

WORLINGTON RIDING CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT THE NHRM JOHN LAMBTON ROOMS FRIDAY 3RD February 2023 at 7.30pm

Apologies: Clare & Alice Osborn, Louise Carter, Liz Turner, Lucy Tuck and Jackie & Sophie Willis.

Members attending: 29

Jim Hiner opened the meeting; he made reference to the changes to roles within the club. Toni ann has been show secretary throughout the season and Joy has taken on the role of minutes of meetings, Liz T is still busy with the club. JH said we had a very busy and successful year especially the open shows. We were all pleased to see Sandra, JH wished her all the best and glad to see she was getting better. JH thanked Andy and Alana Stevens, Liz Archer for dressage and Faye and all other organisers of Area 14 teams. Barbie was thanked for the John Adams Clinics, Sue Smith for attending the schooling evenings. Attendance numbers were discussed and whether schooling would be better held on Saturdays. Membership numbers were up, 120 in 2022 compared with 68 in 2021, we are looking forward to a successful 2023.

The cost of membership for 2023 has been increased to £25.00 due to the increase to BRC HQ. Committee meetings would be quarterly. Thanks were given to Roger and Veronica Turner for the continued use of the field, Barbie and Sue Smith noted that planning permission had been agreed within the boundaries of the existing house in the corner of the field. JH thanked Toni ann as show secretary for all her good work throughout the season.

Toni ann reported

WRC Show report for 2022 AGM

Having lost the entire season in 2020 to Covid we managed to get some shows up and running again in 2021 with restrictions in place to try and keep everyone safe. We then managed to get the shows back on the road properly for a full 2022 season. With Liz Turner deciding to take a step back for the 2022 season I was given a promotion from Collecting ring steward to show secretary and so was at every club event held during 2022 but now with a roof over my head in the caravan.

The 2022 season started in the middle of March with a very well supported Dressage Day. Liz Archer took over the organising of the Dressage days and has done a very good job throughout the year with her whole family supporting her and the club to help with collecting ring, runners, photography, judges refreshments and much more. You make a very good team, and we thank you for all your hard work. We ran 1 Intro, 2 Prelims, 2 Novice and an elementary test which attracted 56 entries. We started at 9.00am and finished gone 5.00pm so that was a really good start to our season. We ran a further 6 Dressage days throughout the year culminating with our Championships in October. Our April day saw a further 56 entries, May 36 entries, July 42, August 38 and October 33. We kept the pattern of dressage days the same throughout the year using a variety of judges and tests. It was good to see more juniors coming and trying dressage, but it was a pity we had very few juniors at our championships.

For this coming season we intend to bring back the combined training classes where you complete a dressage test and then do a round of show jumps in addition to the pure dressage. We are also ensuring that we have two rings that are big enough to take Dressage arena's so we can have two rings on the go if our entries continue to grow.

We held 5 show jumping days starting in April and culminating with the championships in October. We cancelled the show jumping show planned for August due to a total lack of rain making the ground a bit hard for jumping on although we do have a very good covering of grass. We had 56 entries for the first show in April, our May show had 47 entries while June only attracted 22 entries and July 13 with 22 at our

championships in October. Both our June and July shows made a loss after paying for First-aid cover and a course builder. There had been heavy rain the day before one of the shows but overall, we have struggled to attract people to the jumping for a few years now. We do not seem to be attracting very many competitors to heights above 75 cm's and again it is a shame that not more people who qualify for the championships come and take part in them. We must also thank Joy Broker as she has continued to judge all our show jumping on a voluntary basis for several years now.

For this coming season we will be reducing the height of the clear round to 40cm to try and encourage more to come and jump and we will trial an assisted class as well where someone can come in the ring to assist or encourage the rider to see if that can encourage more to come.

Our Open shows have overall been very well supported throughout 2022. Sandra Middleton has put so much energy in and worked hard to find judges and sponsors to help support our showing classes throughout the year and so we put on an additional Open show in July to add to those in April, June and September. We must thank all our sponsors for their amazing prizes and money that they offer. In April we had 110 competitors entering 283 classes, for June we had 118 competitors entering 285 classes, July saw 68 competitors entering 138 classes and September we had 80 competitors entering 232 classes. Halfway through the year we made some adjustments to the showground to allow us two showing rings so we could have two judges and classes running at a time. Again, the show jumping at these shows is not as well supported and for the September show we amalgamated some of the jumping classes to try and make them more competitive and this did work to a degree, but we still need more people coming to take part in the show jumping, especially the higher heights.

At the end of last season, we had a good clear out of broken poles and fillers etc and a couple of members took fences and fillers home to re-paint for us over the winter. But we do need to find someone that can repair and paint all our jumps. This is work we are happy to pay for so if anyone knows of someone that would be able to do this then please let us know.

