

**WEAVER EQUESTRIAN RIDING CLUB  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 14 JANUARY 2019 AT 7.30 PM  
AT CHILDS ERCALL CLUB, CHILDS ERCALL, TF9 2DG**

**Minutes of the meeting**

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

Bonnie Fishburn, Nikee Hudson, Megan Owen, Tim Owen, Holly Davis, Mandy Davis, Wendy Anderson, Jackie Moule, Wendy Green, Annabel Jones, Jane Egerton, Ellie Bunce, Ruth Minton, Liz Mason, Megan Jenks, Denise Williams, Wendy Nettleton, Emma Crowe, Helen Furber, Shona Rooney, Jackie Smallman

Apologies:

Sarah Weaver, Amanda Shenton, Robyn Macaskill, Corrine Brown

**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 26 January 2018.**

The Minutes of the AGM held on 26 January 2018 were distributed during the meeting. 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. Nic highlighted the continued success and growth of the club through 2018.

The committee wanted to highlight that Sarah Weaver would not be able to attend all BRC Area 20 Qualifiers due to other commitments. She would attend where possible. If Sarah was not able to attend, another committee member would be on the ground at the qualifiers to help WERC competitors and provide support to Carole.

Nic has also made the decision to stand down from the position of chair, but would like to remain on the committee and still help out with fund raising events. The club would like to thank Nic for all of the time and support she has provided to the club, especially at qualifiers, championships and of course running our popular quiz nights.

**5 Treasurers Report**

Annette reported that fund raising, through raffles, quiz nights had raised £1,236. Thanks to Amanda Shenton and Corrine Brown for securing great raffle prizes. Corrine also organized the club calendars which raised £20. £458 was raised by selling awards nights tickets, costs for

the awards night were kept down again by hiring the village hall and the committee donating the food.

Clinic attendance has been good. The normal WERC shared clinics will stay at £16 per person. £536 profit was raised from clinics.

In 2018 the club supported prelim entries for BRC qualifiers at a cost to the club of £1,912.

Rosettes for the awards night cost £526, trophy engraving cost £80.

The club provides breakfast / lunch for volunteers at the BRC Area 20 Qualifiers, which cost £90.

The club is updating some of its WERC branded clothing, including hoodies and polo shirts. The hoodies were on display at the AGM and then can be seen at S&G Equine. Both are available to order.



**WERC**  
WEAVER EQUESTRIAN RIDING CLUB

Youth Sizes	Adult Size	Chest
	Extra Small	32-34"
Age 7-8	Small	34-36"
Age 9-11	Medium	38-40"
Age 12-13	Large	42-44"
	XL	46-48"
	2XL	50-52"

**New Riding Club Kit**  
Hoodie Adult £23.00 Junior £20.00  
Polo Shirt Adult £15.00 Junior £14.00  
Adult Zip Neck £24.50

Women's Tailored Fit Available  
Polo Shirt UK Sizes 8-18  
Zip Neck UK8-16

**Junior Team** Available to Order from Annette Coombes **Senior Team**

The final 2017 accounts were available to view at the meeting. The 2018 accounts will be finalised by the accountant at our year end which is 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2019. If anyone wishes to see these, please contact Annette in February, they will be available on request.

## 6 Membership and Area 20 Secretary / Secretary Report

Carole reported that finding helpers for area qualifiers continues to be a struggle. To keep the cost of qualifiers down, Area 20 runs them using volunteers, each club entered, has to provide helpers based on the number of entries they submit. A number of ideas were discussed to help encourage people to volunteer. A helpers rewards scheme was proposed, whereby everyone

who helps at an area qualifier, will receive a credit towards:- a WERC run clinic; a qualifier prelim entry; club clothing. It was suggested a sum of £5 for half day help and £10 for a full day help. Carole will email details of all helpers at a qualifier to Stella Seed who will keep a record. Stella and Annette will liaise when people redeem their credits. A vote was taken on this proposal and it was accepted.

From the Horse Trials onwards, the committee proposed that competitors would need to pay their own prelim entry fee. Due to the success of the club and the number of competitors wishing to compete at area qualifiers, the fundraising required to meet this had become unsustainable for the current committee members. A concern was raised that if members have to pay prelim entries, the club might see less entries for qualifiers, especially for dressage and showjumping.

Other fund raising ideas were discussed; crowd funding, Corrine had tried this, but only she donated; running an area 20 qualifier. The meeting requested we took the prelim back to the committee for further discussion.

Carole, pointed out the new membership forms include GDPR statements on them. Please make sure you sign all parts of the form that needs a signature.

## **7 Election of Officers**

As Nic Casey has stepped down from the position of chair. There were 2 candidates for the position; Amanda Shenton and Lydia Wood. Unfortunately, due to other commitments, neither could be present at the AGM. As not everyone at the meeting knew Amanda and / or Lydia the meeting requested that voting was delayed giving time for both candidates the opportunity to prepare a statement about themselves to share with the club. This will be done via the Weaver Equestrian Riding Club Facebook page.

The meeting was asked if anyone would like to stand for existing posts or any of the vacant posts.

Denise Williams offered to help and suggested she could help as Membership Secretary. The meeting voted in favour of Denise as Membership Secretary.

The meeting agreed they were happy to perform a block vote for the remaining committee members to continue in their posts.

<b>Post</b>	<b>Person</b>
Child Welfare Officer	Lisa Powell
Area 20 Secretary / Club Secretary	Carole Meade
Training Officer	Sarah Weaver
Treasurer	Annette Coombes
Points and Website Administrator	Stella Seed

## **8 Any Other Business**

- Shona Rooney requested that forward notice of clinics and events be put on the website. Stella mentioned that currently clinics were on the website up to the end of March and Competitions until the end of April (for dressage and SJ). As soon as dates are known they

are published on the website - other commitments allowing, a reminder was made that the committee members are all volunteers with full time jobs and try to do the best they can.

- A suggestion was made that clinics and competitions as created as events on the WERC facebook page and times are posted to these events so they are easier to find. Whilst this is a good idea, it takes extra time to do this.
- Katie Cook and Annabel Jones offered to help with administration and other tasks.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.