

<b>Date:</b>	14th November 2015. 13.00-14.45 hrs
<b>Venue:</b>	Connegar Farm, Manston, Dorset DT10 1HB
<b>Present:</b>	As per attached list (at Appendix A)
<b>By Proxy:</b>	-“-
<b>Apologies:</b>	-“-



**TH** opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. This was the first time we had held the AGM at a private house rather than a charity or hotel .

#### 2015-agm1 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2014

These were accepted as a true record and signed proposed by **FG** & seconded by **HA** and voted through unanimously.

#### 2015-agm2 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising not taken under the Agenda.

#### 2015-agm3 Annual reports & accounts financial year ended 31/07/2015

With copies available at the AGM, the Annual Accounts and Trustee reports had been received back from the accountants after audit in late September and had been discussed and adopted by the Trustees at their F2F meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

Re the accounts, the **Chair** informed the meeting the accounts had already been examined and signed off by the External Auditors. **DE** took the meeting through the headline figures and Appendix B gives the detail. In summary –

- The year had resulted in a surplus of £1,971
- At the 31st July there we had £11k cash in the bank (£12k now)
- The bottom line of the balance sheet ie: what the Society is worth, was £21.4k.

**DE** reported that the IHSGB now appeared to be on a sound financial footing with a realistic asset base (actually very little – just a few trophies!) and a reserves policy to future proof the Society. There was now a contingency reserve of £5k, a Development Reserve and the Youth endowment funds - these three totalling £14k. Interest and growth on these accounts added to available revenue. Trustees had regular performance monitoring reports available to them (finance & membership) and 3 year rolling budgets now gave better opportunities to plan ahead. However she stressed that, now we have reversed the trend to live beyond our means, we need to remember we are not here to make a surplus unless we are saving for something specific – some of the underspends in recent years have stemmed from us not actually doing something – for example there has been no uptake of the funds available to AFPs to facilitate IHSGB activities in their areas. Match this with our poor retention of new members and she suggested that the Trustees need to

look again at what member benefits there are and how we can enhance these and encourage greater participation. Re the surplus itself, for 2014-15, when the budgets are considered – later – there is a recommendation that we overspend in 2015-16 (now, this current year) to the tune of £971. This is because we have two exceptional items hitting us this year – (1) a final payment for passports printed in Iceland for us in recent years – their accounting systems have been over-hauled and, after much work, FG has finally been able to agree a full and final settlement for the arrears, c. £850. And (2) it is the IHSGB's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary and a little bit more budget flexibility is required to enable us to mark this event – we'll hear later from Jem re this.

- No further questions were forthcoming and the meeting was asked to adopt the accounts and annual report. Proposed by **AS** & seconded **PP** by the meeting unanimously adopted the 2014/15 final accounts and Annual Report. These were duly signed by the Trustees. **AS** thanked **DE** for a very clear report.

- The meeting was advised that the Trustees recommended the investment of £1,000 of the 2014/15 surplus into the Development Fund. **TH** gave some history about this fund which allows us to look to the long term, growing the fund year on year so that, in 20 years' time say, we have capital available for more major projects. In the past there has been talk of 'wouldn't it be nice to have a clubhouse, build a track etc, etc...' The fund itself can only be spent with the agreement of the majority of the membership. In year the interest is available to fund grant applications from members helping the Society meet its' objectives.

*The Society's objectives are:*

- 1. To educate the public about the Icelandic horse and its origins, preservation and standards in accordance with the standards of FEIF.*
- 2. To improve general standards in the management, use and treatment of horses with special features of the Icelandic horse by the education of breeders, importers, owners, judges, vets, trainers and the public*

- The re-appointment of Bevan and Buckland as Independent Examiners to the Accounts was endorsed for 2015/16 proposed by **AN**, seconded by **FG** and voted through unanimously. **DE** advised the meeting that, whilst the accountants costs had been rising significantly year on year (12% from 2014 to 2015), much of the work is necessitated by Scottish legislation as we are obliged to have an independent examination carried out and this is where the bulk of the time is spent. If it were not for this the fee constraints would be substantially reduced. However, after discussion with the firm, and a commitment for us to compile the 'verbage' of the Annual Report in house she has negotiated a discount on the 2015 fee for 2016 to £450+VAT.

