

**WEAVER EQUESTRIAN RIDING CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 26 JANUARY 2018 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
	Sarah Weaver	Trainer

Jo Hampton, Grace Hampton, Laraine Maxfield, Rose Willcox, Elaine Farmer, Sam Hooper, Jackie Smallman, Emily Coombes, Wendy Nettleton, Jane Egerton, Shona Rooney, Sharon Longhurst, Rachel Tarbuck, Sarah Gardiner, Mandy Marshall, Cora Neill, Bridget Heath, Karen Martin, Rachel Davies, Nikee Hudson, Liz Wilkinson, Megan Mckee, Tim Owen, Rupert Drew, Tom

Apologies:
Steph Leech, Camilla Martin

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 27 January 2017.

The Minutes of the AGM held on 27 January 2017 had been distributed prior to the meeting commencing and were published on the club website. 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 a couple of changes to the BRC membership form. Firstly, giving permission for the club to use members images on social media and the club website. Secondly, regarding willingness to be included on a rota of helpers at area qualifiers and championships. It is a condition of entry that clubs need to provide helpers at qualifiers and championships the club is competing at. The number of volunteers depends on the type of competition, the number of teams entered and the club who are organising the event. For example horse trials and FOTH need a lot more volunteers than show jumping.

The horse trials qualifiers will be held on 24th June, WERC will be responsible for running the dressage phase. So a particular request for volunteers on this date was made.

The committee has made the decision to no longer loan WERC numnahs and cross country colours at competitions. This is due to items previously loaned not being returned. From an original 8 numnahs we now only have 1. The club encourages members representing the club

at qualifiers and championships to use WERC club numnahs and for WERC cross country colours. These will continue to be available to buy.

5 Treasurers Report

Annette reported that it had been a good year for the Club with a lot of fund raising. This had raised £1,300.

Clinics attendance had died down recently. Price is £16 per person for a max of 4 sharing a clinic which is great value.

The Club has supported costs associated with club members attending National Championships, ie, entry fees, travel costs and one night's accommodation. It has also bought a union jack skinny jump and planks.

This year the awards night was kept at a very low cost with members and their families doing the catering and hiring Childs Ercall Village Hall.

Last year's income was:

£????? - Income

£????? - expenditure

£????? - Profit

All costs, ie, rosettes, trophies, website fees, accountancy fees, etc had been paid for out of the monies in the account.

6 Membership and Area 20 Secretary / Secretary Report

Carole gave the good news that the club had received invitations to the FOTH championship for both the junior and senior teams. This will be held 19th / 20th May near Daventry.

In dressage, Holly Davis and Amy Heely have been invited to the junior intermediate championships on the 18th March. Other invitations are still to come through.

Unfortunately, due to the success of so many of our teams, the club won't be able to provide automatic financial funding to those competing at championships this year. Last year the club paid £1,200 in entry and stabling fees which required a very large amount of fundraising.

Instead the club proposed to pay the prelim entry fee for everyone competing at qualifiers. It was felt that this would mean the club could help more members. The meeting agreed with this approach. For each qualifier there are 2 entry fees. The prelim entry which is £9 and goes to BRC. The club entry fee which goes to the club organising the event to cover the costs of holding the event.

The club will of course support and assist anyone who wants to do fund raising to contribute to attending specific championships. It was asked if we find we have qualified for championships can we look for sponsorship. The club had sponsors when we attended the horse trials championships 2 years ago. It was agreed that this would be a good idea and the club welcomes members looking for sponsorship if we qualify for championships in the future.

The club appreciates all the fund raising support from everyone. A big thank you was given to Julie Checkley for the fantastic fund raising she organised in 2017 and the many excellent raffle

prizes she managed to secure for the club. Members were asked to continue to support any fund raising.

There will be a new, additional, arena eventing qualifier in October, starting at 70cm.

7 Trainers Report

Sarah explained that clinics had been mainly well attended but some not so. This year there will be 3 Monday night clinics per month with one week off. We will continue with our regular and popular trainers Sam Wall, Sam Morrison, Sarah Warner and Lindsey McCallum. Dean Price will be back later in the year.

Listening to feedback last year, the club held daytime clinics and clinics on other days of the week, however they were not sufficiently supported to make them viable so there are no plans to repeat this year.

Clinics now need to be paid for when booking, as we have had people cancelling at the last minute and not paying. Bookings must be received by the Thursday before the clinic. Times will be posted Friday night / Saturday morning. Clinic details can be found on the website and will be posted on Facebook. <https://www.weaverequestrianridingclub.com/calendar>

Please support the training clinics. The club encourages ideas for training and trainers from all members, so please put these forward.

Justine Armitage is a fantastic trainer, however is too expensive for the Monday night clinics.

During the summer, clinics will be able to run later. We now have a cross country training field with water and a ditch. Currently the jumps are up to 80cm. There are plans this year to have some 90cm and 100cm cross country schooling fences. For example a portable skinny brush fence could be placed in front of the water to try to simulate the type of questions we might encounter at competitions. Fund raising could contribute to buying these.

Monthly points competitions will continue for show jumping and dressage. There will be no shows in August. Points are collated for trophies and rosettes presented at the awards night. Again details of competitions can be found on the website.

Sarah reminded everyone that the BRC qualifiers are open to all. The club doesn't pick who can be in a team, entry is open to everyone and the club will support and encourage you if you want to take part.

The 2018 events can be found on the club website to help you plan ahead or have a goal to aim for. As entries open for an event, Carole / Sarah will post on facebook asking for interest. A facebook messenger group will then be created for those who are interested giving more details. Sarah organises those interested into teams. Please don't think you are not good enough to be in a team, the qualifiers are a great place to gain experience in a supportive and encouraging team.

Last year the club teams were extremely successful at area qualifiers.

The club will continue to try to put on additional training just before the qualifiers. This run at cost of the trainers only with no arena hire being charged.

8 Election of Officers

The meeting was asked if anyone would like to stand for existing posts or any of the vacant posts. Nobody expressed an interest in standing for any positions.

A number of committee members stepped down from their positions this year. The club would like to thank them for all their hardwork and support. Where possible these positions have been taken on by other committee members.

Fund raising officer remains vacant.

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

Post	Person	Proposed	Seconded
Chair	Nic Casey	Sam Hooper	Shona Rooney
Child Welfare Officer	Lisa Powell	Sam Hooper	Shona Rooney
Membership and Area 20 Secretary / Club Secretary	Carole Meade	Sam Hooper	Shona Rooney
Training Officer	Sarah Weaver	Sam Hooper	Shona Rooney
Treasurer	Annette Coombes	Sam Hooper	Shona Rooney
Fund Raising Officer	Vacany	Sam Hooper	Shona Rooney
Points and Website Administrator	Stella Seed	Sam Hooper	Shona Rooney

7 Any Other Business

- Laminated sheets explaining BRC rules on hats and body protectors had been passed around and the information will be put onto the website. Link to BRC rule book below: <http://www.bhs.org.uk/enjoy-riding/british-riding-clubs/brc-handbook>.
- Area 20 qualifier dates – will be published on the website and can be found on the area 20 website (<http://www.brc-area20.org.uk/id3.html>).

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.