



AGM & ALM

Castle Cary Rugby Club, Monday 8th November 2010 at 7.30 pm

Present. Arthur Stevens, Andrea Jones, Jo Ricketts, Charlotte Warman, Shelagh Fishlock, Helen Pavey, (Area 12 committee)

Clubs Present Bath, Blackdown Mendip, Exeter, Lamberts Castle, Mid Somerset, Quantock, Saxon, Severn Vale, Shipton, Sid and Otter, SWDG, Taunton, West Somerset, Weymouth, Witheridge.

Apologies

Matters arising from Previous Minutes; Last minutes accepted, agreed and signed off by Arthur and Andrea.

Election of Officers; Jo Ricketts is standing down as co-chair. The current committee members are happy to stand again. The proposal made by SWDG and the floor in agreement the committee stands as; Arthur Stevens – Area 12 Rep, Andrea Jones – Chairman, Shelagh Fishlock – Treasurer, Charlotte Warman – Secretary, and Helen Pavey – Training.

We are looking for 2 people to join the committee, or 1 person happy to do both roles which are

- 1) Someone to manage and update the area 12 website**
- 2) Someone to come onto the committee and help and/or co-chair.**

There were no takers this evening.

Treasurer's Report Given by Shelagh, annual accounts accepted.

Training Report; There are 2 clinics booked in 2011 by for Area 12. On the 8th January 2011, Dressage training with Lizzie Murray (nee Loriston-Clarke) this is to be held at Stretcholt Farm nr Highbridge Somerset. Area 12 are heavily subsidising this training day. The cost to riders is £25 for 45 minutes, No more than 2 riders per group and places will be limited to 2 riders per club.

Sunday 23rd January 2011, indoor show jumping with Mr Ben Van Sommeren. Again this will be held at Stretcholt Farm, the cost is £10 per rider for 1 hour and the initial guide of 3 riders per club.

Helen handed round flyers to all club reps at the meeting with booking forms and details, all of this information will be found on the area website.

X- Country training can be found at Stockland Lovell Manor. They host many x-country clinics with top riders throughout the spring. Area 12 riding club members will be given a £5 discount when booking any of these pre booked dates on their website, this is a great opportunity and we urge you to take this offer up.

There are training funds still available to be used, contact Helen Pavey with your downloaded application form. The window we ask for advertising your training day is a minimum of 6 weeks prior to the event.

Witheridge Question; would people be interested in course walking with a professional rider before a qualifier competition? There was a mixed reaction from the floor but worth a try especially for the novice or junior members.

Chairman's Report. Area 12 have represented in all National Championships and have done very well on the result sheets, congratulations to you all. Andrea thanked all those who have put in time to travel, compete, help and support at all of these events and expressed that Area 12 make up a good proportion of entries at many of the Championships with very strong teams.

The National Championships. The horse trials and the festival of the hunter will be returning to Aston le walls for another 2 years. Lincon is tied in for another 3 years, we do realise that it is very expensive and hard to get to and thank you to those who do make it there. The DTM and quadrille will be returning to Aintree next year, although it's a very long way ,it's all motorway and direct. Congratulations to Bath that won the quadrille and will be going to Olympia in December.

Helpers at Qualifier events must log their hours and fill in either the half or full day helpers cards. This enables us to get a full picture of who is helping and that the clubs get their fair share of the profit at the end of the year. Andrea highlighted the need for more help at events and especially the need for jump judges for health and safety reasons at events.

Thank you to Shelagh Fishlock of Severn Vale RC who organised the FOTH combined X-country and show jumping single handily at Urchinwood.

RWHS, FOTH combined training (style jumping and riding test). This was the 1st year of running. Only 9 teams made it to the National

Championships. We will be looking to run the 2nd round at Badgworth in February. The rule change is not clear and needs clarifying.

Area horse trials will be run alongside/piggy backing Quantock RC horse trials.

Taunton horse show will be run on one day next year, we understand the problem with juniors who have school or play sport on a Saturday but with limited booking dates and previous data the Saturday was the most viable financially.

Dressage to music will be run by Mid Somerset RC at Kingston Mauward

The combined challenge at Urchinwood, there was only 2 junior teams entered. 1 Jun Nov and 1 Jun open. This year they were combined with the senior classes for the area competition, scores showed up that (Taunton RC) came 3rd overall. We will continue to do this next year.

Passports and Flu Vacs. We will not be asking for photo copies of passports and vaccination records. Instead the onus will be on the chef de equipe, only at qualifying events will the winning team, second place and the individual winners be asked to produce their flu vac for checking. If they are not valid the winning team will still be area champions but the qualifying place will move down the line. The same goes for individuals. The scoring team will be the people checking on the day and a time allocation will be made for this process before any prizes are given out.

A reminder – BRC have the new rules for 2011 and a Flu Vac checker on their website.

