Area 7 Riding Club Meeting Minutes

Monday 4th February 2019

1. **Apologies for Absence**

* Kelly Bellham, Rosemary and Roger Batten, Mark and Lesley Irwing, Linda Pateman

1. **Those present**

* Milton Keynes, Houghton and Huntingdon, Rockingham Forest, Aspley Guise, Keysoe, Wittering, Shillington, Cambridge, North Mymms

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

* David did not make meeting
* Minutes agreed

1. **Matters Arising**

* Horse trials venue and date to be discussed later

1. **Treasurers Report**

* Emailed by treasurers

1. **Area Rep Report**

* All rule changes are available to BRC website. Changes/clarification to:
  + Appendix 1 – pairs tests
  + Further clarifications regarding BD groupings
  + Arena eventing there was an issue with the wording of the challenge 100
  + Clarification regarding 75cm show jumping
  + From October the BS points will be changing due to points being given for clear rounds.

1. **Past Events**

* Show jumping 26/1/19 – lots more entries than previous years. 80cm ran all day outside; limited by light so had to run through quickly. Finished before expected in all arenas. Helper slots everyone turned up on time – thank you and well done! Live system was used for scoring, on the whole it worked but there were some issues that need ironing out.
* 100cm Arena eventing 2/2/19 – started delayed for an hour, the arena was very good. Roads we well gritted and clear. Ran to time and results out quickly. Quite a few competitors had forgotten their passports. Please remind members that for cross country back protectors must be checked alongside hats which have not been tagged.

1. **Future Events**

Winter Qualifiers

* 16/2/19 Dressage, The College EC, Keysoe (Milton Keynes) – warning that due to layout of tests and judges a very small handful of senior riders competing a prelim 2 or 7 and a novice test have an approx. 3 hour gap between tests.
* 7/4/19 Combined training, Grange Farm, Wittering (Wittering)

Summer Qualifiers

* Dressage - 7/7/19 Holme Farm, Alconbury (Houghton and Huntingdon)
* Show Jumping – discussion for the date to be moved. If we go with May or June the event will be over two days or July can be one day on grass. There is already a lot going on in May which is why the date is being discussed. Decided to ask Kelly to look for a July date. (Bozeat)
* Horse Trials – 20/4/19 The College EC, Keysoe. Kindly offered by Simon which he is organising as part of his own competition. (Area)
* Dressage to Music – 11/8/19 The College EC, Keysoe (Keysoe)

Next Winter Qualifiers 2019/2020 and 2020/2021

* Arena Eventing – 20/10/19 The College EC, Keysoe (Cambridge)
* Challenge – 15/9/19 The College EC, Keysoe (Keysoe)
* Dressage – 2/2/19? (Rockingham going to committee or Keysoe have offered)
* Show Jumping – 18/19th Jan? (Houghton and Huntingdon)
* Combined Training – (Wittering)

Next Summer Qualifiers 2020 and 2021

* Show Jumping to be decided in the Winter depending on how the new venue goes this year
* Dressage – (Houghton and Huntingdon)
* Dressage to Music – (Keysoe)

1. **Training**

* First Aid – kit has been looking into prices and how to best spending the £1000. She will be sending round information soon. Refresher course later in the year as not due to be renewed until September. Early this year the full course. Planned for the venue to be at Biggleswade or close by as this is a central location.
* Dressage to music – rung around many companies and researched lots of options. Aim to inspire riding club members to want to take part and it subsided to allow more members to access DTM and take part in qualifiers. Options shared, different trainers and some costing discussed. £50 for 75 minutes for video of floor plan and music added, and then venue costs on top. £1000 to subsidise the event. Decided we would like a session which covered the whole process. David asks for costs for a day with venues – then we can work out how much can be subsidised. Kit to email costs so we can proceed before the next meeting.
* BRC Five Star Train Together Tour - information available on BRC website and facebook

1. **AOB**

* Tack checkers at area events are not compulsory. It is the organiser’s decision. It is the competitors’ responsibility to know and follow the rules.
* Making contact with organisers or area volunteers between 8am-8pm only please. We have had lots of call/texts before or after this time. Emails in emergencies only outside of these hours.
* Rosettes and area resources – please give a minimum of two weeks or you would need to collected them from near Flitwick.
* Antonia will send out information regarding show jumping at Rockingham International 19/5/19. Schedule due out any day now. Discounted price for those also doing arena eventing.
* Hickstead – please keep an eye on their website.
* Anybody interested in running the Riding Club dressage at Houghton International as Sam Impey is no longer able to run it. Kelly to put a plea on facebook.
* Kelly has asked that we stop asking her to post club events on the area facebook page. She will do area events but clubs can post their own events to the page which she will approve.
* The Challenge was raised, there was a serious fall and the jump judge did not get out of their car. David has looked into this.
* Discussed possibility of holding training for fence judges. To be raised at a future meeting?
* FOH watches cannot be worn for Festival of the Horse.
* Kit has looked at prices for marquees, ranged between £200 and £2000, 4x8m good quality £799.

1. **Date of next meeting**

8th April 2019 – Biggleswade Fire Station