

WEAVER EQUESTRIAN RIDING CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 30 JANUARY 2026 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
	Stella Seed	Club Secretary / Points and Website Admin.

Others: Lisa Powell, Heather 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, Nancy Stasiw, Jackie Moule, Wendy Green, Wendy Nettleton, George Vaughan, Matthew Key, Emma Parton

Apologies: Liz Wilkinson, Poppy, Nicola Ratcliffe

1 Welcome and Apologies for Absence

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

2 Approve of previous AGM held on 31st January 2025

The Minutes of the AGM held on 31st January 2025 had been published on the club Facebook page and were available prior to the AGM on the club website. The minutes were proposed by Jessica Clark, seconded by Lisa Powell and approved by all.

3 Matters Arising

No matters arising.

4 Chairpersons Report

The following report was presented by Sarah:

Good evening, all. Just a quick round up really!

Obviously 2025 was a mega year for our small but mighty club, with the 2 big wins and lots of teams and individual places at all qualifier and championship events we attended, which is an incredible achievement. Super proud to have the club published in the Horse and Hound and in all the Riding Club magazines and to do it on our 10-year anniversary was something else.

At the end of March, we head back to Arena UK for the show jumping championships. Fingers and toes crossed for then!

Last year's training proved popular and I have a great calendar of training lined up for 2026 which is open to all our club members.

We have some funded training coming up in March which is priced at £10.00 pp thanks to the great efforts from our fundraising and more discounted training dates are to follow.

I'm looking at holding some dressage competitions which we can also video and use the tests for the online dressage competitions, that way we can involve all our club members including those with no option to travel or those who just don't fancy competing at big events.

I still have plans for a quadrille team!! Might need some help with that one mind!

Lastly thanks to our great committee for all the work they do we couldn't operate without you. The fundraising is vital for the club so please support where you can.

Unwanted gifts for prizes are always most welcome along with any bottles

Thanks for joining us tonight, we hope you enjoy the quiz and here's to an exciting 2026.

5 Treasurers Report

The following report was presented by Annette:

Our clinic fees will be staying the same this year, as we have been lucky enough to keep trainer and arena hire costs the same.

These are great value at £18.50 per person per clinic with 3/4 sharing 1 hour or £20 with 2 sharing 45 minutes.

Rosettes as you all know everyone likes a pretty ribbon. Costs of rosettes this year has been £690.00

Clothing this year has been our most expensive purchase coming in at £1012.00, we have not only had team clothing made we have also had anniversary hoodies and hats. We still have some available in stock if you would like to have a look.

Calendars were also purchased costing £246, we have managed to sell quite a few but have a handful left, these are available still at a discounted price of £5.

Money raised from raffles, bingo and team dressage really helps towards the following:
Cheaper clinics for members, this year we have more planned.

We continue to look after our lovely helpers and chef d'equipes at qualifiers and championships.

When we send a team of 3 to a competition, we always keep costs for the member the same as when it is a team of 4, this means that the club swallows this cost, we find this keeps it all fair for everyone.

This year the club has also gifted some prizes, ie membership and clinics to the fantastic raffles we have had.

Team dressage was a great success and we were lucky that Amanda Shenton secured fab prizes and sponsors. Donations also came in to help towards members cost for horse trials

Also this year we have paid out :-

Accountancy fee £150.00

Website fees this year have been £299

This year with all the fund raising we have seen a profit of £1,150.00

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:

Qualifier dates are now being published for this year. For any invitations received for the championships, you need to ensure that your membership is still valid otherwise the qualification will become void.

Rule change coming into force for summer dressage qualifier, from June onwards you can ride in more than one team so long as you are riding at different levels, for example you can ride in one team at Intro and the other team at Prelim, or one team at Prelim and the other team at Novice level.

Area 20 qualifier dates can be found on the Area 20 website. Some dates are

8/03/26 Winter Dressage Qualifier Tushingham Arena

14/06/26 Combined Challenge Qualifier Radfords Equestrian

21/06/26 Summer Dressage Qualifier Aqueduct Marina, Nantwich

28/06/26 Summer Showjumping Qualifier Aqueduct Marina, Nantwich

05/07/26 Area Horse Trials Qualifier Kelsall Hill

Use of rider's voice is now allowed, however, it is at the discretion of the judge as to whether it has been used excessively.

BRCA are running Summer Sizzler and Christmas Cracker online video dressage competitions, we are currently working out how we can take part as a club.

7 Election of Officers.

The AGM was advertised on the club Facebook page. The meeting was asked if anyone would like to stand for existing posts.

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 Emma Parton and seconded by Judy Eley. 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
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8 Any Other Business

Nancy queried how to see a purchased competition pass on the Sport 80 website. It is necessary to "swipe right" on the app to see the pass.