



British Riding Clubs Area 7

Area 7 Committee Meeting

10/06/2019

Biggleswade Fire Station

Attendees:

Celia Whicher **(CW)** – Area Chair

David Clarke **(DC)** – Area Rep

Becky Rayner **(BR)** – Stevenage

Tracey Rayner **(TR)** – Stevenage

Kelly Bellham **(KB)** – Bozeat

Helen McIntosh **(HM)** - Wittering

Lauren Hewitt **(LH)** – Aspley Guise

Sarah Legg **(SL)** – Aspley Guise

Sophie Robbins **(SR)** – Keysoe

Kit Hore **(KHo)** – Keysoe

Kyrsten Halley **(KHa)** – Houghton & Huntingdon

Mark Irwing **(MI)** – North Mymms

Lesley Irwing **(LI)** – Area Treasurer

Sharron Hughes **(SH)** – Cambridge

Sophie McKinnon-Wood **(SMW)** – Rockingham

Beth Pacey **(BP)** - Rockingham

Apologies:

Rosemary Batten

Roger Batten

Barbara Ward

Linda Pateman

Milton Keynes



Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true and correct record of the meeting

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising that weren't covered in the agenda

Treasurers report

A full balance sheet will be attached

LI updated the meeting on the area finances

- 1 Three Clubs are still to pay their area affiliation fees they are listed below
 - North Mymms (They had apparently paid on the day of the meeting, but this needed to be confirmed)
 - Milton Keynes
 - Shillington
- 2 It was agreed that if the area affiliation fee wasn't paid by the summer dressage (07/07/2019) these clubs would be prevented from competing at that competition. **KB** to contact the affected clubs and let them know. **LI** to confirm with the organiser once these have been paid.
- 3 **LI** Noted that the bank balance is approximately £1k since the beginning of the year. There is still some money to come in from the DTM training and some still to go out. It was noted that with Area 7 not organising the Horse Trials this year (Keysoe did this) we have not got any major income this year apart from the area affiliation fees. A conversation about the way the area is funded followed. Area 7 has always kept a "slush" fund to bail clubs out if a qualifier makes a loss through no fault of the organising club. If Keysoe are going to continue to organise the HT going forward, then we need to review this going forwards. **DC** suggested all clubs go back and have this discussion within their committees. **DC** Pointed out there may be a number of alternative options they include but are not limited to
 - No longer holding a "slush" fund clubs just accept they might make a loss and take a qualifier at 100% risk/reward
 - Paying a % of profits from qualifiers into a "slush" fund

Area Rep Report

DC provided an update from the BRC Advisory Group meeting (04/06/19)

- 1 British Show Jumping/BRC league has been launched and has been a success so far
- 2 **BD** confirmed that wrist watches which read the test and replace a caller are not going to be allowed. This is because it could be possible to make those watches effectively provide outside assistance.
- 3 **BD** are keeping a watching brief on the use of headsets following frequency's interfering with PA systems. Bluetooth headsets are fine
- 4 **BD** are introducing optional red armbands for deaf competitors – BRC will follow



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- 5 BE are in the process of writing up a risk management paper for running whole event on a surface including details on speeds, distances etc.
 - 6 Drones or any remotely controlled aircraft will not be permitted at BRC events
 - 7 Jewellery wording in the BRC Handbook will change. It will be strongly advised not to wear jewellery and may be asked to be removed at the steward's discretion
 - 8 There will be no changes to headcam rules, they are still not allowed at BRC events
 - 9 Hoof boots rule will remain however shoe replacements will now be allowed in competition; BRC will adopt the BD wording
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- 10 Show jumping qualifier format is changing as of the winter qualifiers. It will now be two rounds with the second round being single phase (a round of fences followed immediately by a jump off over the second half of the course). This is to aid areas holding their qualifiers over a shorter format. Due to this change, to increase numbers at qualifiers and following repeated feedback, competitors will be able to compete at consecutive heights in show jumping qualifiers providing they are eligible (except for the 70cm where they can only compete at this height). The championship format will remain the same so competitors that qualify for more than one height where the classes are held on the same day will be required to choose which championship class they contest in; the next highest placed rider will then take up the qualifying position. For teams, the same will apply and reserves may be used where necessary. This rule update will be from 1 October and will apply to all SJ qualifiers
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- 11 FOTH
 - 11.1 Challenge show jumping speed is increasing to 350mpm from 1 September 2019
 - 11.2 In the challenge show jumping, there will now be a 20 second countdown as opposed to 45 seconds from 1 September 2019
 - 11.3 The timetable for the FOTH will be changing for 2020 and will be available when the championship schedule is released
 - 11.4 Combined training will have additional dressage tests introduced for 2020 so that each team member rides a different test. This will be in place from 1 October
 - 11.5 Two additional classes will be introduced to the combined training in 2020 – they will be mixed seniors and juniors and competitors will ride a prelim dressage test and jump 85cm show jumping round or ride a novice dressage test and jump a 75cm show jumping round. This will be from 1 October 2019
 - 12 Having a designated person acting as a controller will now be compulsory at any qualifiers involving cross-country. A role description will be created and circulated
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Past Events

- 1 HT (20/04/2019) – It was felt that overall this way of running the HT went well. **SH** raised that one member had been placed but wasn't getting invited to champs – **DC** responded that this was due to the way the organiser had split the arenas. They weren't at maximum numbers therefore we had to apply Appendix 11 from the handbook to get the qualification. It wasn't ideal however, we didn't explain well enough about this particular element to the organiser, so they organised as they normally would this won't happen again. **MI & LI** stated from a treasurer perspective it was much easier for them. A discussion ensued, it was agreed that the area was happy to run the same next year. Keysoe have offered 18th April 2020 and this does not clash with any champs.