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#### 2015-agm4 IHSGB Budget 2015 - 2018 including IHSGB subscriptions

- Budgets for the next three years were presented (Appendix C) by **DE**. By looking forward the IHSGB can plan ahead, save and vire funds for biennial events etc. The 2015/16 budgets include the a provision of £850 for passport costs owing for several years (due to accounting omissions by the suppliers!) and a budget of £500 to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the IHSGB Ltd. (see later) . To help fund this we are using £971 of the £1,971 2014/15 surplus.
- Proposed by JSt and seconded by **TR** the 2015-18 rolling budget was unanimously adopted, as a month 0 /opening budget for the year. Note membership subs are maintained at existing levels for 2015/16.

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#### 2015-agm5 Trustee Appointments

The following Trustees are standing down at the AGM;

- Tim Hutchinson (Chairman)
- Freija Glansdorp (Breeding)  
*Freija stands down as Breeding Leader but will continue to serve as a Trustee with the Stud Book portfolio*
- And in year, James Faulkner (Youth)

The Leisure Riding portfolio is also vacant. **TH** explained that this post has existed in our Terms of Reference for some time but it is difficult to decide a title that encapsulates/describes the role. Within FEIF they have a leisure rep. on their Board with a 'riding in nature' remit – essentially providing a link between the FEIF board and bridleways, access, linkage etc with the EU parliament. In the UK this is the BHS so our post/Trustee would need to liaise closely with the BHS and bridleways network, as our spokesperson. **AS** remarked that the key is getting members to understand the role – we know there are those interested in this but as yet no one has yet been convinced to stand for the board. **AS** remarked she has experience of this sort of initiative locally where it acts as a strong voice for the membership. **JSt** noted that members no longer get membership lists; **TH** replied that this is so as the Data Protection Act prohibits us sharing the information other than to members of the management team – however the AFPs get up to date lists of all within their catchment areas. It is hoped we can fill this post as it would give yet another reason to encourage members to join/stay – the meeting noted **we are here for all riders not just the oval track riders.**

The following resolutions are therefore proposed:

- THAT the meeting elects a Member to the role of Chair of Trustees
- THAT the meeting elects a Member as Breeding Leader Trustee
- THAT the meeting elects a Member to the role of Youth Trustee
- THAT the meeting elects a Member as Leisure Riding Trustee

Nominations had been received for David Savage as Chair and Ellen Brimble as Breeding Leader.

**Given these were not contested posts a resolution was proposed by TH and seconded by MA**

**THAT the meeting elects David Savage to the role of Chairman and Ellen Brimble as Breeding Leader.** This was passed unanimously and both were elected to the Board.

**Tim** remarked that there had been no nominations received for youth or leisure and none were tabled at the meeting.

**Freija Glansdorp** had indicated her willingness to continue as a Board member with just the studbook work and the Board has approved this portfolio.

At this point **Tim** stood down and handed over the Chair to **Dave Savage**. **FG** on behalf of the Trustees and the IHSGB gave a vote of thanks to Tim for his years on the Board and as Chair. She remarked that Tim leaves the IHSGB in a very strong financial position with a keen and experienced team at the helm and this was very much down to him and his achievements. A token of our appreciation was presented and it is hoped that Tim enjoys his malt whisky in the presentation glasses. **Tim**, thanking the meeting, said that, after 5 years as the Chair, he felt it was time for a change both for him and for the Society. He said he had enjoyed his time as Chair and his 8 years on the Board; his tenure had been both rewarding and sometimes challenging.

The meeting also thanked Janice for her role as newsletter editor over the years and the part played as the Chair's other half whilst he was fielding the challenges! A goody bag was also presented to her and gratefully received.

With Dave in the Chair...**FG** gave thanks (in advance) for Ellen taking on the role....**FG** remarked she had found the 2 portfolios quite onerous so, given Ellen had been an active member of the breeding team, she was delighted Ellen that she is now taking on the role.

