



Present; Arthur Stevens – Area 12 National Rep, Andrea Jones – Area 12 Chairman, Shelagh Fishlock – Treasurer, Helen Pavey – Training Officer, Charlotte Warman – Secretary

Blackdown Mendip, Brent Knoll, Exeter, Mid Somerset, Quantock, Severn Vale, Shipton, Sid and Otter, SWDG, Taunton and District, West Somerset, Witheridge.

Apologies; Bath

Minutes from the AGM; minutes approved and signed off correct by Andrea. Proposed by SWDG and seconded by Mid Somerset.

Matters arising; New Area 12 website is up and running brcarea12.org.uk. Our thanks go to Karl Edmond from equestrianimages.co.uk for all his time and help producing this site, free of charge in return of his advert on the site.

We still require more committee members if anyone is interested. Shelagh Fishlock will be stepping down as Area 12 Treasurer in October when the new Area 9 officially forms. She will be sadly missed. Helen Pavey will take over this post. There will be a **vacancy for the Training post.**

Treasurer's report; The balance remains about £2500 in the current account and £6000 in the savings account. All area affiliation fees have been paid. The accounts have not changed much as clubs have run events.

Training report; The 2 clinics held at Strecholt were a great success. Lizzie Murray praised the Area highly and there has been some great feedback. 24 people attended the show jumping clinic with Ben Van Sommeron which was very good and excellent feedback. Bath RC had a small grant for a Kathryn Harris clinic held at Leyland Court.

Witheridge held a Cindy Walton clinic where 30 people attended from a wide range of clubs.

There was a request for funding from West Somerset for a Steven Hadley clinic. Apologies were given and the only explanation may have been

when the old website was non functional. If West Somerset would like to have this reviewed it was felt the area could provide a grant in any case.

The grant year runs from the 1st of Jan to the 31st of Dec. We can now apply for this year's Training Grants from BRC. – Helen Pavey.

A question asked by SWDG, is a 3 day 1st aid course necessary for BRC events within clubs?

Yes – it is compulsory for insurance. The equine course is 2 days with a refresher every 2 years.

Other training issues arose from the news that Drug testing for horses and riders will be coming in this year at championships, along with hat tagging and possibly body protectors, an idea would be for the Area to run courses. West Somerset mentioned the use of Bute and BS banning its use; will this be the case with BRC?

Chairs report;

Well done to all the teams this year. Taunton and Mid Somerset represented the Area in the winter Dressage and Show jumping. Thank you to Blackdown Mendip for hosting the Winter show jumping and the Royal Windsor qualifiers.

Thank you to Shelagh and SVRC and those who ran and helped at the Winter Dressage.

Results time; Please will people remain respectful and calm around result time at qualifiers. It is very hard going for organizers having given up many hours of their free time to run events for no reward. Please remind yourselves to be polite and also to trust the organizers and official stewards at events.

West Somerset club felt they did not like their horses declared as running as "non flu vac" on the running orders as not many other teams had this. Jo Thyer explained that many other teams did not disclose this information and at the time of declarations came in with the 21 day rule many horses had been swapped. Sorry for any offence taken.

There has been a lot of quality work ridden amongst Area 12 which is really pleasing to see.

Arthur Stevens National report;

Sorry for the delay of the ALM, this was due to the 1st of the NEC meetings being later in the year than usual.

- Downgrading there have been 4 applications of downgrading in Area 12, 1 of which is still outstanding. An application for BRC downgrading must be made to BRC which will then be discussed with Arthur and looked into fully.

- 2012 Championship dates will not be affected by Olympic Games.
- Hat checking and tagging will start at the Winter Championship at Hartpury. Hats will need to be checked at Area Qualifiers from 2012. The tag will be red. Area 12 may start tagging earlier than in 2012.
- Any fall, accident, or any reason for medical intervention is needed MUST be reported to BRC on the relevant forms. This is especially important for those people who go to hospital or get hospitalized. This form will be sourced and put on the Area website and can be downloaded as necessary.
- When sourcing medical services for events, clubs should note that companies must now be CQC registered. Any reputable 1st aid provider should be and will be happy to disclose this information.
- Drug testing of horses will start at the Horse Trial championships.
- The Quadrille will now consist of teams made up of seniors and juniors.
- The Novice dressage test in the 2011 book is **2009** not 2006
- The DTM will run in 20x60 arenas at the championships.
- The FOTH combined competition will be expanded to teams and individuals from 2012.
- There is a new range of clothing now available from BRC onto which clubs can have their own club information embroidered. It is all available from the BRC website.
- BRC now has a facebook page for the latest information, and to see comments and photos from other BRC members from around the country.
- A new members volunteer club leaflet has been produced to promote the volunteers club and its benefits. See BRC website.
- NAF would like to be more involved with Riding Clubs at Area level. We in Area 12 are really pleased that they will be at Taunton Horse show and providing some wonderful prizes and support.
- Membership will now run from the 1st of January and from 2012 membership cards will be sent directly from the printing company. There was a huge debate over this subject and many valid comments put forward from clubs including insurance issues brought up by Taunton and District RC and the issues surrounding all our details being given to a marketing company, brought up by Mid Somerset. All of these questions will be taken back to BRC. A briefing paper will be brought out.
- The future of Royal Windsor Championships will be reviewed after this year's competition has taken place.
- The popularity of show jumping and cross country is increasing.
- Pay pall – clubs are urged to use payroll when entering prelim entries. Information about payroll can be found on our website.

A question from Witheridge – Why will BE make room for the BRC 80 championships when BRC will not make championships at this level. This is where may of BRC membership level is? The room agreed.

A question from Quantock – why are 18yr olds now competing against 9yr olds, could it not be put back to 16? Child protection rules apply.

Julie Garbutt BHS South West gave a very informative talk about the role of the BHS and currently there are 1384 Area 12 RC members.

Jon Hudson from Endurance UK explained the BRC Endurance competition and how much fun members can have. Their details can be found on the area website.

New Area 9

From the 1st October there will be an Area split. Making a new M4 corridor group. 5 clubs from Area 12 and 9 clubs from Area18 will now make the new Area 9. We will hold a joint qualifier for the combined eventers challenge. The new Area 9 have asked for £1500 from BRC to set them up financially. We will be very sorry to see the clubs go. Special thanks were given to Shelagh again for her tireless work for the Area.

New Website and Misc items

- A website presentation was given. Please look at and use the new site, any comments good or bad would be welcome as we want it to work for you and be your 1st port of call.
- The BRC centre schemes, we currently only have one centre in area 12 which is Alstone court. Most centres cannot afford to keep horses for people to compete on.
- The ratification of the Area constitution will be moved to the AGM in November. Please will all members refresh themselves with it before then?
- Qualifier dates for 2011 HT 17th April, DTM 30th May and **Taunton Horse Show 2nd July now at Pontispool.**

West Somerset Question – With the SJ will juniors and seniors be run together again? Yes the same horse cannot enter twice.

- Flu Vac – For THS and DTM flu vacs will need to be sent in with the entry.
- 2012 qualifiers – Winter dressage will be run by SWDG, Winter show jumping by BMRC. We need a new host for the Horse Trials.
- CRB checks – clubs are required to have a nominated child protection officer

The meeting closed at 1015pm. Many Thanks for the refreshments.

