



Spring ALM 2012 at Ruishton village hall 22.3.2012

Present; Arthur Stevens, Andrea Jones, Helen Pavey,
Charlotte Warman (area 12 committee)

Clubs; Blackdown hills, Blackdown Mendip, Exeter, Mid Somerset,
Sid and Otter, SWDG, West Somerset, Witheridge

Apologies; RMRMRC, Shipton and Taunton & district.

Matters arising from last set of minutes.

- Q – Introducing a junior intermediate teams. Yes they will be introduced.
- Riding clubs don't need to pay tax.

Minutes were signed off as correct.

Guest speaker - Lindsay Cope from veterinary thermal imaging.

Accounts

Helen Pavey explained to the floor that there were some big holes in the accounts from previous years

Affiliation should have been £460 but this was offset against affiliation fees.
The actual amount collected was £159 therefore £281 due to the 2011 accounts.

Clubs are all paid up.

Balance in the current account £3356

Balance in the savings account £6005

Interest £2.52 Helen will look for a better rate if possible.

The winter show jumping only just covered costs by £6 at the hand.
Blackdown Mendip will not be paying area costs but they did buy the rosettes.
THS overpayment to T&DRC. Should this overpayment be chased? The question was put to the room. No clear answer as it was felt both parties were equally at fault. Arthur said if people wish for complete openness, please send accounts to Helen if clubs only just make money we can help decide who pays what.

Rosettes will be charged at £1 a piece

Andrea confirmed that the area will cover costs so NO club will be at a loss hosting an area event.

If a club need a deposit paying, please ask and area will pay the deposit to then be returned after the event if money is made.

Chair's report

4 Qualifiers have been held so far.

SWDG hosted the winter dressage and they have junior and senior teams going to the National championships. Thank you to SWDG for hosting a lovely day. The 2 outdoor arenas ran well.

BMRC hosted the winter show jumping at the Hand. Thank you for a well ran day. T&DRC and Mid Somerset are sending are sending teams to the National championships.

WRC hosted the combined training. Thank you. This event worked really well. WSRC and BMRC are sending individuals to the nationals.

WSRC hosted the RWHS show jumping. It was very unfortunate to see so few entries. They want areas to send a team so why do BRC keep changing the goal posts?

The RWHS dressage is still to run.

Witheridge thanked everyone who helped out on the day.

Area Reps report

Membership cards will only go out when membership lists go in. Please get members to give correct and updated addresses. There has been a lot of returned mail to BRC.

Stewards training. This year Sally Ellis-Grey from Quantock attended. If anyone is wishing to go on this please inform Arthur or Andrea and come and shadow an experienced steward.

BRC are following blood testing and doping rules at National championships.

Winter Champs- how can we restrict professional riders at area events? How can this be done keeping in spirit of the sport as it does highlight the novice competition.

Question from S&O – in keeping with this why can ponies go round and round each year and win at national champs then come back again? Surely this is not the spirit.

There is a rule discrepancy between the summer championship and the winter championship.

It is felt in the spirit of it that the placed teams come back year after year at novice champs, of course this is ok in the rule book but it would be nice if they moved into intermediate.

80cm – BRC would like to use their own dressage test.

SJ doesn't follow; the 1st 2 fences are 75cm

XC will ride at 325rpm height 80cm. Not open to juniors in 2013 however it may do in 2014.

The 80cmchampionship will run on the Thursday and Friday

Question fro Exeter. Why do BRC want to do roads and tracks when most events don't use the long format?

The BRC open will now be known as Senior intermediate plus Juniors next year will have a 2 day competition.

The BHS has a new chairman – Lynn Peterson. Very experienced in marketing and hopes to really boost the BHS

FOTH – looking at the whole structure, reviewing the venue and whole content from next year.

DTM – looking at the same.

Hunter trial at Eland lodge north of Birmingham, we are eligible to run 3 teams per area. This was put to the room. If anyone would like to go please let us know. This is replacing the regional hunter trial.

BRC are running trials on the Riding test

Training and marketing team within BRC are joining forces.

Quadrille – More and more enthuses will be put on movement and freedom, rather than the costumes.

RWHS area qualifiers – there was roughly 6entries per class for the show jumping and 9 or 10 entries per class for the dressage. Could these classes be run in with the winter competitions if entries are so small?

Hat tagging and body protectors will now be checked at area competitions and championships.

Non members are not insured at BRC events.

Is there anyone in your club or area who you feel needs thanking and rewarding? The awards of merit nominations need to be given in by June to Arthur or Andrea.

Training

Helen Goff circulated BHS training courses, the area can subsidise.

"Fit to ride "demo is in the pipeline, Emma Massingale – summer evening demo Natural horsemanship? Show jumping course building, this can be worked in with the area show jumping.

Qualifying dates

24th March – RWHS dressage

7th May – DTM

24th June SJ confirmation needed for Bickenhall

1st July Bicton horse trials

S&O are looking into venues for the combined competition, Bicton is out due to cost, April 2013 is it a better date? They will follow other leads

2013 dates

3rd March, WRC - Pontispool

3rd Feb RWHS dressage and show jumping .one day event conquest centre.

WSRC – TBC

Winter dressage – SWDG. Not to be run on the weekend of 16th/17th Feb.

Winter Show jumping. Date and venue tbc – BMRC

End of May bank holiday – DTM. Kingston Mauwood - Mid Somerset

Horse trials - ? BHRC if this year is a success they would be happy to run again.

Would the Area like a social event as a whole???? Let us know.

Thank you all for coming.

The meeting was closed.