**DS** welcomed the new team.

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### 2015-agm6 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Jem introduced the meeting to the idea of celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the IHSGB in 2016. Using a power point presentation Jem led this discussion using information supplied by Gundula Sharman :



## Here's the idea....

- Here are the beginnings of an idea, which should make it possible to include most owners and riders in Britain:
- Pick a weekend (or a ten day period with two weekends) to have activities in 3-5 locations up and down the country.
- Local organisers would have a programme that is most suitable to their own place, which could be a competition, a gæðingakeppni event, a 'pony camp' or simply riding out. **And at the same time**; there will also be one activity that all events have in common. This common element will be videoed (3-5 minutes), and after the weekend we put all the clips together into one celebratory film.
- *Common event – different venues – shared fun – and a film memento for everyone!*

## How?

There might be one small organising group, which will:

- Put together the framework, which is responsible for advertising the event (Sleipnir, yahoo, fb, etc)
- Keep in touch with local organisers
- Look after the video project, and generally hold the whole thing together

## Furthermore...

- Invite anyone (WC team leaders/trainers/judges/trainers/friends) to join in who has had a role, however small, in the GB Icelandic Horse scene over the last 10 years?
- Can you see the picture? Want to get involved? Will you talk to others to make it happen? If yes, please get in touch with Gundula.  
Email: [gundula.sharman@gmail.com](mailto:gundula.sharman@gmail.com) or send me a message on facebook

### What should be the common theme?

- As to the “common element” and centre piece for the filming part: how about a flag with the IHSGB logo?
- Event T-shirts?
- Any other ideas?

So please would **ANYONE with ideas or a willingness to get involved be it organising, hosting or participating then please get in touch with Gundula or Jem to make this happen.** Ideas aired at the meeting included the development of a ride/event cameo aka the Strictly Dance ie; a musical ride perhaps which would include the flag common across all venues, T-shirts, an egg and spoon, fancy dress, as well as a virtual event too...**IDEAS PLEASE!**

**DS** thanked **JA** saying there was plenty there to think about and that he hoped this might encourage new members too.

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#### 2015-agm7 Open Forum

**FG** explained that this was the members’ opportunity to raise issues, ask questions etc. as all the trustees are here together with the members.

**EB** raised an insurance issue explaining that, in Germany, members get a preferential rate if they insure their horses with a company that the German Society had negotiated a contract with. She asked whether this could be done here. The base insurance offered in this German example is third party but there is an option to upgrade to include veterinary cover too. Several members replied that, in the UK, the BHS offer free 3<sup>rd</sup> party insurance in their Gold member scheme although as **JH** pointed out, this is insurance of last resort and could be nullified if the individual has other policies that could be argued to include this liability cover. (That is why the BHS can offer this Gold membership at only the £50-60 rate.) People need to be aware of what cover they are actually getting.

**MA** stated that the BHS is very clever by generating this feel good factor. The Society looked at this a long time ago but could not get a broker interested with the relatively small number of members that we have. **MA** stated that, in his review of insurance, he gets nervous that people think they are covered more than they actually are. When our members attend an IHSGB show there is a common

assumption that the IHSGB covers them. This is NOT so. The Society's insurance protects just the IHSGB itself, its trustees and organisers. There is no personal element of insurance unless negligence is proven. Our insurances will be debated and reviewed (led by MA for the Board) for 2016 as it is the highest bill we pay (note SEIB and KBIS are the main players). *Post meeting note; a reminder our insurance renewal is due in July 2016.*

**AS**, concerned with planning for next year's anniversary events, said that when they hosted a show 3 years ago the insurance premium was £350 per day. She would like the Society to explore the options of additional events being covered within the Society's premium. **TH** advised the current agreement covers two events per annum, one sport and one breeding event and up to 6 display rides at events (eg: if we put on a demonstration at an agricultural event to market and promote the Icelandic Horse). In addition our current insurance covers the corporate liability of the Board.

**AN** asked whether cover for future GK's can be included or is the BHS a better option?

**IP** then asked a number of questions pertaining to the Studbook and Passport issues.

1. Is it true only 2 foals registered 2014/15? **FG** confirmed this but said that this year it will be 5 and next year is likely to be 15. She is currently receiving the years' stallion serving records from most of the active breeders so she can predict next years' foals. It is generally accepted, across all breeds, that this is a common trend with the market stagnating due to the collapse of the financial markets in 2008 when horses became a luxury item. **AS** said that, anecdotally, it is the same abroad too. **FG**, through her extensive liaison with other PIO's (Passport Issuing Organisations) to meet the requirements of the new passport law next year, has found this drop off to be a common pattern across many breeds in the UK. Welfare charities are actually happy about this as it relieves the pressure on them re abandoned, neglected or rehomed horses. **ME** said that, historically, there used to be around 15-20 Icelandic foals registered per annum in the UK so two is very, very low but said that the majority of British breeders breed as that's what they love to do rather than for financial gain. **MA** contra'd this by saying you still have to sell what you breed at some point. If there is no market for 5-6 year olds then you stop breeding foals for a year or so. **TH** remarked that it is not just the breeding but the commitment to subsequently train a young horse, turning it into a riding horse and then the finding of suitable homes. **FG** highlighted that the rules regarding foal registration – when and how – are clearly set out on the Society's website.
2. **IP** then queried the impact of the new passport regulations. **FG** replied that it affected her workload particularly - for example the physical makeup of passports will change eg: some lamination and might have to rivet in house. She said she was in discussion with Iceland...essentially DEFRA will have a more active management of the PIO's ....for example in future an owner has to register when their horse comes out of the human food chain but legislation as to how and when is not yet clear. A Central Equine Database will be introduced – the National Database was the precursor but flopped before full