Area Rep Report, Arthur Stevens.

The re-organization process of the areas has begun. The London area has been dissolved. A new area will be made following the M4 corridor, Area 12 would lose Bath, Saxon Dressage, Kennet Vale, Wiltshire Spring Line and Severn Vale and they will receive their invitations to the new area from BRC in due course. The moves are set place for January 2012. Area 12 has lost 6 clubs in the last 2 years.

RWHS- The website is up and running, from this week which should help clubs more. The dressage test set is Prelim 4 for rounds 1, 2, &3. A BHSAI can compete but an II cannot. In round 4 at Royal Windsor the dressage test will be Novice. The show jumping will be the same heights as novice and intermediate BRC classes. (3ft & 3ft6") Rounds 3&4 of SJ will be 3 = top score and 4 = Speed class. The top 5 from each 1st round qualifies to go onto round 2.

Interest from clubs; Taunton (SJ), Weymouth (SJ & DR), Bath(SJ & DR), Sid and Otter(DR), Quantock(DR), Mid Somerset(SJ) and SWDG(DR), Entries in

the 1st round can be open but they must be a fully paid BRC member by round 2. Flu vac certificates will be checked for the top riders in round 2.

FOTH combined training is one round only Q to be held before the end of April. Individual entry only. A rough indication of numbers from clubs who may like to go Quantock 4, Witheridge 2, Blackdown Mendip 2, Mid Somerset 8, Shipton 2, SWDG ? and west Somerset 2. Eligibility rules can be found on Page 88 of the rule book.

ALW – Competitions staying there for 2011 and 2012

DTM at Aintree. There has been a lot of questions asked why are competitions going so far north? BRC have been asked by northern clubs, they will remain north for next year at least but may return in 2012.

BRC have been invited to join BE 80 events, a BRC member can obtain a £10 BE day ticket to be able to compete. BRC members will not get balloted out of this class.

Anyone who has done BRC official training can steward at any National Championships.

The Area12 committee encourage clubs to have a welfare and training officers. Please let Charlotte know ASAP who your appointed persons are. The CRB checks are still unclear as the government may change the ruling to 1 CRB will cover all instead of multiple ones.

BRC e- news, No one in the room has received BRC e-news; Arthur will follow this and check.

Misc Matters

- **Weymouth Q; The minimum 1st aid cover at any event should be the 3 day 1st aid at work certificate but the committee recommend the BRC guidelines and requirements set out in the rule book.**
- **Could we put on a specific equine 1st aid course? Yes, if a club would like to host this please contact Helen with the details.**
- **We may be asked to host a BRC road show next year.**
- **Membership cards will be in the post by the end of the month.**
- **Prelim entry fee's will go back to 21 days if there is a problem please call BRC to inform them, they will be more sympathetic a few days before the closing date rather than calling them on the deadline.**
- **Flu vac, the name of the horse has to match the flu vac(ie; no stable names) rules have changed to meet the British Racing Authority, they will go back only 5 years so as long as the 1st two injections and the last 5 years are correct, you are covered. Onus on the Chef de equipe to check!**

- Those travelling to events alone are requested to inform the organizers on their entry form and on their arrival. In the event of any problems arising and a non arrival will be flagged up.
 - **BRC clothing – Horseweare Ireland**
 - **Eligibility rules, restrictions on classes will be lifted to encourage more riders**
 - **BHS and BRC have moved back to their new building at Stoneleigh park. An e-mail will be sent out shortly with all the contact numbers.**
 - **If a club enters a team they must nominate 2 helpers as minimum on the entry form. The team will not start unless this is done. If any of the helpers nominated cannot or do not turn up it is the clubs responsibility to provide another person or the team will not start. Numbers will not be given out from the secretary. We have had to implement this ruling for health and safety reasons, if helper numbers remain as low next year many events will not be run.**
 - **Mid Somerset riding club provided their 4 full day helpers at Lincoln, many other areas did not, so were left with a lot of work which should have been provided by other clubs. But on this note it was felt that travelling from the south west to Lincoln just to help was unrealistic.**
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- **Quantock, the 80cm class at the horse trials is not a qualifier. It is an area championship only**
 - **The vote was carried in the room to book Urchinwood for the festival of the hunter combined challenge.**
 - **Open teams can be made up from 4 members of area 12; this includes show jumping as well.**

Any other business

West Somerset RC raised the questions :

Promotion of the BRC endurance competition, why was there no word of it?

Arthur knew nothing of its existence until “rider magazine” that day.

Apparently it made a come back this year but nothing had been said at NEC competitions meetings.

Why have affiliation fee's gone up again? They have gone up by 3% this year. It is a BHS matter and BRC have no say in this. Andrea will ask for an explanation.

The committee thanked everyone for coming.

Meeting closed at 10pm.