



AREA 12 ALM

held on Thursday, 23 November 2017, at Ruishton village hall

Present: Area 12 committee – Sally Ellis-Gray, Charlotte Warman, Helen Pavey, Lucy Counsell, Hilary Barnard

Clubs – Blackdown Hills, Blackdown Mendip, Brent Knoll, East Mendip, Equestrian Training, Exeter, Ilfracombe, Lamberts Castle, Mid-Somerset, Quantock, Shipton, Sid & Otter, SWDG, Taunton, West Somerset, Weymouth, Witheridge

Apologies: RNRMEA, North Devon

Minutes of ALM April 2017, were taken as read and signed by Sally.

There were no matters arising.

Chair report – Charlotte reported that it had been a difficult year, a sharp learning curve. She had attended the National meeting in May, where important decisions were made, and stressed the importance of Clubs responding to surveys etc. There had been no prior agenda, some reps could be willful, but Jane Fisher (Cornwall, Area 19) and Shelagh Fishlock (Area 9) had been very kind and helpful.

Charlotte gave a precis from the BRC Advisory Committee (a full copy is on the website on the useful information page)

Data Protection – as a result of BD removing judge contact details from their rule book, access to book judges may be difficult in future. BRC are looking at providing a dedicated link for organisers on the website. The importance of using correctly worded riders to membership/competition forms was stressed – perhaps ask members to sign they agree for the RC to use their information and advise them that by joining the Club they are allowing their information to be used on the Club database. Effective from the beginning of May (Clubs will have to bear this in mind when preparing their membership renewal, and other, forms).

2018 Rule Changes – not many were in the pipeline. The main one is the prohibition of the use of body protectors with the purple 2000 label. All must now wear purple 2009 label, or newer.

There were some new direct entry classes, also arena eventing.

Quadrille numbers were in decline; Clubs are being asked to promote. Entries are open from 2 January until 2 February 2018. The final will be at Bury Farm in October, but this competition will be lost if enough clubs fail to come forward.

Volunteer league – the meeting was told about the introduction of a volunteer league. Details on A12 website (latest news).

There will be a new Championship for Arena Eventing 2019, to be held at Aston-le-Walls at the end of February, or early March. Qualifiers from 1 October 2018.

A full copy of these proposals is on the website, under useful information.

Treasurer's report – Helen had recently been able to transfer £1000 from the current to the savings account. The income from 2018 affiliation fees and the recent winter dressage competition were not shown as they fall within into the new financial year. There was a discussion about missing stopwatches, and it was agreed a record of the numbers signed in and out would be kept with them. More watches to be purchased, and Charlotte advised that all the kit is kept with her. The accounting year runs from AGM to AGM. Helen answered a query relating to FOTH profit (or lack of!) The accounts were proposed by Helen, and signed by Sally

After a break, a report was given from the recent BRC workshop at Hartpury, which provoked much discussion.

BRC workshop at Hartpury on behalf of those who attended, Sara Greenwood gave a precis of some pertinent points. Insurance, or not, of committee members, judges, non-members and others, was a cause for concern which raised much debate. It was agreed the meeting welcomed being alerted to these points, and perhaps we could hold a further meeting (early 2018?) and invite an insurance/SEIB/BRC rep to be present so everyone could be informed about the proper procedures to be followed. BRC are currently looking at providing a “bolt on” policy, and SEIB had been approached about cover for committee members. Helen asked whether Area could hold a policy to cover all Clubs, but as each Club has it’s own identity this might not work. Google “club matters” to learn more. If non-members are taking part in a Club activity, they must SIGN that they have 3rd party insurance and provide their insurer’s name.

There was discussion about how to reward volunteers. Payment of mileage is acceptable, but the use of wine, vouchers, discounts are classed as benefits and are therefore taxable.

Accident report forms – MUST be submitted, however trivial. “Incidents” go to BRC, “accidents” to BRC and insurance company. These stay live for 5 years, therefore committee members require adequate insurance cover.

BHS cloud – information to be sent to all Clubs

Training – Lucy reported various training sessions were in the pipeline –

~~17 Dec, Erica Oldham at KSEC (since cancelled)~~ - now Jo May at Rosamund Green on 10 Mar 2018

6 Jan, Sam Griffiths, Pontispool arena XC

24 Feb, Andrew Lovell, KSEC

4-6 May, camp at Pontispool

Lucy was also looking into the possibility of a session of biomechanics with Russell Gower, but it was thought this might be quite costly

Lucy clarified the area subsidy pays venue costs

Dates –

Winter novice dressage

WSRC

13 Jan Int dressage

KSEC

10 Feb Winter SJ

KSEC Quantock

25 Feb FOTH	P'pool Area 12	
11 Mar CT	P'pool Witheridge	
DtM	tbc	ORGANISER AND DATE REQUIRED
10 Jun HT	Bicton SOVRC	
21 Jul Dsg & riding test	Yeovil SWDG	
8 Jul SJ & style jump	KSEC BKRC	
7 Oct SENIOR winter dsg	KSEC MSRC	
28 Oct Int winter dsg	KSEC WSRC	
tbc Junior dsg	Mullacott Ilfracombe	

Division of Senior and Junior winter dressage caused some debate – parents should be encouraged to follow BRC code of conduct (and be RC member)

As scoring these competitions is such a nightmare, it was agreed all would run the split format and run the qualifying classes first

Rather than have a junior rep on committee (safeguarding, meeting in pub issues), perhaps have a young 18-25 year old who can report back to the juniors

In conclusion, Charlotte welcomed Equestrian Training South West (represented tonight by Lucy) to Area 12.

Sad to report the death of two members as a result of riding accidents, Julia Papadopoulus and Mandy Berry

Pleased to announce that Arthur has been awarded the Leo Harris Award (to be presented 24 Nov)

AOB – when using Equo system for entries, PLEASE also send a form with the team names. Equo to be asked to provide a tick box to show rider has adequate insurance cover.

Steward training – Area 12 has only two stewards (Sally and Charlotte), most areas have more, therefore we have priority booking for the training – in the “midlands” – 10-11 Feb 18 – so far Catherine Martin, Sally Ellis-Gray, Bridget Mackwood and 2 volunteers from Exeter RC – are booked in. Are there any more volunteers?

Helen suggested organising clubs should pay steward expenses, but as all clubs already pay an affiliation fee to Area 12 some clubs weren't happy with the suggestion. It was agreed to leave as is. Helen also confirmed that Area 12 will make up any loss, if necessary, on running Area 12 events.

Declaration forms – PLEASE will all team managers ensure these are properly, and fully, completed prior to handing them in. Team managers/horse owner to check the flu history – NO FORM, NO COMPETITION.

All entries to be made through the team manager

All/any queries to be made through the team manager

Please order your rosettes in good time

Meeting closed 2000hrs

HJB 24 Nov 17/6 Dec 17