implementation. Now new EU law necessitates its re-introduction. There is a phased launch across the EU but confusion reigns and the supporting infrastructure is not yet in place. **FG** continues to work in close contact with DEFRA and other countries and PIO's.

3. **IP** raised a question re intra- community import asking what has to be done in future. **FG** advised that the current system will change as the import has to go on the new equine database but which PIO will be responsible for this is, as yet, undetermined. Basically watch this space. **FG** advised that she will keep everyone as up to date as possible via Sleipnir and the website.
4. **IP** had another query re Icelandic passports issued in Iceland. **FG** advised that Iceland is outside of the EU but the passport is EU compliant. However the horses need to be registered with the IHSGB or any other PIO on import. **FG** will have advance warning re the import as it should have been moved on World Fengur and, generally, the Icelandic exporters are becoming more aware and advising their buyers accordingly. **FG** can therefore have a proactive role in this to help new owners.

**AS**, still raising queries concerning passport law and legislation, asked how long does a horse have to be out of the country before you do something about it? **FG** replied that it depends on rules of the other country but normally 6 months is the cut off. Some pragmatism is allowed; for temporary re-location due to training, for example, **FG** will contact that Country's registrar and agree a way forward. All the changes are aimed at tracking horses and keeping them out of the food chain

**IP** remarked that, in the fate field in World Fengur, there are a lot of different words for dead, do these have different meanings? **FG** replied that they did (Died = natural death, dead = unknown cause, PTS = put down, slaughtered = maybe eaten?) However there had been recent changes so that the terminology is more common across countries, allowing less scope for misinterpretation. Also the visibility of the information is being locked down so that, unless you are a registrar, you only get an alive or dead display.

**FG** said she was very happy to answer queries, just ring her although much of the information is on the website. **DS** suggested that perhaps there needs to be a better steer for people directing them to the "How to" guide on the website – 'this is what you need to do with a new horse'. **FG** replied that she is liaising with the exporters to try and improve this although we are already very proactive (which we can be as a relatively small organisation). **FP** remarked that there are still some people who do not make use of the internet or have the ability to access information online. **FG** remarked that this is a problem recognised by the BHS and DEFRA. At the end of the day it is the individual's responsibility. **MA** said that we can only do our best as a Society – there will always be those that don't recognise their responsibilities. **FG** suggested it would help if the vets could take more of an active part in the process although she understood their concerns re extra paperwork. **ME** clarified the issue and brought the discussions to a close by saying that the legality of the passport and the legal responsibility of the individual are very different things. For example a horse can have a valid and legal passport issued in Iceland. He stated that, if the new owner does not register their ownership and/or import, then that is a criminal act by the individual against the Passport Act.

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**2015-agm8 A.O.B.**

**ME** informed the meeting that he was having a clear out and emptying his cupboards! He then tabled some IHSGB archives which included 4 volumes of the book 'Horse of the North' and the original studbook. The latter was handwritten and started with horse number 1 who was born in 1948. He also entrusted a file, containing all the Minutes of the Society from its inception to 2008, to the new Chairman. Of interest to the more 'senior' members, **ME** then ran through the Trustees present at the 1995, 2000, 2005, 2010 meetings as a roll of honour. The meeting applauded these long term participants and relished the archives. *Post meeting note; the Society needs an archivist!*

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**2015-agm9 Date and venue of 2016 AGM**

*The date was set at 12th November 2016, venue t.b.c.*

Re. the venue, **MA** proposed that we look at and determine the venue in year, maybe linking it with a closing event for the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary year.

