

BECCLES AND BUNGAY RIDING CLUB

Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting

Saturday 1st December 2018

at Hulver Village Hall, start 7.00pm

1. Apologies for Absence

Stella Cattermole, Jane Salmon, Sue Helliwell, Steve Small, Dawn Blair, the Taylors, the Gallards, the Tyrrells, Dennis Bean, Trish Harris

2. Reading and Signing of Minutes of the 2017 AGM

The Secretary read out a précis of the 2017 minutes and they were agreed to be a correct document. Proposed by Julie Frost, and seconded by Sue Stock.

3. Matters Arising

None

4. A summary of the Chairlady's Annual Report

Ann McVicar thanked all members for supporting the club, and also thanked all the committee who had between them run 17 shows, some running events for the first time. Also thanked husbands/partners. Winter meetings hosted at Corinnes home, and to thank her hospitality, was presented with a small gift. Also thanked Sally and Geoff Payne who look after the radio equipment, and Kevin Stone working behind the scenes at Geldeston, erecting Camelot etc. Sue Stock stood down from the committee earlier this year, and a thank you gift to Sue for her time previously on the committee and more recently for volunteering to support teams at their events.

Last year we asked if each member would give us 4 hours help at events, or setting up / taking down equipment. But there are still several members who do not assist us. The committee has discussed various ways to ensure more help, and have decided to continue as per this year, and hoping that more members will step forward, because the current situation is unsustainable as a work load on the committee.

The Mini Hunter Trial and Dressage (2nd Dec) were cancelled this year due to insufficient entries. We've not had any horses injured at our shows or major rider falls. Non members visiting from a wide area have enjoyed our events. We continue to review classes and events, and we need to attract more members to improve our funds and club stability. Some of the clubs XC portables will be moved onto the club field next year so we can offer Arena Eventing, and some Rustic clear round show jumping. The club continues to encourage younger and novice riders, from lead rein upwards.

Ann Congratulated all team members on their successes representing the club, and wished Steve Small a speedy recovery.

We say cheerio to Davina Cattermole as Senior team manager, and welcome Richard Palmer as her replacement, and also Louise Hawkins as Training manager. Ann thanked Davina for all her help on the committee.

5. Treasurer's Report

Corinne Bullock explained that 2018 saw less members in comparison to last year, total membership income being £3012. Club field rent and BRC subscriptions amounted to £4993, giving the club a deficit of £1981 at start of year.

Event profits down by £3800, due to lower number of entries and possibly the cancellation of the Mini HT, but overall events brought in £7463.

Team entries and stabling costs for the Champs were higher this year, at £1876 for Juniors, and £2181 for Seniors. Teams have raised £271 towards these costs.

Rosettes cost £753, not including the Open Show because they are funded by sponsors. £753 is less than previous years due to 5th & 6th place rosettes being removed from some events.

Equipment purchased has included XC items, flags, poles etc

This year, the club books show a loss of £3235. Despite this, the club is buoyant with current balance of £5578 which is ready for 2019 BRC subscriptions and rent.

6. Membership Secretary's Report

Marie Owen thanked all members for supporting the club. This year we had 152 members (of which 56 were juniors, compared to 160 last year.

The BRC are increasing affiliation fees from £12 per member to £12.50, but the club is not increasing the membership fee.

Marie explained that £12.5 of membership fee goes straight to the BRC, and remainder to club funds, so for a junior fee of £20, £7.50 is left into club funds, and £15.50 for seniors. For 2018, just under £1700 from membership fees went into club funds, and with rent for Geldeston being £3000, we have to make profit at events just to cover the rent. Typically events do make profit, and anything left in the pot is utilised to update equipment.

Marie also asked for members to assist the committee more where they can. Very grateful for all assistance, but sadly seeing the same faces. Asked for members to encourage other members to help us. This is necessary for the club to continue operating as it does.

Membership subscriptions due from January.

7. Teams Report

Juniors Report

This was Stella and Georgia Cattermoles first year as Junior Team managers, and has been a successful and enjoyable year.

Both at Area and National level, all our junior competitors have been a credit to the club, and when help has been required at events, they have come forward.

The 80cm Show Jumping team achieved 6th place at the Nationals. Georgia represented Area 14 in the 110cm team and took 6th. There are 23 Areas throughout Britain competing to go forward to the Champs, so 6th place is fantastic.

The Area 14 team won at the Challenge and Combined Training event, which included Oliver Kidner. And Thom Grayston competed as an Individual.

To add to the Juniors success, their 80cm team attended the Horse Trial Champs, being placed 6th.

From the Show jumping and Style in July, 15 Juniors went on to the Lincoln Nationals.

