



AREA 12 LIAISON MEETING
Friday, 13 April 2018
at Creech St Michael Village Hall

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

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

Apologies – Blackdown Hills, North Devon, Weymouth

The Minutes of ALM November 2017, were taken as read and signed by Sally

Matters arising – Sally clarified that “thank yous” up to the value of £50 can be given to judges/helpers. A presentation of the Leo Harris award was made to Arthur in November.

Data Protection – Exeter asked for further guidance, more later

Area Rep report – Charlotte thanked all for attending and mentioned it had been very difficult to find a venue for the meeting, a suggestion was made of using a meeting room at Premier Inn (cost?), and RNRMEA offered help.

BRC have been difficult to deal with, though Championships are currently being organised.

There is no further progress to report with regard to the insurance issue discussed at the previous meeting and obtaining further information is proving difficult. BRC have also decided to keep with their rule book with regard to allowing one fall. BRC have now drawn a line, but sadly the meeting planned for June was cancelled (in March). Possibly there will be a meeting in October. Charlotte has emailed BRC with some firm thoughts.

Grass Roots training – none in our area, the closest are Cornwall and Bridgend

GDPR – General Data Protection Regulations, effective from 25 May 2018. BRC have not yet finalised their document, the major change is that members have to opt in to communications, rather than opt out, therefore facebook and Mailchimp are good options. Committee members should use treasurer@, for example, rather than a personal email address. Sending emails blind copied are OK. Club websites ought to have a privacy policy explaining the use of data and it's storage. If information is being kept it must be safe and not passed on to a 3rd party. Using an online entry system is good; if accepting cheques be careful to bank them before the competition/event, to ensure they clear in time.

Training – Sam Griffiths had been good

Andrew Lovell's training suffered from a date change (close to FOTH), Camp is full and Jo May's XC has twice been postponed due to poor weather/ground conditions.

Chair's Report – Most of the qualifiers have now been held, with Horse Trials, Dressage to Music and the summer dressage and show jumping to go. FOTH went well, though there were many fallers and a couple of disciplinaries. Sid & Otter to run Arena Eventing 25 November, at Bicton. With the advent of Arena Eventing, FOTH may change to a summer competition, but a provisional booking will be made at Pontispool for 2019. A suggestion was made that perhaps this could be run at Treborough. A request was made for results to be made available as soon as possible after a competition and Charlotte explained this was a laborious, manual process which takes a couple of hours to complete. A photo of the day's results could be posted with a proviso that they are provisional and may change. On a competition day Charlotte pointed out that Stewards are overloaded with hat checks, declarations and passport checking etc.

Treasurer's Report – Helen reported a £1500 profit had been made at FOTH, though Pontispool had held their 2017 prices for us. A vet had been on call. Camp is looking good and payments are being made.

Feedback from Steward Training – Sally said Area 12 had been well represented at the Stewards Training weekend in Banbury in February. It had been an intense weekend, and some parts (SJ training) had been better received than others (conflict management). Rule changes, body protectors, changing hat standards, horse:rider weight ratio were among the subjects discussed. Any potential new Stewards are permitted to start shadowing prior to applying for Steward training.

All horses attending Regional Championships at Hartpury MUST have up to date flu vaccs.

One potential steward had not notified in advance of her non-attendance (but had taken part in Area SJ on the day), nor responded to requests to pay costs, which have been made by phone and email. It was agreed to write to her and not allow her to take part in any further Area competitions this season.

To help encourage more stewards to come forward, perhaps expenses (mileage) could be paid? If anyone wishes to apply for 2019 training please make yourself known to Charlotte now.

Competition dates – The recent Combined Training event had been fun.

There were 3 Area DTM competitions coming up, on which Area 12 could “piggy back” - 10 June at Burrows Court, 12 May at St Leonards and 26 August at Bromyard.

Horse Trials (Sid & Otter) – 10 June at Bicton

SJ & Style Jumping (Brent Knoll) – 8 July at KSEC

Dressage and Riding Test (SWDG) – 21 July at Aldon

SWWRC – 18 August at Hartpury

Winter Novice Dressage (Mid Somerset) – 7 October at KSEC

Intermediate Winter Dressage (West Somerset) – 28 October

Arena Eventing (Sid & Otter) – 25 November at Bicton

Junior Dressage (Ilfracombe) – 2 December at Mullacott

We are pleased to welcome a new Club to the Area, Kentisbeare, near Exeter
Carol Quantrill kindly volunteered to join the Area 12 committee as secretary
If anyone is having difficulty finding a dressage judge, consider using a trainee.

HJB

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