We are in the process of moving the rings around on the showground to hopefully make better use of the space we have. For the coming season we are going to try running some of the dressage at the same time as the show jumping but with a staggered start to try and make some of the poorer attended days more economical not only for us but also for Phil's Snacks, our caterer as some days in the last season have quite honestly not been worth him turning out for and we need to use him while he is attending our shows otherwise we will lose him. We also must thank all our volunteer photographers that take some lovely photos of you and your four-legged friends. I am currently trying to update the gallery on our club website.

For the coming season we also need a couple of people to help with directing horse boxes to park during the mornings of our Open shows so that the parking area is better utilised. We are also putting in a dedicated practice ring for the showing classes, so you do not have to warm-up in the lorry park. Sandra has secured an in-hand and ridden RoR class for the April show and I have secured us as a qualifying venue for dressage, show jumping and showing for the Sunshine tour again as we were last year.

Our club membership more than doubled last year which is truly amazing. We have removed the minimum age for membership for this coming season after requests last year. Hopefully things are looking bright for us on our showground for 2023.

Faye Enefer Harrison reported on Area 14 teams and results:

Ten WRC members took part in the Summer Area 14 dressage in July, they rode a total of 16 tests including 2 teams of 4 and 8 individual tests. The weather was scorching hot the ground was hard and the grass was brown and everyone coped riding good tests.

Dressage: Seniors riding Prelim tests came 5th, one of the team had to pull out because of a cast shoe so only 3 scores counted and 1 disappointed rider. Seniors riding the Novice were 4th. Everyone coped rode good test with respectable percentages all round.

Two Junior riders Sinead Goodjohn & Alice Osborne won their tests qualifying for the BCR National Championships at Lincoln on 4th September. Sinead Goodjohn riding Renoir competed at the these Championships and came 8th in the Novice 30 class, well done to them. Unfortunately Alice's horse was ill and unable to attend. Alice was able to compete in the Junior Winter Intermediate Area 14 dressage on the 13th November. Alice was 2nd in her Prelim test and winning the Novice 28, fingers are crossed she will go to the Intermediate Winter Dressage Championships at Olney at the end of April.

Hopefully we can get a team for the Senior Intermediate Dressage on 25th March who can go to Senior Winter Dressage this year.

Area 14 Eventing qualifier at SEC on the 30th October 2022:

This being the 2nd running of this event we had already the venue and course builder Toby Bancroft. The run up to the event was a bit fraught when trying to attain an Official Steward to officiate the running of the qualifier, Emma Boughton stepped in and was a pleasure to work with. Thank you Emma. Pre entries were received a week before the competition, BRC left out all WRC entries – slightly amusing as WRC organised the event, a quick call to BRC rectified this. Pre entries received panic set in due to the entry numbers and would we have enough daylight. Times and course walks set out (strict 10 mins). We used the Riding Club results website which was effective, all rosettes turned up, well done BRC.

Myself, Erin Enefer Harrison and Barbie Hurrell went to SEC on Saturday mid-morning to assist Toby Bancroft and course builder Deb Smit, once happy with this we left about 14.00hrs knowing the course walk could take place at 7am. On the day we had an early start 6.30am as the 70cms course walk was scheduled for 7am. Lucy Tuck and Barbie were also there to assist with tack checking and keeping to the schedule, we had 150 rounds and 3 course changes. Thank you both for your hard work you were amazing. Deb was a welcoming host with coffee and bacon rolls at no charge, we had an army of helpers on the day much thanks goes to Erin, Harry, Bessy, Sarah Jane and Zoltan Waites + Clare and Charlie Stennett all were very efficient pole pickers, course changers in arenas, they also tied all areas. Sarah Poulter and Amy and Becky Wing helped in the afternoon, it was a long day with the last competitor going at 15.40 – 10 mins ahead of time.

It was a mission to get all the competitors through, as a club we can pat ourselves on the back for running a busy qualifier on time. Deb and Eloise Smith along with Penny the judge kept things moving, Debs husband Nat was the 1st Aider did a brilliant job with a couple of fallers later in the day. Toby built an inviting course asking questions with not many clear rounds which made for an interesting competition.

Deb kindly agreed to pay Toby for his services due to the high entry numbers.

As a club we put on an Area Qualifier without financial loss to the club, the figures look like a lot of money from these events could be raised, in reality the Arena hire and first aid costs around £1,000 for the weekend there is a risk of running at a loss. Faye thanked everyone that came together to put this event on, she is hoping that this will become a permanent fixture in the Area 14 calendar and looks forward to working with all later in the year. The committee also thanked Faye for all her hard work especially with this event.

Results for this event:

70cms mixed team (two teams took part WRC Burgundy & WRC Whites)

The burgundy team won the class with a team score of 7.2 and qualified for Aston in March. The White team came 5th. Individual places: 2nd Evie Palmer, 8th Daisy Betson, 10th Erin Enefer Harrison.

Burgundy Team: Daisy Betson, Erin Enefer Harrison, Evie Palmer and Tia Wynne Rogerson

White Team: Charlotte Caine, Elizabeth Allen, Evie Palmer and Helen Rice.