- 2 FOTH Champs (18th& 19th May) – Area 7 Represented well at this championship with several placings. None were specifically noted however a congratulations to all was offered by **CW**. The Saturday was a very long day which ran over by an hour due to various reasons. Those reasons have led to the changes to SJ speed and start window along with the timetable changes mentioned in the Area Rep report.

Future events

Summer Qualifiers

- 1 Summer dressage – **KHa** Updated that all is going well and that if any club has dressage writers please send them to Rebecca Robinson
- 2 Summer Show Jumping – **KB** reported that all is going well and that depending on numbers it will either run on two or three rings.
- 3 DTM – **KHo** Reported that all is going well she has a judge who did pull out but has now changed her mind after being requested to find a suitable replacement.

Winter 2020 Qualifiers

- 4 FOTH Challenge – 15th September @ Keysoe – Organised by Keysoe Riding Club
- 5 Arena Eventing – 20th October @ Keysoe – Organised by Cambridge Riding Club
- 6 Winter Show Jumping – 18th January @ Keysoe – Organised by Houghton and Huntingdon Riding Club
- 7 FOTH Combined Training – TBC - @ Wittering Grange – Organised by Wittering Academy
- 8 Winter Dressage – TBC – This will hopefully be at Keysoe. Rockingham Forest had offered to run this however they now believe it would be too big for them. **LH** stated that preliminary discussions have taken place between Aspley Guise and Milton Keynes about running this jointly. Aspley Guise have a meeting on Monday (17/06/19) where they hope to confirm this. **KB** pointed out that the Keysoe calendar is getting pretty full, so we need to secure a date ASAP.

2020 Championships

- 9 Arena Eventing – 13th-15th March @ Aston Le Walls
- 10 Novice Winter Champs - 4th-5th April @ Arena UK
- 11 Intermediate Winter Champs – 24th-26th April @ Bury Farm
- 12 FOTH – 30th-31st May @ Aston Le Walls
- 13 Horse Trials – TBC 7th-9th August @ TBC Swalcliffe
- 14 National Champs – 5th-6th September @ Lincoln
- 15 DTM – TBC @ TBC
- 16 Quadrille Final – TBC @ TBC

Training

- 1 **KHo** noted that the DTM training was not as successful as was hoped. Ended opening unsubsidised places to help fill the day.
- 2 **DC** pointed out in light of the above that we need to have ideas for training that we can commit to an application for the training grant. This is worth £1000 so it would be mad to not get and use this. **All** to consult committees before next meeting for ideas to put forward this will then be voted on at the next meeting.



Summer Social

- 1 **DC** asked if the area wanted to run a summer social as this was discussed last year however nothing happened in the end. **KHo** said that Keysoe could potentially hold this on the night before the DTM 10th August 2019 however this would have to be checked with the Keysoe committee before it could be confirmed

AOB

- 1 **MI** stated that at the last meeting where he was not present he picked up an action to buy a marquee for the area. He has the details of two which are identical in dimensions one is a slightly lower spec but still robust this was £100 cheaper. The area agreed this was acceptable **MI** will now go and purchase one. **DC** to send Rachael Stevenson's (**RS**) address to Mark for delivery as that is where it will be stored. It was asked whether the marquee would be printed. This would be too expensive, so we will purchase a banner. **HM** to purchase a banner when she purchases one for her own club. **NOTE** - Post Meeting **RS** confirmed she had not agreed to store this. In fact, due to **RS** planning to step down Area 7 will have to find a new storage location other equipment too. Rachael believed that Jo Meningen (**JM**) had offered to store the marquee. **DC** has subsequently had a conversation with **JM** and this has been confirmed subject to it being boxed correctly and, on the understanding, that people will need to collect it to use it most of the time.
- 2 **DC** stated we now have 3 Junior area reps Dan Walls (Keysoe/Bozeat), Ellie Binns (Milton Keynes) and Fion Braybrooke (Cambridge). Hopefully they will help us improve the experience for juniors at Area 7 competitions. In order to ensure that they are recognised at BRC events **DC** proposed that the area purchased some clothing for them. This was unanimously agreed, and it was suggested a soft shell gillet. **SR** offered to purchase them for the area and claim the money back. **DC** said BRCs new supplier Team equestrian are cheaper than Beewear and the quality is just as good. **DC** to contact the reps for sizes to send to **SR**
- 3 **KB** asked about possibly forming an area team in the 100 class at Blenheim. Nobody objected however there were questions whether this is allowed. **KB** to follow up with Blenheim to find out.

Action List

- 1 **KB** to inform clubs that need to pay area affiliation fee that they need to pay before they will be allowed to compete at the summer Dressage
- 2 **LI** to confirm once those fees have been paid
- 3 **All** feed back to area your club's position on the area "slush" fund if we no longer run anything to keep it topped up.
- 4 **All** send any Dressage writers to Rebecca Robinson for summer Dressage.
- 5 **LH** Confirm with Committee if Aspley Guise and Milton Keynes are going to run the Winter Dressage. Confirm a date with Keysoe if yes.
- 6 **All** Bring ideas for next year's application for training grant
- 7 **DC** confirm gillet sizes with Junior Reps and feedback to **SR**
- 8 **SR** once sizes provided purchase gillet
- 9 **MI** Purchase area Marquee.
- 10 **DC** to send **MI** the address for **JM**



11 HM Purchase Area 7 Banner.

12 KB Check with Blenheim if area teams allowed and if yes liaise with clubs to plan this.

Date of Next Meeting – 19th August 2019 @ Biggleswade Fire Station