

# AREA 7 LIAISON COMMITTEE

## Minutes of Spring Meeting

### 29/03/2021

#### 1. Apologies for Absence:

- Aspley Guise RC
- Shillington RC
- Cambridge RC
- Rockingham RC

#### 2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

- Horse trials actions from February completed.
- CDRC confirmed that they have booked an arena eventing date, just need to double-check the date with CDRC.
- Google drive information sent. Just need to have a Gmail account and then can join.
- DC to send round draft constitution.

#### 3. Matters Arising: None

#### 4. Treasurers Report:

- Katy Evans agreed by committee to be added for NatWest Bank access
- The Authorised Signatories in the current mandate, for the accounts detailed in section 1.3, be changed in accordance with section Authorised Signatories. And the current mandate will continue as amended. Katy Jane Evans has authority to be added as an additional signatory on the account.
- £7770 pounds in the accounts for October, see attached accounts spreadsheet.
- Thank you to Leslie for sharing bank and account details.
- Would be good for other committee members to have access to the bank too, in case of emergencies/ or Katy being unavailable.
- At the next meeting, we should discuss who can formally be added but need to wait for access first.
- Wittering RC and Rockingham RC still need to pay area fees of £40, Wittering RC have a new treasurer and this has been passed on.

#### 5. Area Rep Report:

- Head office has had a reorganisation, Laura Sanger is now head of participation, Rachel (?) is now head of riding clubs and there has been a creation of a separate membership and competition manager. Jennie Pallet has become head of competitions, Megan Gibbs is head of membership. Merlin (?) is now competitions co-ordinator with one vacancy currently.

- BRC have launched a new competition to replace the horse challenge, called the arena challenge, very similar to arena eventing but on grass and no joker fence. Timed on SJ like pure SJ and for XC it will be optimum time as per old challenge. Allowed to run qualifiers from September 1<sup>st</sup>. Qualifiers can be run under the old challenge format if areas would like. Keysoe is keen to run this qualifier, could look at Home Farm for an arena format. Kit to look into.
- When are clubs due to bid for running area qualifiers? DC said early next year.
- Government revised rules on the use of indoor arenas, currently only available for one person at a time, plus judges in a box etc, can't be used for warm up or coaching.

## 6. Past Events:

- Online dressage qualifier, Laura said how all went well, but apologies for lost dressage sheets. Everyone was on the ball, and it all worked fairly well. Good luck for championship filming.

## 7. Future Events:

- Summer Dressage Qualifier 9<sup>th</sup> May at Milton Park.
- Summer SJ Qualifier 11<sup>th</sup> July at Glebe Farm.
- Dressage to Music Qualifier 17<sup>th</sup> July at Moulton College.
- 17<sup>th</sup> Oct for Arena Eventing Plan A, or 25<sup>th</sup> Sept for Plan B.
- Winter Show Jumping Qualifier 20<sup>th</sup> November at Arena UK.
- The Horse Trials Qualifiers will be on 20<sup>th</sup> June at Home Farm, Alconbury.
- Rebecca R. (RR) and Kelley B. (KB) walked the Home Farm course with Lloyd (surname?), he said it had good ground and could do interesting things with the course. Can build 80cm to 110cm.
- RR was very grateful to the Fitzwilliam PC who are not charging area for dressage boards, show jumps and portable XC jumps, saving about £1500.
- In return RR has committed the area to paint the XC portables, before the 13<sup>th</sup> June.
- Lloyd quote is £1000, including course design and TE etc.
- Timers are sorted from Bozeat RC.
- HHRC is doing commentary team and XC controlling.
- Keysoe RC is doing fence judging/ XC stewarding/ XC timing.
- CDRC happy to run SJ?
- Wittering RC to take charge of fence decorations.
- Need a club to volunteer for Dressage running.
- Marquee from HHRC, Area to buy a marquee and send to RR or KB.
- Fence judge packs from Jo (HHRC).
- Rockingham RC lending timing equipment and area has full set too. List of assets on 3<sup>rd</sup> sheet of treasury report.

- Minimum numbers needed to make £2.5k profit needs to be about 200 riders at £60 and £65 for open or maybe £70 for open?
- Rachael Stevens to do entries and start times.
- KB and RR propose setting up a sub-committee with main organisers present.

## 8. Training:

- Junior Training Grant- the juniors would like a camp to spend the money. Need to make sure the camp can cater to everyone of all levels.
- Need to look at venues and find trainers that could work.
- David Clarke needs to do more and will have a chat with Kit this week to discuss options.
- Re-run first aid as runs out in September.

## 9. AOB:

- Mark MKRC- MKEC has been sold, all buildings now flat. XC course now sold to farmer, which can run training but no shows. Hopefully, building an outdoor arena. They are running a camp this year. Parking is an issue currently.
- Keysoe RC to send details for £22.50 re-imburement. Katy will send details over.
- Official stewards: Mark would need to re-train as has lapsed for 18 months. Happy to re-train next year. Rachael S. has also lapsed and David C. to ask whether it could be just a one day re-fresh.
- Official stewards for qualifiers are as follows:
  - Summer Dressage - 9th May 2021 - OS David Clarke with Katherine Short for Mandatory Shadowing Element
  - Eventing - 20th June - OS (overarching) David Clarke With Katherine Short and Jo Meningen shadowing, Becky Rayner onsite as well.
  - Summer Show jumping - OS Katherine Short with Becky Rayner as back up
  - DTM - OS Jo Meningen with Becky Rayner on site as backup but also competing (DC on the phone if needed too)
  - Arena Challenge - Date TBC - OS Becky Rayner if available and Jo Meningen as back up
  - Arena Eventing - Either 25th September or 17th October - OS Helen McIntosh
  - Winter Dressage - 9th October - OS David Clarke
  - Winter Show jumping - 20th November 2021 - OS Katherine Short

10. Date of Next Meeting: 7<sup>th</sup> of June, plus sub-committee of horse trials.