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**DS** closed the meeting at 14.45hrs, thanking all attendees and said that he hoped to see everyone again next year. He wished the new Trustees good luck.

**JH** added a vote of thanks to our generous hosts Mike and Elizabeth Adams and thanked them for laying on the venue and the delicious lunch, teas etc.

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## **Tolt in Harmony**

After a 'comfort' break when many helped move the round pen to set up the arena for the TÓLT in Harmony event, members resumed their chairs. **Fi** then took us through an Introduction to TÓLT in Harmony explaining the principles, the levels and the exercises required and the scoring methodology. After some befuddlement as to where and what to do riders enthusiastically went off to collect their horses and participate in some hands on coaching and competition. **Thank you Fi.**

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<b>IHSGB LTD</b>					
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2015					
14TH NOVEMBER 13.00 HRS					
Connegar Farm, Dorset					
<b>ATTENDEES/APOLOGIES/PROXIES</b>					
Name	Attended	Apologies	Proxy Given	Proxy awarded to	Comments
Andrew Nickalls	Y				
Ann Savage	Y				
Charlie Barrett	Y				
Claire Simpson	Y				
Dave Savage	Y				
Debbie Ede	Y				
Elizabeth Adams	Y				
Ellen Brimble	Y				
Fi Pugh	Y				
Freija Glansdorp	Y				
H Ashford	Y				
Ian Pugh	Y				
Jane Stone	Y				
Janice Hutchinson	Y				
Jem Adams	Y				
Joan Beadle	Y				
John Simpson	Y				
Kristina Christof	Y				
Mike Adams	Y				
Mike Edwards	Y				
Nadine Kunckel	Y				
Philippa Pringle	Y				
Polly Edwards	Y				
Tim Hutchinson	Y				
Torbyn Rees	Y				
Gundula Sharman		A	y	Mike Adams	
Jan Payne		A	y	Jane Stone	
Jane Curley		A	Y	The Chairman	
Jean Eades		A	Y	Jem Adams	
Jeremy Sharmon		A	y	Mike Adams	
Martine Bye		A	Y	Debbie Ede	
Sue Postans		A	Y	The Chairman	
Cathleen Baldwin		A			I'm sorry I can't make it to the AGM. I hope (as usual) you will have a good and productive meeting. Please thank the trustees for all (your!) hard work. Kind regards Cathleen.
Charlotte Cook		A			
Diana Brickell		A			I am away. My best wishes for the meeting
Heather Morrison		A			
Iris & Daren Ashman		A			
James Joicey		A			
Kirsty Carson		A			
Nadene Butler		A			
Natalie Dingle		A			attend (and I think the added tolt in harmony is a fabulous idea!). Hope all goes well and I do hope to attend an AGM in the coming years.
Phil Butler		A			
Rona Frame		A			

Appendix A

Appendix B

Headline figures 2014/15 financial year

	£
INCOME	17,565
EXPENDITURE	15,594
<b>SURPLUS</b>	<b>1,971</b>
<b><u>BALANCE SHEET</u></b>	
Unrestricted funds	14,706
Restricted Funds (youth)	110
Endowment Funds (youth CAF)	6,547
<b>IHSGB NET ASSETS</b>	<b>21,363</b>



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Headline figures 2014/15 financial year

<b>Debtors</b> (amount owed to us)	<b>2,148</b>
(Gift Aid to be claimed)	
<b>Creditors</b> (amount we owe)	<b>5,943</b>
(includes £1.3k subs prepayments, festival & BC costs, accountancy & admin costs, sundry trade creditors)	
<b>Bank Balance</b>	<b>10,971</b>



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**Main Income Streams**

	Single	165	
	Family	43	
	Honorary	3	
		211	
<b>Gift Aid (estimate)</b>			1,064
<b>Investment Income</b>			
	interest	157	
	growth	194	351
<b>Sport (net)</b>			188
<b>Studbook (net)</b>			476
<b>Donations</b>			252



