Area 7 Riding Clubs

Minutes of meeting 8 Oct 2018.

1. **Apologies for absence.**

Rachael Stevenson (MK), Roger Batten (Bozeat), Rosemary Batten (Secretary), Tracey Rayner (Stevenage), Barbara Ward (NM), Linda Pateman (NM), Stacey Robins (Keysoe), Becky Robinson (H&H),

1. **Those Present**

C. Whicher (Chair), Mark Irwin (Vice Chair), Lesley Irwin (Treasurer), David Clarke (Area Rep), Sharon Hughes (Cambridge), Helen McIntosh, (Wittering), Kit Hore (Keysoe), Becky Rayner (Stevenage), Fiona Izsak (Shillington), Kelly Belham (Bozeat)

1. **Minutes of previous meeting.**

Approved.

1. **Matters Arising.**

None

1. **Treasurers Report.**

Attached with this document.

HT 2017 charges in May this years.

HT 2018 made £1816 due to lot more entries (even with restricting open entries)

Question of entries v. prelim fess

**Action**: Mark and Kelly to investigate

Area 7 haven’t spent any of the training grant this year.

**Action**: Kit & Fiona to put quote for 2 DTM training sessions (including instructors, arena hire)

Rockingham Forest not paid area affiliation fees.

1. **Area Rep Report.**

Several championship since last are meeting – fantastic results from Area clubs and teams. David to continue to advocate to HQ that where the class numbers are low could we send an Area team.

No new rule updates.

**Action**: Kelly to add to website the Arena eventing speed changes.

Next week is the advisory committee.

1. **Past Events**

Discussion on venue of HT. Every-one happy with Ely at present, and consider looking at other venues in 2019.

HT went well. Area 8 to totally runt he dressage phase and Are 7 to run the Showjumping and cross-country phases in 2019.

**Action**: Team managers to remind parents in particular to be polit in the warm up rings.

DTM no issues although few entries.

Question of whether Are should subsidise fees to encourage more entries.

**Action** Keysoe would like to run DTM 2019.

FOH 2018 – area acknowledged Kit’s contribution in difficult circumstances.

The only injury although nasty flesh wound was home and recovering.

Number issues in the Open 80 classes lead to delayed results.

Discussion on the helpers. Kit totalled the numbers of hours required and then divide by number of riders. Issues with helpers wanting to do times around their riding times, but kit need 56 fence judges ALL day.

**Action All** that for the FOH and the HT the requirement would be for 2 helpers per team ALL DAY

**Action** all team mangers – to remind their helpers to turn up on time.

At the championships there was no tack checker for show jumping, as it was the rider’s responsibility to use tack within the rules.

**Action:** All agreed that the Area wouldn’t tack check for any show jumping classes/phases.

**Action** ALL: Anyone seen the silver case of synchro stop watches?

Arena Eventing

This is a new qualifier and will take place in the arenas at the back of Keysoe. The date has been moved forward to 10th Nov due to Keysoe EC doubling booking. The New speeds were also noted. Kit also warned the venue would be holding a dog show on the same day, but didn’t foresee any problems.

1. **2019 qualifiers.**

Winter indoor SJ. Keysoe. 26th January. H & H organising.

Winter Dressage. 16th February. Keysoe. Cambs Organising.

Combined Training. 7th April. Wittering. Wittering organising.

Summer show jumping 12th May Bozeat on surface although the championship will be held on grass.

Action All team managers to remind members they are intending going to the championships should they be invited.

HT area 7 show jumping and cross-country, Area 8 dressage tbc

DTM Keysoe tbc

1. **Provisional championship dates for 2019**
   * Arena eventing, 9th and 10th March at Aston Le Walls
   * Novice Winters, 30th and 31st March at Arena UK
   * Intermediate Winters TBC
   * FOH 18th and 19th May at Aston Le Walls
   * Horse trials 2nd-4th August at Swalcliffe
   * National Championships 31st August/1st September
   * DTM TBC
2. **Juniors**

It has been noticed that Junior numbers are dropping at qualifiers. Discussion included looking at any clashes with PC Qualifiers and Championships.

Clubs to consult with their Juniors to find a solution.

Investigate possibility of Clubs, who only have one or two members wishing to do a qualifier could possibly “Team Up” with another club in the Area to form and Area Team?

1. **Website/Facebook.**

Website has gone live.

1. **Summer Social.**

Discussed having a Hog Roast, Dancing etc. with ability to bring Lorries, Caravans, Tents so people can £have a Drink” and sleep on site but no decision reached. Kit Hore to investigate

1. **AOB**

Following an incident at this year’s horse trials, it was agreed to pay £250 for a horse ambulance service at the area next year.

**RFC**

Problems with late payments and entries continuing.

Helper issues at the FOH

Non-attendance at area meetings.

Chairman to send a letter expressing concern over these issues.

**Action** Mark to arrange £100 towards the fireman’s Xmas meal.

**Action**: reminder to give back area hat silks.

1. **DONM.**

AGM Mon 3rd Dec

Next area meeting Mon 4th Feb