



BMRC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING : Minutes

Thursday 20th October 2011, 7.00pm

Venue: Churchill Memorial Hall

Present: COMMITTEE
 Anna Patch, Jo Thyer, Catherine Withers, Claire Curry, Hannah Pearce, Hannah Vauden, April Davies, Emma Vowles, Tara Phillis, Clare Savas, Jo Tasker, Hilary Barnard

MEMBERSHIP ATTENDEES: Sally Busby, Veronica Thorne, Claire Nightingale, Celia Lewis, Liz Wilkins, Chris Edwards, Mike Edwards, Helen Cox, Tara Bennett, Mandy Kelly, Margaret Westcott, Kate Button, Johanna Davis, Margot Pool, Rachel Butler, Rachel Abott, Sarah Tucker, Tom Tylee, Tara Bennett, Stephanie Jones, Elliemay Taylor, Emma Kelly, Penny James, Claire Hembery, Lee Bennett, Rhiannon Gardiner-Bateman, Jenny Hopkins, Alistair Allendon, Liz Withers,

Minutes: T Phillis

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1	Welcome & Apologies from Committee: Tilly Latimer Lucy Counsell Sue Webb Beanie Box	I
2	Matters Arising No matters arising	I
3	Welcome by Chair Fantastic year - 20years!	I
4	Minutes of AGM 2010 signed off by Chair Jo Thyer	I
5	<p>Chair's Annual Report Jo Thyer: Chair signed off minutes Lots RClubs are folding - ours has grown and grown - a phenomenal success story! 450 membership - even with 6month membership closing date on 31st July annually. Area 12 - has been amazing !!! 5 dressage teams, horse trials, ODE, SJ teams - amazing! What a change as less than 12 months ago we couldn't get anyone interested - thank you membership!! A Big impact has been web marketing. Claire has done amazing job on website - huge information resource - newsletters are fab too but without web we would struggle....reminder to all members to check website regularly please!! And spread the word. Members Day - has seen these top at80 entries - grown and grown - we may have to look at this Busby trophy in future! We also struggle for venues!! Any locations would be gratefully received. ODE was amazingly successful - very positive at Urchinwood Manor this year - lots entries, massive smiles 1'9" experience. Our great new flashy showjumps were used - we are looking for sponsorship for these please refer to Secretary or Chair if you are interested - an amazing purchase, work in progress to add to these in the long term.</p> <p>Jo Thyer is standing down after 6yrs on committee and 2yrs as Chair. Has thoroughly enjoyed her time and feels she is leaving at a high point, another incredible year ahead - she isn't leaving the Club though as will be competing with Comet!!</p> <p>Facebook site as well - check it out!! Lots great information on there too and photos!!</p>	

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<p>6</p>	<p>Treasurer's Report Catherine Withers: standing down as Treasurer as she wants to be elected as Chair Clinics and lessons have been really successful this year. Sarah BARNES - member and also an ACCOUNTANT and this year and last year, compare the two years. She has audited the Club accounts. Income benefited from increased membership without a doubt. Annual show - profit, net profit £400 after all expenses and vouchers Area 12 - rocketed compared to last year, competing theme across the Club - great news ! 50% subsidy for all Area 12 entries - April doing great job there as recently taken over this focus. Sponsorship Grants have also been given to those competing - more winners and people going to championships eg in Lincoln we need to help you for our benefit.</p> <p>Two years running the subsidy programme - very much appreciated by members. We will keep this running provided there are sufficient funds. Camp: overview for the year, breaks even - we are keeping costs down to minimum wherever possible. Members Days maybe we need to look at this because bigger capacity venues are needed. Dog show - made loss - fun event and BBQ and not a key money. New format new venue - new flyer. ODE made significant money - G Gibbs gave us a venue at a v competitive price - great news! Members - please return numnahs - if you have used them this year!!! Help our future teams</p> <p>Lessons and clinics are being largely subsidised - that is our intention to continue this to as max as possible. Sometimes lessons are undersubscribed but a lot of lessons are supported through RC funds - cancellation policy is working really well. Lesson booking in is working well</p> <p>Running a debtors list - some regular names on the list, 12-13 people on average, £10 average IOU, we do take major measures re non payers</p> <p>No membership if money is still owed from previous year: income is important as we are not a charity.</p> <p>Turnover of £47,000 is a lot to manage - BACS or online banking system eg help debtors to pay - we have been under discussions with bank - referencing underway. More info to follow.</p> <p>Jumps are capital expenditure section £5k : end of year deadline to AGM is 20days - very hard to get accounts ready fully - this column will appear inn future accounts. Plenty of offers of land for summer venues - flat bed 14ft with sides is needed - if anyone wants to loan/buy one trailer for us!!</p> <p>H&S : RA etc are looking likely for next year - this will costs - work in progress....we have higher insurance as we have the largest membership Hilary nominated to accept the accounts - seconded Emma Vowles - therefore fully adopted by membership.</p> <p>Sally Busby asked that whether we say to debtors we assume you are no longer a member - no we don't as we haven't taken that stance, Catherine's address online has helped with debtors - much happier - Claire proactive reminders by email But we don't take bookings from owed monies! We also will not offer membership to any renewing members if they are a debtor. All debtors will be sent a letter prior to renewal reminding them of their debts to the</p>	<p>I</p>
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	club and instructing them on how to pay	
7	<p>Membership Secretary's Annual Report</p> <p>Jo Tasker: 445 members - senior 340, 97 juniors - huge growth 5 non riding members - generally parents who want to come to camp... 3 Honourary members 1.02.11 Hannah V managed it til then and in July Jo Tasker took over - a lot of work to catch up on - she has done brilliant job. Closing memberships - why do people join at last minute ! Human nature... A few request/begging emails were received after 31st July - 1 week grace for those who had put in post byut after that no! Jo Tasker is standing down for family reasons. We need to do huge range of events to keep majority happy... some are popular and some events are less popular. Reopen 1.2.12 - forms can be sent in, in January 2012</p> <p>Renewals Night tbc January 2012 and we are looking for a venue as well.</p> <p>Membership is based more in Bristol and Weston these days - slight change of geography.</p>	I
8	<p>Election of new Committee Members</p> <p>Through the year: Catherine Withers - proposed by Jo Davis, seconded by Tara Bennett April Davies - proposed by Claire Curry, seconded Anna Patch Anna Patch - two months on committee, very useful! Proposed by Kate Button, seconded Hannah Vowles Clare S - Proposed by Celia Lewis seconded Margaret Westcott Hannah P - proposed by Emma Vowles, seconded by Hilary Barnard</p> <p>In years gone past very few people on committee, but this year we have been over run !!</p> <p>Tonight: Proposed committee (x12 incl 3 core posts and roles Oct 11 – Oct 12) Chair: Catherine Withers Vice-Chair: Claire Curry Treasurer: Hannah Pearce Secretary: Tara Phillis Membership Secretary: Anna Patch Flatwork Bookings: Sue Webb Show Jump Bookings: Claire Curry XC Bookings Anna Patch Area 12: April Davis Camp: Hilary Barnard Winter Dressage: Clare Savas / Tara Phillis Flyer: Clare Savas Winter Ball: Hannah Vauden Voucher Scheme and Volunteers: Hannah Vauden Merchandise: Emma Vowles Rosettes and Score Sheets: Emma Vowles Website Admin: Karl Edmond and Claire Curry</p>	D
9	<p>Election of new Chairperson - Any other interested members? NO Catherine Withers - proposed Emma Vowles, seconded Jo Tasker</p>	D
10	<p>Presentation of Trophies</p> <p>Sally Busby presented the two Busby Trophies, named after the founder and former president of the club in memory of Sally Busby's husband - awarded to the overall</p>	I

