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The Committee had limited success with plans for a number of informal learning and social events 2019, due to low levels of response from members and the health or personal circumstances of hosts and organisers. The Region’s main event for 2019 was *Building a Relationship with your Donkeys*, a full day’s training with Ben Hart on 5 October in Carmarthenshire. The Committee is most grateful for the award of a grant from the DBS Education Committee towards the cost of running this event and disseminating the learning points. The event attracted eleven participants, including a number of new donkey owners and others aspiring to involve their donkeys in outreach activities. A full report is about to be completed and will be circulated via DBS newsletters and the website. Feedback was very positive on the day and participants were asked to think about next steps in achieving their goals.

With regard to the Region’s finances, the Region has approximately £400 in its account, with some income outstanding at the time of reporting. The Committee met in November to consider activities and priorities for 2020 and a training activity centred upon the Tellington Touch technique is in the development stage. The Donkey Sanctuary Welfare Officers for Wales have been asked to develop a learning or awareness-raising event for 2020 as well. An issue for the Region continues to be the logistics of accessible and suitable training venues.

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