80cms Senior: Team, Elizabeth Allen, Emma Ketteridge and Helen Rice unfortunately the team was eliminated and no individual places.

80cms Junior: Team, Daisy Betson, Erin Enefer Harrison, Poppy Hawkins and Tia Wynne Rogerson the team were 4th with no individual places.

90cms Junior: Team, Amyleigh Wing, Lilly Waites and Mia Archer the team came 3rd, individual places were Amy 9th & Lilly 10th.

No Senior 90cms

Mixed 100cms Team, Alexandra Cotton, Lewis Poulter, Mia Archer and Sinead Goodjohn the team came 2nd narrowly missing qualification, individual places were Mia Archer 3rd, Alexandra Cotton 4th and Lewis Poulter 10th.

It was reported that the club riders were all very well turned out and have done the club proud – well done all and good luck to the 70cms mixed team at Aston on the 11th March.

Helen Tallant reported on the 3rd July Area Show Jumping at Geldeston only 2 riders were interested and the decision was made put in an entry. The 15th June Area 14 Finn Valley at Tophorn: teams for 80 & 90cms were Evie Monksfield, Elle Monksfield, Sinead Goodjohn and Ruby Tallant. They did well and the team came 4th with Elle coming 4th individually.

Treasurer's Report:

The report was distributed report was distributed which showed a healthy balance of 11193.55.

Current Committee members: Jim Hiner, Toni ann Hammond, Russell Millar, Faye Enefer Harrison, Barbie Hurrell Liz Archer, Sue Smith, Liz Turner, Sandra Middleton, Joy Broker. Three new members, Claire Stennett, Lucy Tuck and Sue Willows were proposed by Faye Enefer Harrison and seconded by Barbie Hurrell.

AOB:

Barbie raised the question about the admin person for the club facebook and as it is quite a task it was suggested that 2 people should share the role.

There were many suggestions for bringing in new members and competitors on show dates: discussed was new show jumps and repairing the existing jumps. Barbie suggested a working hunter and Faye for cash jumping. Toni ann agreed we need to improve the show jumping fences. Gayle Wynne Rogerson said she would donate fillers and did say that wooden poles were best, Julia Woods repaired the fillers and said she will return them when the course was being built.

This will be raised at the next committee meeting.

Sarah Sweeney but forward her pricing for the 1st Aid for 2023.

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Sandra bought the most amazing cake and this was cut by Sandra and enjoyed by all, pictures on the facebook page.

It was time for the Quiz: everyone joined into teams and Toni ann read out the questions the quiz brought a lot of laughter and fun. Places were 1-3, in first place was Sandra Middletons team, 2nd was Sue Smith team and Faye Enefer Harrison 3rd.

AGM Trophies (Trophy and rosette)

Induna Mkubwa Trophy – for the combination gaining the most points for Prelim Dressage tests throughout the year – Daisy Robinson riding Full Moon II

King Edward Memorial Cup – Senior gaining the most points for Dressage tests throughout the year – Helen Edwards riding Medicine Man

Everybody's Talking Cup – Junior gaining the most points for Dressage tests throughout the year – Alice Osborne riding Candy Crush

Paul Brackley Challenge Cup – Senior gaining the most points at the Spring Open show – Helen Edwards riding Medicine Man

Mavis Whitehead shield – Junior gaining the most points at the Spring Open show – Tia Wynne-Rogerson riding Midnight Maggie

Heaven Sent Memorial Trophy – Senior gaining the most points at the Autumn Open show – Helen Rice riding Cloigen Cameron

Skittles Memorial Challenge Horsehead – Junior gaining the most points at the Autumn Open show – Mia Archer riding Miss Poppy

Punters Anonymous Cup – Senior gaining the most points at the Open shows throughout the year – Helen Edwards riding Medicine Man

Broadgate Hector Horsehead – Junior gaining the most points at the Open shows throughout the year – Georgia Payne riding Poppy

KC Snax Challenge Cup – Member gaining the most points at the Open shows throughout the year – Helen Edwards riding Medicine Man

HD Roe Jewellers Cup – Senior gaining the most points at all WRC events throughout the year – Helen Edwards riding Medicine Man

All Square Flooring Cup – Junior gaining the most points at all WRC events throughout the year – Evie Palmer riding Devonhayes Pyrite

Skipper Trophy Plate – Member judged by the instructors to be the most improved at the Training clinics throughout the year – Mia Archer

All-rounder Challenge Cup – Member that has taken part in every discipline at WRC shows, competed for the club, helped at shows and taken part in training clinics – Barbie Hurrell riding Silverbridge Henry

David Turner Loyalty & Support Challenge Trophy – Member that has offered outstanding support to WRC throughout the year – Toni-ann Hammond

Pictures were taken and Sandra will put them on the facebook page.

WRC Championships

Dressage (Trophy, voucher and £10)

Prelim Senior – Michaela Palmer riding Marnie

Novice Senior – Faye Enefer-Harrison riding Lusso

Novice Junior – