

**WEAVER EQUESTRIAN RIDING CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 23 JANUARY 2020 AT 7.30 PM
AT CHILDS ERCALL CLUB, CHILDS ERCALL, TF9 2DG**

Minutes of the meeting

Present:	Lydia Wood	Chairman
	Carole Meade	Membership and Area 20 Secretary / Secretary
	Annette Coombes	Treasurer
	Lisa Powell	Child Welfare Officer
	Stella Seed	Points and Website Administrator
	Denise Williams	Membership Secretary

Jackie Moule, Wendy Green, Megan Jenks, Shona Rooney, Emma Ward, Imogen Ward, Jessica Clarke, Claire Kirby, Ffion Kirby, Karen Martin, Wendy Hollins, Michele Grout

Apologies:

Amanda Shenton, Nicola Casey, Jayne Bailes, Wendy Anderson, Wendy Nettleton, Katie Cook, Helen Connelly

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 14 January 2019.

The Minutes of the AGM held on 14 January 2019 were distributed during the meeting and were available prior to the AGM on the club website. The minutes were proposed by Wendy Green, seconded by Shona Rooney and approved by all.

3 Matters Arising

Lydia Wood was voted by the members as Chair person following the last AGM.

4 Chairman's Report

Lydia Wood, Chair, welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Lydia highlighted the continued growth of the club through 2019, with much success across all disciplines.

The committee have proposed to introduce some new rules relating to the Intro dressage class and show jumping classes 1 to 3 at the WERC points shows which run in conjunction with the S&G Equine competitions. Lydia talked through the proposed changes, which had been posted on the club Facebook page, and are attached to these minutes for reference. Lydia explained the rules were based on feedback from members and are designed to keep competition fair whilst still being supportive and encouraging to all.

The motion to adopt the rules was proposed by Karen Martin and seconded by Michelle Grout. All members present voted in favour of adopting the rules at future competitions.

5 Treasurers Report

Annette reported that fund raising, through raffles, wreath making, team dressage and calendars, had raised £1,205.

Annette reported that money spent had been £1,556. This included £800 for rosettes for awards night. The new showing classes introduced in 2019, have required additional trophies

and engraving. The club purchased 2 arena cross country jumps, a brush jump and an arrow head, with telescopic stands. These jumps are very useful for club training for BRC area qualifiers and WERC clinics, which are held at S&G Equine. The normal WERC shared clinics will stay at £16 per person, which is great value.

WERC has a new events team (Amanda Shenton, Shona Rooney, Lydia Wood, Katie Cook, Helen Connelly, Rachel Tarbuck), who are working to raise money for the club. They have come up with some great ideas, so keep a look out for what's coming up. Ideas are as follows:- bingo night, quiz and pudding night (9th October, at Hodnet), summer Olympics fun day, gin tasting, wreath making (Thursday 3rd December, Childs Ercall Club) and many more. We hope you will support these events.

The next WERC team dressage is Sunday 12th April, at S&G Equine, where we are planning to have 14 teams. Sarah Weaver has kindly donated the arena free of charge for the day.

The WERC awards night will be a combined awards night and Christmas party this year. Due to the growth of the club we have moved to Ternhill Hall Hotel, which is a larger venue. The ticket prices will be a little more expensive, so we have tried to make the event more of a night out. There will be 2 types of ticket available, one for the awards and the party and one just for the party after. The hope being that non members will come along and join the party.

As a club we also offer helpers breakfast / lunch at the BRC Area 20 Qualifiers, alongside £5 half day / £10 full day helper vouchers towards WERC clinics / merchandise / membership. We have also supported our chef d'equipe with fuel costs when travelling to Qualifiers and Championships to help / support our members. The members at the AGM voted that they were happy to continue this support.

Other costs include annual fees i.e. BRC insurance, accountancy fees, website hosting fees.

All previous years accounts are available to view on request from Annette. 2019 accounts will be available mid February, when they are back from the accountant.

6 Membership and Area 20 Secretary / Secretary Report

Carole reported that the club had qualified for all championships that BRC had run last year. Also, all of the junior riders who competed at the dressage qualifiers in November at Somerford, have been invited to take part in the Novice Winter Dressage Championships as wild cards. Carole thanked everyone for their support at the BRC qualifiers and championships.

WERC has always been a friendly and supportive club and it is important that it stays this way. Carole, is very passionate about the club and very committed in the support she gives. Carole offered that if what she does is not appreciated and the club does not stay positive and supportive, she would stand down and would not stand in opposition to anyone wanting to apply for her role. Everyone at the meeting expressed how much they all appreciate everything that Carole does and also want the club to remain positive and supportive. Nobody wanted Carole to stand down.

The new rules relating to show jumping height at qualifiers don't apply to FOTH, Arena Eventing and Horse Trials, it only applies to Show Jumping and Combined Training.

The new whip rules, as per BS, apply to Show Jumping, Combined Training and Arena Eventing.

Carole, reminded everyone that the club needs to provide volunteers at all BRC area qualifiers where the we compete, otherwise we can't take part in these qualifiers. The club provides food and club vouchers for volunteers. So please help where you can.

7 Election of Officers

Lydia Wood was elected last year as club chair person.

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.

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 Shona Rooney and seconded by Wendy Green. 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

8 Any Other Business

Wendy asked if there were plans for the 6 month rule on flu vaccinations to be lifted. Carole stated that BRC had no plans to change this. Also, qualifiers must meet the conditions of the venues where they are held, many of which are stipulating 6 months. Somerford is very strict. BE also has a 6 month rule, so BRC are in line with this. A reminder was given, that vaccinations should not be within 6 days of competing. Please refer to the BRC rule book for details.

The meeting closed at 8.14 pm.

Appendix - WERC Competition Rules and Points System – 2020 Season

Background

As a club we want to remain friendly, supportive and let everyone have a go at what they feel comfortable with, while trying to keep competition fair, giving members at all levels the chance to do well. We also encourage members to take the next step, thereby helping them to improve.

WERC Local Competition Eligibility

Dressage

Intro – Restricted Junior and Senior Sections

Open to horse/pony and rider combinations who have not had 2 or more wins at Intro or above at WERC competitions or have not won a WERC dressage awards title in a previous season.

Intro - Open section

Open to all horse/pony and rider combinations. This section is aimed at those who are no longer eligible for the restricted section but want to ride an intro test, for example experienced riders with young or rehabilitating horses, junior riders wishing to qualify for Trailblazers at Intro level, riders wanting to build confidence.

This is a combined Junior and Senior section.

Prelim – Elementary

There are no formal eligibility criteria for these classes, however, we encourage riders to compete at the level appropriate for their current level of ability.

WERC awards split into junior and senior riders.

Show Jumping

Class 1 Mini Stakes - Jumps not to exceed 30cm

This class is aimed at nervous and beginner riders

WERC awards split for lead rein and just off the lead rein

Class 2 Nursery Stakes - First round 40 - 50cm

WERC awards split into junior and senior riders

Class 3 New Hooves - First round 50 - 60cm

WERC awards split into junior and senior riders

Class 4 Novice Hooves - First round 60 - 65cm

WERC award will be combined for all riders

Class 5 Novice - First round 70 - 75cm

WERC award will be combined for all riders

Class 6 Intermediate - First round 80 - 85cm

WERC award will be combined for all riders

Class 7 Open - First round 90 - 95cm

WERC award will be combined for all riders

Points system

Points for the 2019 / 2020 season start on 11th November 2019. Points are awarded to all WERC members that take part in dressage, show jumping and showing competitions.

1st - 7 points

2nd - 6 points

3rd - 5 points

4th - 4 points

5th - 3 points

6th - 2 points

all unplaced competing members 1 point

Points are accumulated per horse/pony and rider combination, per class over the season.

Where there is a tie for places at the end of the season, the horse/pony rider combination with the greatest number of wins will take the higher place.

WERC points competitions are run as part of S&G Equine competitions. This gives the benefit of WERC members being able to compete without the club receiving any of the costs associated with organizing competitions.

One or more competitions may be designated as "double points" competitions at the discretion of the organizer (S&G Equine).