The Juniors have also been placed well at Area level.

We are losing some Juniors to our Senior teams next year, and they are wished every success.

Stella thanked all junior team members, and also thanked Sue Stock for assisting at team shows. Also thanks to parents.

Seniors Report

Davina, Senior Team Managers report was read by Julie Frost in Davinas absence. Seniors have been successful through 2018 at most qualifier and championship events.

Very bad weather saw the Novice dressage qualifier cancelled twice, so a ballot was held, and Laura Crosswell rode a Novice test for BBRC.

Intermediate SJ qualifier at Tophorn in February saw Lucy Taplin winning the 110cm class, and then went on to the Champs at Bury Farm.

90cm team took 1st place at the Poplar Park Challenge qualifier in March, and 80cm team took 2nd place. And the 90cm team then competed at the FOTH Champs at Aston-le-walls in May.

Our dressage teams have also had success, with a 1st for 'Bees' team and 5th place for our other team from the summer dressage, and then the Bees competed at the Champs at Lincoln.

Three 80cm teams competed at the Horse Trials, Poplar Park in June, bringing home 1st and 2nd places. Sadly, with some of the team unable to compete at the Champs, just Lynne Bell attended, and finished 8th. Two of our other members, Steve Small and Sam Palmer, also attended the Horse Trial Champs as part of an Area 14 team, tackling 100+cm.

At the Show jumping qualifiers, July, Geldeston Hall, hosted by ourselves, we gained a qualification in every height class except the 110cm.

Richard Palmer, new Senior Team manager, spoke at the AGM, advising that there were several new members joining the BBRC to particularly compete within our teams. Also expressed disappointment about members withdrawing from events last minute, one incident where this cost the club almost £400 for just one member to attend a team event. Therefore, for the Nationals, team members will be required to pay in advance, and will be refunded after attendance, unless a very valid reason for not attending. Richard also asked for more Senior team members to help at other club events.

8. Training Manager

Louise Hawkins has joined the committee as Training Manager, and addressed the floor to convey future training plans for the club, to include sessions on foot as well as on horseback, such as social evenings with talks from a vet etc, commencing early 2019. Training to cover grass roots upwards, and to be fun. Louise will also work alongside the Team managers to offer Team members training, especially leading up to a team event.

9. Election and Retirement of Officers and Committee Members

Election of new committee members – proposed by Yvette Hammonds, seconded by Georgia Cattermole
Richard Palmer as Senior Team Manager
Louise Hawkins as Training Manager

Retiring committee

Davina Cattermole retiring as Senior Team Manager, and Sue Stock retired early this year

Election of Committee – proposed by Sue Stock, seconded by Sam Palmer

Ann McVicar as Chairlady Corinne Bullock as Treasurer
Marie Owen as Secretary Julie Frost as Vice Chair

Committee remaining

Dawn Blair, Georgia Cattermole, Stella Cattermole, Andie Getvoldsen, Jacki Hagan, Sue Helliwell, Ann Hutson, Lisa Hutson, Jane Salmon, Connor Sharpe, Amanda Sheldrake, Steve Small, Sadie Tattersall.

Thank you gifts were presented to the retiring committee members, and those not on the committee who work hard in the background to support the club at all events.

10. AGENDA

a) Subscriptions for the coming year

Marie advised that the BRC are raising affiliation fees for 2019 from £12 to £12.50 per member, but BBRC will keep subscriptions the same.

b) Entry Fees

Marie advised that the committee is currently in discussion with Geldeston Farms regarding renewal of 3 year lease for the club field, barn storage, and rental costs of Geldeston for events. Agreement has almost been reached, and we believe entry fees will remain the same for 2019, should the Geldeston/BBRC rental agreement remain favourable.

c) Team Funding

Advised that team members should assist the club, basically giving the club some help back for the club assisting them at team events and financially at Championship events, and asked for team members to attend at least two club events.

d) Senior Gymkhana

Due to typically there only be 2 participants for the Senior gymkhana, the committee had discussed discontinuing this at the club fun days, but the class will remain for 2019 and should attendance remain low, then the class will cease for 2020.

11. Any Other Business

Corinne Bullock asked that a different venue be sought for the 2019 AGM, perhaps to entice people to attend, and tickets to be sold for attendance.

Requested that membership forms are printed and ready to collect at shows, especially events early in the year.

12. Provisional date of 2019 AGM Saturday 30th November 2019, venue to be advised.

The AGM was followed by a light supper supplied by Jenni Osborne caterers, and then a raffle and the annual Prize giving of rosettes & trophies presented by Rosemary Rushmer