



AREA 12 RIDING CLUBS
LIAISON MEETING 7:30pm Thurs 24th-March-2022
VILLAGE HALL, OTHERY



MINUTES

Present: Sally Ellis-Gray (Chair), Peter Vaughan (Sec), Helen Pavey (Treas), Chris Beer (Area Rep), Lucy Counsell (Training), Carolyn Price (Website), Emma-Jane Williams, Roy Delfino-Orme

Plus representatives from: Blackdown Hills, East Mendip, Ilfracombe, Mid Somerset, North Devon, Quantock, Shipton, Sid & Otter, SWDG, Taunton

1: Apologies

Anna Ames, Charlotte Warman, Lindsay Opperman, plus Clubs Brent Knoll, ETSW, Exeter, Royal Navy, Witheridge

2: Minutes of last ALM (18-November-2021)

Agreed (pr. Blackdown Hills, 2nd SWDG)

3: Matters Arising from the ALM

Area Junior Liaison Rep – Anya Hitt unavailable! But understood she is now at College, and no longer a Junior. The concept of a Junior Area Liaison rep is understood to be a Head Office idea, however no Job Description exists. Although not all Clubs have Juniors, a significant proportion of Area 12 Clubs do. Ilfracombe offered to provide two Juniors for the role, Charlie (17) and Harry (16) Pocock, both are social media aware.

Training Day for Stewards - new date to be advised by BRC after the hotel for the original date was closed by the Authorities! Zoom meetings are not so suitable for this type of event. Ongoing.

Costs of Competitions (including pre-entries) Many Areas fill their Qualifiers and are viable. Area 12 as more remote have fewer people willing to travel to Nationals, so entries would be down unless the Qualifiers were boosted by non-Qual entries. Breakdown for pre-entries (and actual entry fees for the Finals) needed as costs are causing concern – do the various Nationals make a profit, offsetting Affiliation expenses, or a loss? Transparency would be nice: Chris Beer to request breakdown of BRC accounts. **Action: CB**

Membership cards now emailed – members use these locally as some shops offer discounts etc. Members not on email can give another member's email to print for them.

Area Website – Carolyn Price has joined the Area Committee with sole aim to maintain the Website. Committee contacts are now on there; links to schedules, Equo entries, etc.

4: Chairman's Report

Sally welcomed North Devon Riding Club, recently reformed and officially affiliated.

Competitions are getting back to taking place, albeit as a 'new normal.'

5: Area Rep's Report

Chris reported nothing has changed since November's ALM. Hat standards will be changing for 2023; body protectors may be in addition.

6: Treasurer's report

Helen reported Areas are up to date with Area dues except for Kentisbeare and Royal Navy. Weymouth had sent a cheque for £6-40 despite not being billed, it was not known whether they still existed? Peter to establish contact **Action: PV**

Savings account £8,000 had accrued 27p interest (!); current account held £4,021 although some entries from recent Qualifier needed to be transferred from online booking system Stripe.

A laptop computer and printer had been bought, with mobile access by SIM card for online scoring, 2 years access, £532 the lot! Noted that data allowance will cost an ongoing £45 every 2 years. This is available for all Clubs to use.

Timing equipment also exists, similarly available, held by Charlotte Warman, and stopwatches, held by Chris Beer.

Area Rosettes – stocks have been run down, there was some discussion about whether it is easier for organising Clubs to just use their own for the non-Qual Area Championships? No strong feelings against this were expressed.

Helen reminded everyone of the 10% 'tax' on profits for running Qualifiers, above the first £200 profit. ETSW had thought they had made a loss on the Combined Training qualifier, which Area would have made good – it actually turned out there was a small (£40) profit.

7: Training Report

Lucy reported the February camp went well, venue (David Broome's yard) was good. It made a small profit despite the Training Grant being available for any shortfall.

The theme for this year's Training events is to get lots of different things happening in one venue, with prestigious trainers, including sports psychology. Aiming also for course-walk trainers at Qualifiers, to walk the course at the published times, to be paid for by the BRC Training grant.

8: Competitions

Past

Dressage 27-Feb-2022 Taunton @ KSEC

Went well, no issues.

Combined Training 19-Mar-22 ETSW @ Pontispool

Good day but struggled for entries, made a small £40 profit only. Noted it is expensive to run with Dressage judges as well as SJ. It was noted that there is a demand for higher classes (long arena and/or Elementary tests, plus 95cm jumping), Chris to report back **Action: CB**

Future

Combined Challenge 9-April-22 Area 12 @ KSEC
DTM 21-May-22* KSEC @ KSEC
Horse Trials 4-June-22 SOVRC @ Pontispool
Riding Test / Style Jumping 3-July-22 TDRC @ KSEC
Dressage (No Riding Test) 9-July-22 SWDG @ Chard
SJ 31-July-22 Shipton @ KSEC

No known issues, all ongoing.

** Post-Meeting Note – this clashes with the Challenge Finals at Aston LW, date will therefore be changed to August 27th*

Combined Challenge Oct-22 tbc WRC?

In absence of rep at meeting, Witheridge to be asked, (they can shadow the April 9th event to gain experience) **Action: PV**

Arena Eventing Nov-22 tbc SOVRC

As Sid & Otter have run this before, they 'know the ropes.' Confirmed.

Novice Dressage Dec-22 tbc Lamberts C?

Although agreed in principle last ALM, in absence of rep at meeting, to be confirmed as nothing definite known **Action: PV**

SJ Jan-23 tbc Quantock

Confirmed.

Intermediate Dressage Feb-23 tbc East Mendip?

East Mendip had been baselined, but as a Club don't have the knowledge within member base! Happy to provide volunteers, to work with Shipton for the Summer SJ so as to 'do their bit.' Intermediate Dressage therefore up for grabs.

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This may need to be an Area committee organised event. (Noted that two Dressage arenas running two tests, one SJ arena, did work well at Pontispool). Clubs must provide volunteers if so.

9: AOB

Mid Somerset RC was heartily thanked for yet again providing light buffet refreshments.

Chris Beer appealed for fence judges at Pontispool for a (non-RC) event first weekend in June, volunteers will be well looked after!

10: Next Meeting

Pencilled in for Thursday 17th November (with Area AGM), venue Othery Village Hall.

The meeting finished at 9:10pm

Approved (Chairman)