

**WEAVER EQUESTRIAN RIDING CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 27 JANUARY 2017 AT 7.30 PM
AT STOKE ON TERN VILLAGE HALL, STOKE ON TERN, TF2 2DU**

Minutes of the meeting

Present:	Nicola Casey	Chairman
	Carole Meade	Membership and Area 20 Secretary
	Annette Coombes	Treasurer
	Lisa Powell	Child Welfare Officer
	Stella Seed	Statistician
	Wendy Payne	Club Secretary
Apologies:	Julie Checkley	Fund Raising Officer
	Sarah Weaver	Trainer

Jo Hampton, Grace Hampton, Charlotte Robinson, Abigail Powell, Karen Robinson, Davina Carter, Alice Williams, Martin Lalley, Laraine Maxfield, Lianz Rowley, John Rowley, Simone Rowley, Hannah Wilkes, Izzy Dale, Kerry Wilkes, Susan Dale, Rose Willcox, Tanya Wakeley, Holli Wakeley, Elaine Farmer, Amanda Barrett, Trudie Sitser, Liz Hampton, Charlotte Hampton, Sam Hooper, Lauren Rowland, Jackie Smallman, Sarah Shepherd, Molly Shepherd, Jackie Rowland

1 Welcome and Apologies for absence

Nic Casey thanked everyone for attending the meeting and welcomed all attendees. Apologies as noted above.

2 Approve minutes of previous AGM held on 29 January 2016.

The Minutes of the AGM held on 29 January 2016 had been distributed prior to the meeting commencing. The minutes were approved by all.

3 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4 Chairman's Report

Nic Casey, Chair, welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. It has been a very successful second year for the Riding Club, qualifying for all but the Novice Winter Championships. There had been many highlights during the year – not all about winning but about achievements both big and small that all club members have made. Congratulations to everyone.

Thank you to the officials for all their hard work behind the scenes, to all the trainers and to Sarah Weaver for bringing together an amazing group of trainers for the club and for working tirelessly for the club. Her hard work is much appreciated.

5 Treasurers Report

Annette reported that it had been a good year for the Club with a lot of fund raising. This had raised £900.00 of which £300 had been spent on the Awards Evening. The costs for the Awards Evening had been kept low with tickets being costed at £10.00 a ticket.

There was £593.00 left from fund raising activities and a box had been left at the side for everyone to make suggestions on what to spend the money on, eg, cross country jumps, items for dressage competitions etc. The Club will continue to fund raise over the coming year and any suggestions would be more than welcome on ideas to help this along.

The Club is run as a non-profit making Club and all monies are from club membership and fund raising.

Some Clinics had made a loss due to low numbers attending. If a Clinic has been booked with times and dates going out beforehand, the money has been allocated therefore any cancellations will not receive a refund. Prompt payment is requested for the Clinics please.

The Club has supported costs associated with club members attending National Championships, ie, entry fees, travel costs and one night's accommodation. It was agreed that this should carry on.

Last year's income was:

£13,605

£13,375 expenditure

£230 profit

All costs, ie, rosettes, trophies etc had been paid for out of the monies in the account.

6 Election of Officers

There are currently nine posts for approval.

Post	Person	Proposed	Seconded
Chair	Nic Casey	Carole Meade	Annette Coombes
Child Welfare Officer	Lisa Powell	Nic Casey	Wendy Payne
Club Secretary	Wendy Payne	Jane Egerton	Nic Casey
Membership and Area 20 Secretary	Carole Meade	Wendy Payne	Annette Coombes
Training Officer	Sarah Weaver	Carole Meade	Nic Casey
Treasurer	Annette Coombes	Carole Meade	Wendy Payne
Fund Raising Officer	Julie Checkley	Carole Meade	Annette Coombes
Website Administrator	Nic Domagalski-Clarkson	Carole Meade	Holli Wakeley
Club Statistician	Stella Seed	Wendy Payne	Nic Casey

7 Any Other Business

- Instructors – were members of the Riding Club happy with the instructors provided? It seemed that most were – clarification on whether the instructors were flat or jumping was given to those present. The question was asked around past instructors and it was explained that some were so difficult to book and others just weren't popular enough so it wasn't viable.

- It was pointed out that there were two boxes available for members to put any suggestions they would like and these suggestions would be looked at and discussed.
- Cross Country training – during the summer months, this would be easier due to the weather and clinics would be held at S&G with the new cross country facilities and also other cross country venues.
- Area Qualifiers – top up training would be held before the events.
- Area 20 – new rules regarding body protectors will be coming into effect from 1 January 2018. All body protectors have to have the 2009 label on the body rather than the old purple Beta label.
- Laminated sheets explaining BRC rules on hats and body protectors had been passed around and the information will be put onto the website. Link to BRC rule book below: <http://www.bhs.org.uk/enjoy-riding/british-riding-clubs/brc-handbook>.
- Anniversary – it's the BRC 70th anniversary this year. To celebrate there will be a 70 cm class at the show jumping qualifiers and championships. This will be held at Caerwys, Llandudno.
- Area 20 qualifier dates – will be published on the website and can be found on the area 20 website (<http://www.brc-area20.org.uk/id3.html>).
- Schedules for qualifiers will be sent out. The next is 19 March 2017 – Intermediate Winter Show Jumping qualifier at Reaseheath.
- Social media criticism – it had been brought to the attention of the Area 20 Officials that there had been negative criticism on Social Media. This is to stop immediately.
- BRC membership cards – last year these were sent out late but a new person is now doing the job so they will be sent out within two weeks.
- Deadline change – membership form comes in within 2 days and is sent back out again.
- BRC insurance – members get full BRC insurance with full membership but no insurance is provided with local membership.
- Upgrade of membership – you can upgrade your membership from local to full at a later date should you decide to.
- Championships – nonattendance goes on a “BRC watch list”. If you cannot make it, you have to withdraw giving enough notice.
- Stop watch for Horse Trials – can have them this year but still not allowed for FOTH Cross Country challenge.
- Bitless bridles are now allowed for juniors in show jumping.
- If a rider is unseated (fall of rider) during show jumping, they are now allowed to remount and are not eliminated. A fall of horse still results in elimination.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.