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	<p>winners of the junior and senior winners of the summer dressage series accumulating the highest number of points : Seniors - 2011 Ericha Jones Juniors - 2011 Gemma Britton</p> <p>Dancer Trophy : donated by Di Malcolm in memory of her horse Dancer - highest individual dressage score by a club member at the annual open show. Presented by Di Malcolm to : 2011 Ashleigh Taylor 72.08% Novice score</p> <p>Bob Wood Trophy presented by Veronica Thorne to: 2011 Steph Parsons</p> <p>Gymkhana trophy presented by current Chair Jo Thyer to : NOONE 2011 (no entries at last members day) but we ran one qualifier, Ellie May Taylor Sept Members Day - jump off jumping competition</p> <p>New trophy - Joe Davies Memorial Trophy - shock to the Club a very active member, helper and competitor, very supportive. Her partner Steve wanted to donate a trophy. Riding Club member of the year - nominations - Kate Button - lovely disposition, trials from her mare as well BE 90s competing but was part of ODE mini ODE - amateur riding and seeing her and the mare grow.... The absolute memory. A real star to the RC - not committee members ideally as it reflected the good work committee do.</p>	
11	<p>New Chair's address Massive thank you for Jo Thyer – huge amount of work – very supportive of all riding club aims, All feedback is appreciated</p> <p>Leaving committee members: Lucy - ODE, training information, exwinter dressage, started Area 12 Tilly - ODE founder, Area 12 Jo Tasker - Memberships, funrides, events</p> <p>New committee 2011-12 Hannah P – Treasurer Anna P – Membership Claire C – Vice Chair</p> <p>Proposal to increase the membership - £25 per year Proposal was sent prior to AGM via email informing members of a vote at AGM, no objections were sent back to Catherine Withers.</p> <p>Jo Tasker gave a verbal summary re finances and why we need to do this – there is a printed sheet available and on each table. Profit margins are v small and don't account for hours of time/labour put in – NB to keep carrying on with the extent of events.</p> <p>For 3 yrs now: no increase – we are the bottom end – one other Club same price as us – this £5 rise will put us at top end of the Club but not the most expensive... Venues have all put their prices up – H&S impact is unknown for us. The aim is to cover more costs not make money. Democratic vote to put it to the membership for</p> <p>AGM vote. VOTE: YES £5 increase = 37 NO = none</p> <p>Vote carried therefore membership will increase: £25 seniors £20 juniors Non riders stay same Family membership – new to this year £40 (£5 discount)</p>	I



	<p>Renewals Night - fun element or pilates class that Catherine may run</p> <p>Tack Sale 27.10.11 Tythe Barn Church Road, a member has offered to run this event - so please support</p> <p>Please do offer to run something - let us know!</p> <p>Helpers for winter dressage needed for Jan onwards - OK for November - thank you but please do email Claire S or Tara if you are keen to help in future.</p>	
12	<p>AOB No other business</p> <p>Q: Can you use a voucher against a social event eg Ball - YES</p>	I
	<p>Meeting Closure & Bingo commenced ... Great night had by all ! Thank you to all for coming!</p>	