Area 7 Riding Club Meeting Minutes

Monday 18th November 2019

1. **Apologies for Absence**

* Mark and Lesley Irwing, Barbra Ward

1. **Clubs present**

* Houghton and Huntingdon, Keysoe, Rockingham Forest, Cambridge, Wittering, Milton Keynes, Stevenage, Aspley Guise, Bozeat

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

* All agreed

1. **Matters Arising**

* None

1. **Treasurers Report**

* £8620 in bank including training grant for next year

1. **Area Rep Report**

* Advisory board meeting been held since last area 7 meeting. Part of meeting with all disciplines present. Second part any additional agenda items.

Updates:

* + BS confirmed 2020 rule regarding padded whips – this will be used at all BRC SJ events. This is due to negative press regarding whips and it has been debated in parliament. The padded whip came up the least harmful during testing/research. BE are currently not following this rule.
  + BS have also clarified spurs rules – this will also be followed by BS.
  + Flu vac rule – please see release from head office regarding last vaccination must be within 6 months and 21 days of the area/national event. It cannot be given within the last 6 days; BE are also going back to this rule. This does not mean it needs to be every 6 months, unless competing all year round. All other rules regarding flu vacs remain. This rule will be enforced from 1st March 2019.
  + Prelim entry fees are due to go up on average 50p per individual and £2 a team. FOH has increased the most.
  + All BRC officers are due to be selected. David’s current role has been changed this year as this role was smaller. Participation has been added to his role. David had to have an interview for this position.
  + All BRC competitions from 2020, anyone under 12 not allowed in the collecting on foot. If riding their pony/horse this is acceptable.
  + The new handbook will have further clarifications.
  + Loosen of restrictions of advanced medium.
  + Two levels of pairs dressage to music, novice and open. Open will possibly have no eligibility restrictions.
  + 80 arena riding restrictions to be removed.
  + Removal of upward and downward in competitions restrictions.
  + BRC sample constitution to be updated. Any suggestions can be emailed to David.
  + Lincoln will have an event control in future as the event is now very large.
  + From 2020 passport will all be checked when declaring without the horse, they will be randomly against the horse.

1. **Past Events**

* Arena eventing (Cambridge) – ran very well. Holding it before the clocks changed was much more successful. Can be run from 1st September next year. 18th October 2020 has been offered at Keysoe next year. Having so many vaccinations on the database meant the process of declaring and checks being made were much quicker. It was raised that the warm up was too small and the standard of riding in some junior classes was poorer which caused some issues. There were a number of riders who were late for their time slot. Discussion around if times should be given for each rider, it was decided against this suggestion in case classes are running early and this event is limited by time. The course was praised. This year was better due to less cross country fences in the arena.
* Festival of Horse (Keysoe) – 13th September been offered at Keysoe for next year. Some issues with giving number bibs, which caused issues with scoring. Lovely atmosphere. In the collecting ring there was a large cross county jump not flagged that should not have been used. There were some issues raised around rules of hair being above the shoulder, riding in river boots and long socks with small boots.
* National Championships, Lincoln – Houghton and Huntingdon 1st 80 SJ team, Cambridge juniors 1st 90 SJ as a team of 3, Cambridge seniors 2nd 90 SJ. MKEC senior individual 8th and junior 10th dressage. Aspley Guise senior style SJ 3rd. Please let us know any other results. Portable stables, it was raised that some horses could not see out which caused problems. Advised to put in requests when booking stables.
* Dressage to music championships – MKRC novice pairs 5th. Houghton and Huntingdon quadrille came just outside the top four. Lots of problems with playing riders music.

1. **Future Events**

Winter Qualifiers

* Showjumping – Keysoe 18th Jan, HHRC. Schedule now out. Please be aware the prelim entry deadline is between Christmas and New Year. The plan is to keep the day as short as possible for rider. One round outdoors and one indoors.
* Dressage – Keysoe 16th Feb, Aspley Guise. 6 arenas booked for this year. Schedule should be out soon.

Summer Qualifiers

* Combined training – Wittering, 22nd March, vacs after 1st September.
* Horse trials – Keysoe, run via Keysoe, 18th April
* Dressage – Houghton and Huntingdon, Milton Park (Peterborough) 10th May
* Showjumping – Bozeat , Glebe Farm 19th July
* Dressage to Music – Keysoe, 9th August (TBC – clashes with horse trials championships, David requesting dispensation)

Winter 2020

* Arena eventing – Cambridge
* Festival of Horse – Keysoe
* Showjumping – Jan?
* Dressage – Feb?

1. **Training**

* Training grant in place for next year.
* Proposal for junior committee to use funds for junior training. It was agreed by those present to training grant would be used for junior training.

1. **Website**

* Ensure Kelly is kept up to date with contacts, schedules, any other information

1. **AOB**

* Thank you Helen for holding the database. It was requested that the list be sent around team managers via email as Helen would only like copies of new horses and there are changes in team managers.
* What method are you planning to use to manage entries? Those present shared their methods.
* BRC feel their championship system for times and results are ready to be used by clubs. As an area would we like to have training on how to use this? Clubs to feedback at next meeting if they feel this would be beneficial.
* Chair person, treasurer and secretary must be different people. At least three members of the committee must not be closely related or living at the same address.

1. **Date of next meeting**

AGM - Monday 27th January 2020

Monday 6th April 2020

Monday 29th June 2020

Monday 28th September 2020

AGM – Monday 30th November 2020