participants and their families, teaching and giving encouragement, many ways that we make the ordinary “extraordinary!”

There is also a lot that goes on outside of sessions – fundraising, pop up cafes, golf coffee mornings, giving talks, collecting cheques, writing minutes, assessing riders/ drivers, making phone calls, attending meetings, organising rotas, liaising with participants the list goes on.

So, again I wish to thank all those who work behind the scenes to ensure the financial security, smooth running and general well-being of our group.

There are four four-legged friends who I haven’t mentioned yet and without them we would be nothing.

As a group we are exceedingly proud and grateful to Harry, Guinness, Joey and Texas, the work they do for us and the joy they bring is again extraordinary! And in mentioning the “boys” I cannot miss out the fantastic work of the pony care team, their dedication, time, willingness to go the extra mile is truly extraordinary!

So, in thinking that last year was routine and ordinary, I totally got it wrong!

We are extraordinary and long may it continue!!

8 To elect for the forthcoming year the Group Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary

Current holders are willing to continue and no others made themselves known – Rachel Pavitt and William Cooper co – chair, Nicky Duncumb Treasurer and Wendy Beaumont as Secretary. Proposed by Lesley Tilbury and seconded by Liz Marshall.

9 To re-elect current Trustees.

Existing trustees and committee members willing to continue proposed by Barbara Mohan and seconded by Rachel Pavitt

10 To appoint an auditor or independent examiner of the Group, as necessary.

Rebecca Taylor to continue as independent examiner.

11 Any Other Business

None and the meeting was declared closed at 7.50pm.



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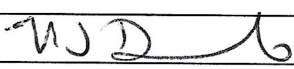
Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 1st April 2024	To	Period end date 31st March 2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last period to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	8,789	-	-	8,789	15,270
Fundraising	11,877	-	-	11,877	7,743
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Sale of horse	-	5,250	-	5,250	-
Insurance claim re loss of horse	-	2,250	-	2,250	-
Riding and carriage lessons	12,369	-	-	12,369	15,589
Mechanical horse	1,770	-	-	1,770	1,264
Miscellaneous	781	-	-	781	295
Uniform sales	259	-	-	259	277
Bank interest	1,400	-	-	1,400	1,164
	37,245	7,500	-	44,745	41,602
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	37,245	7,500	-	44,745	41,602
A3 Payments					
Livery and use of arena	13,332	-	-	13,332	12,516
Horse feed and bedding	1,640	-	-	1,640	1,961
Vet, farrier and dentist costs	6,856	-	-	6,856	4,561
Tack and equipment	4,865	-	-	4,865	3,008
Purchase of two horses	-	10,750	-	10,750	-
Purchase of carriage	-	3,000	-	3,000	-
Insurance	2,225	-	-	2,225	2,413
Fundraising expenses	2,102	-	-	2,102	-
Training	1,967	-	-	1,967	-
Mileage costs	2,675	-	-	2,675	3,184
Uniform	234	-	-	234	905
Mechanical horse	675	-	-	675	-
Miscellaneous	1,396	-	-	1,396	2,161
Sub total	37,967	13,750	-	51,717	30,709
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	37,967	13,750	-	51,717	30,709
Net of receipts/(payments)	(722)	(6,250)	-	(6,972)	10,893
A5 Transfers between funds	(13,250)	13,250	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	36,215	11,805	-	48,020	37,127
Cash funds this year end	22,243	18,805	-	41,048	48,020

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	3,380	-	-
	35 Day Deposit account	5,488	-	-
	95 Day Deposit account	13,295	18,805	-
	Cash float	80	-	-
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	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		N J DUNCUMB	20/5/25	



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name

Lincolnshire Wolds Riding for the Disabled Association
incorporating Carriage Driving

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st March 2025

**Charity no
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1195402

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Signed:

Date:

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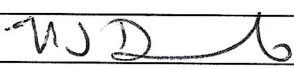
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