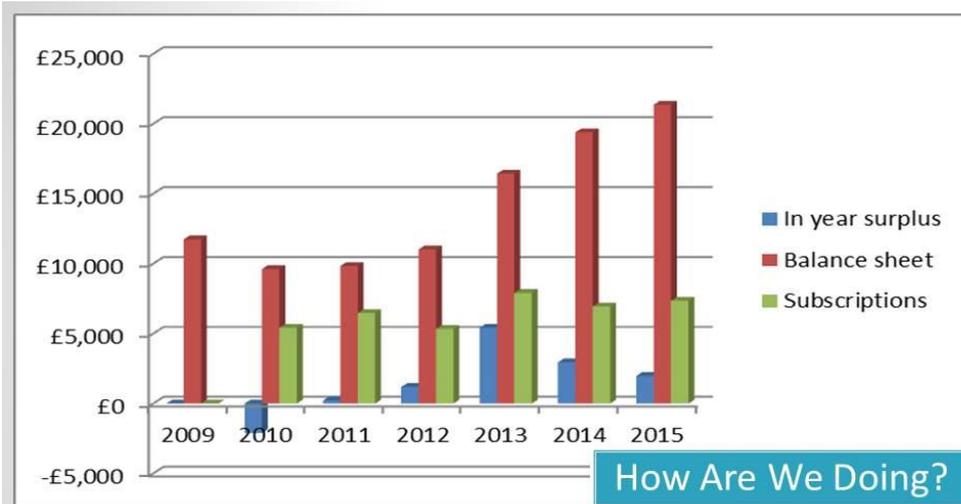
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**Main Expenditure Areas**

<b>Publicity &amp; Promotion (newsletter)</b>		2,561
<b>FEIF (net) Fees &amp; Conference</b>		1,445
<b>Admin (incl. website &amp; data protection)</b>	2,136	
less Lloyds compensation payment	- 1,100	1,036
<b>Insurance</b>		936
<b>Breeding Show &amp; GK</b>		547



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IHSGB Ltd 3 year rolling budgets		ADOPTED 14TH NOVEMBER 2015 AT THE AGM					
WORKING PAPERS	13/11/2015	2015/16		2016/17		2017/18	
	version 4	INCOME £	SPEND £	INCOME £	SPEND £	INCOME £	SPEND £
	APPENDIX C	OPENING FYE BUDGET	OPENING FYE BUDGET	OPENING FYE BUDGET	OPENING FYE BUDGET	OPENING FYE BUDGET	OPENING FYE BUDGET
Breeding	Breeding show				500		
Breeding	Young Horse Assessment		175				250
Breeding	Gaedingakeppni		175		250		250
		-	350	-	750	-	500
Studbook		1,620	2,000	1,652	1,173	1,685	1,196
		1,620	2,000	1,652	1,173	1,685	1,196
Sport/Riding	WC			10,000	10,000		
Sport/Riding	FESTIVAL		250		250		250
Sport/Riding	British Championships	3,500	3,500	3,570	3,570	3,641	3,641
		3,500	3,750	13,570	13,820	3,641	3,891
IHSGB Developm	Growth/Interest	200	175	210	184	221	193
		200	175	210	184	221	193
Youth	Youth Cup	2,000	2,000			2,000	2,000
Youth	Youth Camp						
Youth	Youth general spend		654		375		375
Fundraising	CAF youth growth	175		200		200	
Youth	CAF Youth interest	150		175		175	
		2,325	2,654	375	375	2,375	2,375
Membership	subscriptions	7,493		7,643	-	7,719	
Membership	FEIF fees		650	-	663	-	676
Membership	FEIF Conf	750	1,500	750	1,500	750	1,500
Membership	Anniversary 30th		500				
Membership	Regional Activities }		200		250		250
Membership	Trec Ambassador }				50		50
Membership	ERG Ambassador }				50		50
Membership	Insurance		1,000	-	1,100	-	1,210
Governance	Trustee expenses/Governance		960	-	984	-	1,009
Governance	Accountancy/professional fees		540	-	554	-	567
Management	Admin & Stationery/Website incl Management Team expenses & travel, AGM costs and mailing		1,250	-	1,281	-	1,313
Management	Depreciation		30		25		20
		8,243	6,630	8,393	6,457	8,469	6,645
Fundraising	gift aid }	1,050		1,071	-	1,092	-
Fundraising	donations }	350		350		350	
Fundraising	Perf Awards/Misc						
Fundraising	shop (incl calendars)						
		1,400	-	1,421	-	1,442	-
Communication	Newsletter ad	100		105	-	110	-
Communication	Newsletter costs		2,700	-	2,835	-	2,977
Communication	Publicity and promo		100	-	105	-	110
		100	2,800	105	2,940	110	3,087
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		17,388	18,359	25,726	25,699	17,944	17,888
	Surplus/ (Deficit)		(971)		28		56