

**WEAVER EQUESTRIAN RIDING CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2021 AT 7.30 PM
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE**

Minutes of the meeting

Present:	Lydia Wood	Chairman
	Carole Meade	Area 20 Rep / Competitions Secretary
	Denise Williams	Membership Secretary
	Annette Coombes	Treasurer
	Stella Seed	Club Secretary / Points and Website Admin.
	Amanda Shenton	Fund Raising Officer

Others: Karen Martin, Tracy Hope, Emily Coombes, Wendy Hollins, Michelle Grout

Apologies: Lisa Powell

1 Welcome and Apologies for absence

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

2 Approve minutes of previous AGM held on 23rd January 2020.

The Minutes of the AGM held on 23 January 2020 had been published on the club FaceBook page and were available prior to the AGM on the club website. The minutes were proposed by Karen Martin, seconded by Annette Coombes and approved by all.

3 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4 Chairman's Report

Lydia Wood, Chair, welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Lydia highlighted there were very few competitions to enter in 2020 [due to the covid pandemic]. The hope is that 2021 will be a better year and that club training and competitions can resume, however it is not possible to make any concrete plans at the moment. Lydia thanked Amanda Shenton for the fantastic job she has done raising funds for the club, which has also helped people stay in touch.

Lydia highlighted that the committee decided to reduce the membership fees for 2021 as a thankyou for supporting and staying with the club. She thanked everyone who has joined for the coming season

5 Treasurers Report

Annette raised that 2020 had been a shorter year, to align with the BRC year end of 31st Dec compared to the previous club year end of 31st Jan.

Clinics will remain at £17 per person this year. When we are able to start running club clinics again, they will start with 3 sharing and then hopefully move back to 4 sharing as in previous years to help make a profit. With 3 in a group, after costs we make £9, this will increase to £26 when back to 4 sharing.

Annette highlighted some other outgoings for this year

Membership	£1,279.00
Insurance	£180.00

Website Fees	£183.00
Helpers/Petrol/Lunches	£152.10
Merchandise	£526.40
Accountant	£240.00
Profit from clinics	£302.50
Overall profit for the year	£555.00

As mentioned by Lydia, the club has decided to lower membership fees for 2021, senior members by £5, junior / mini members by £3 on the previous years fee.

If anyone would like to see the full 2020 accounts, please contact Annette and she will make them available,

6 Membership and Area 20 Secretary / Secretary Report

Carole shared the following information regarding BRC competitions.

The novice dressage championships for 2020 and 2021 will be amalgamated and held as a virtual competition. As a club we have already qualified 1 junior team, 2 junior individual riders and 1 senior individual rider. We also have members competing in the virtual intermediate dressage Area 20 qualifiers.

The FOTH championship in 2021 has been cancelled as it has been loss making for BRC. The Arena Challenge (arena eventing) championships are planned to run 22/23rd May at Aston-le-Walls. Covid restrictions allowing, Area 20 aim to run a qualifier for this, date and schedule tbc.

The Horse Trials championships at Swalcliffe are also planned to run the first weekend in August. These will be run as the standard ODE short format with no roads & tracks or steeple chase. Covid restrictions allowing, the Area 20 qualifer will be shared with Area 3 at Somerford, date TBC.

An update will be made in the spring as to whether the National Championships at Lincoln in September will go ahead,

7 Fund Raising Report

The following report was presented by Amanda.

2020 saw an unprecedented year. The fundraising team started the year planning some amazing events for you to include team dressage, social evenings, demonstration nights and something to celebrate the Olympics. But we all know what happened next.

So, a new tact for fundraising took place and we started our on-line raffles in May 2020. The response and support to these have been outstanding. 16 Raffles took place up to December raising £1,091.96. Then in December we ran our advent calendar raffle with a prize every day on the lead up to Christmas raising a huge £450.

We did manage to fit in a Team Dressage in September which was well supported by members and non-members. From this event kindly sponsored by Ethos we raised £385.20 Finally, we ended the year with our annual calendar celebrating our members antics throughout the year. A profit of £178.30 was raised for the club.

I hope you will agree that despite a difficult year you, our club members have been extremely supportive and helped keep the club viable raising a total of £2,005.46 (after the cost of prizes was removed).

Plans for this year as you expect are very fluid. We will continue with the on-line raffles. We hope to get a team dressage in for you all at some point and if all goes to plan, we are tentatively planning a social event for September.

We are always open to new ideas so please give us your feedback and help is always welcome.

The fundraising team would like to thank you all for your support and we hope 2021 will be as good if not better than 2020 and perhaps we might get to interact with each other face to face.

8 Election of Officers.

The AGM was advertised on the club FaceBook page and asked if anyone would like to stand for any of the existing 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. Nobody wanted to apply for any posts.

To recognize the importance to the club of the work done by Amanda Shenton, a new position of Fund Raising Officer has been created on the committee.

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 Emily Coombes and seconded by Wendy Hollins. The vote was passed.

Post	Person
Chair Person	Lydia Wood
Membership Secretary	Denise Williams
Child Welfare Officer	Lisa Powell
Competitions Secretary / Area 20 Rep	Carole Meade
Treasurer	Annette Coombes
Club Secretary / Points and Website Admin	Stella Seed
Fund Raising Officer	Amanda Shenton

9 Any Other Business

It was confirmed that the Area 20 winter novice and intermediate show jumping qualifiers have been cancelled as it is not feasible to run them virtually. A refund or an IOU can be issued for anyone who already paid their entry for these, please contact Annette to arrange this.

Summer Area 20 show jumping qualifiers are tbc.

The meeting closed at 8pm.