

WEAVER EQUESTRIAN RIDING CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 31 JANUARY 2025 AT 7.00 PM
Stoke on Tern Village Hall

Minutes of the meeting

Present: Carole Meade Membership Secretary / Area 20 Rep / Competitions Secretary
Annette Coombes Treasurer
Sarah Key Safe Guarding Officer / Chairperson (newly elected)
Stella Seed Club Secretary / Points and Website Admin.

Others: Lisa Powell, Liam Evans, Grace Evans, Heather Parr, Stuart Parr, Emily Jarrett, Jessica Clark, Jackie West, Elaine Farmer, Julie Crook, Dave Eley, Judy Eley, Sally Kimber, Liz Legge, Fiona Crabb, Poppy Crabb, Zoe Head, Colin Head, Emily Head, Lucia Hagans, Megan Farrington, James Farrington, Matt Key, George Vaughan

Apologies: Nancy Stasiw

1 Welcome and Apologies for Absence

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

2 Approve minutes of previous AGM held on 5th January 2023.

The Minutes of the AGM held on 11th January 2024 had been published on the club Facebook page and were available prior to the AGM on the club website. The minutes were proposed by Annette Coombes, seconded by Lisa Powell and approved by all.

3 Matters Arising

Lydia Wood has stepped down as Chairperson. The club would like to thank Lydia for performing this role over the past years and all her contributions are greatly appreciated.

Postscript: Lydia provided the Chairperson report for 2024, but this wasn't picked up until after the AGM. We would like to thank Lydia for providing these and have included them at the end of the minutes for completeness.

4 Treasurers Report

The following report was presented by Annette:

We raised £700 at the bingo event. Fund raising is very important due to the costs incurred throughout the year, for example we paid £696 pounds on rosettes including those for the awards night and the team dressage event. We raised £164 pounds at team dressage, which was a good day and we hope to organise another this year. We have normal club running costs for example website fees, accountant fees, insurance. These are things the club needs to raise money to pay for.

We have kept the clinic prices the same this year, which is £18.50 for shared clinics of 3 to 4 people for 1 hour or £20 for the Megan Jenks clinics of 2 sharing for £45 minutes. These prices will remain the same in 2025.

To help cover our costs we need to continue with the fundraising, therefore any support / ideas would be amazing.

Unfortunately the club made a loss in 2024 of £627, we do have funds accrued from previous years to cover this, but we do need to fundraise to not be in this position again.

Our yearly books are available also if you wish to view previous years books i can arrange this.

6 Membership and Area 20 Secretary / Secretary Report

The following report was presented by Carole:

Club membership was down on previous years, but Area 20 qualifier entries by the club were up.

The highlights from the Area 20 qualifiers and BRC championships had been presented at the WERC awards night held at the end of 2024. As previously mentioned, for every team we enter we must provide a helper at the Area 20 qualifiers. Thanks goes to the few regular helpers at the qualifiers and their partners who also help. Carole can normally fulfil 2 helper roles at an event, but can't do more than that, therefore we are always looking for people to help at these events. For each helper duty performed, the club will pay for a hot drink and breakfast bap, plus a £5 voucher towards a club clinic.

The date for the horse trials qualifier has been confirmed as the 5th July. The event may also include a Challenge class, which is show jumping and cross country, but that hasn't been confirmed yet. The number of WERC members participating in the WERC local points shows was very low in 2024. The club has not yet decided whether to continue with the points show system this year or adopt a different format for the awards night. This will be discussed and communicated to the club once a decision has been made.

7 Election of Officers.

The AGM was advertised on the club Facebook page where it was asked if anyone would like to stand for any of the existing or vacant positions, no applications have been received. The meeting was asked if anyone would like to stand for existing posts or any of the vacant posts. Sarah Key (Weaver) was put forward as the new Chairperson by Stella Seed and seconded by Heather Parr. Jessica Clark also kindly offered to support Sarah in her new role.

The meeting agreed they were happy to perform a block vote for the remaining committee members to continue in their posts, this was proposed by Liam Evans and seconded by Zoe Head. The vote was passed.

Post	Person
Chairperson	Sarah Key
Child Welfare Officer	Sarah Key
Membership Secretary / Competitions Secretary / Area 20 Rep	Carole Meade
Treasurer	Annette Coombes
Club Secretary / Points and Website Admin	Stella Seed

8 Special Agenda Item – Change to the WERC constitution

A vote was taken on the following constitutional amendment:

“In the event of the clubs closure and after all outstanding debts have paid any remaining funds will be donated in full to Midlands Air Ambulance.”

Everyone voted in favour of the amendment so the motion was approved and the constitution changed.

9 Any Other Business

A question was raised about membership renewal. For full BRC members, if you selected auto-renew then the membership will be renewed automatically, otherwise you will receive a reminder email from the sport80 BRC website. Any new full BRC members should contact Carole and she will send a link to join. Local members should download a form from the club website and send the completed form to Carole or Annette.

Only a small portion of the full BRC membership fee goes to WERC, with the rest going to BRC, BHS, and administrative fees. The entire local membership fee goes to WERC.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm and was followed by a fun Quiz evening.

Appendix - 2024 Chairperson Report from Lydia Wood

Again, last year as a club we saw fewer entries than previous years for competitions, but we remained competitive for both juniors and seniors with members qualifying for the Champs. Some of the winter qualifiers were postponed due to poor weather conditions and are due to take in the coming weeks – Good luck to all those taking part.

We held another successful awards evening at Stoke on Tern Village Hall in November. Thank you to those who supported the night and continue to support WERC fundraisers.

I have decided to step down as Chairman for the coming year and would like to wish the club and all the members good luck for the future.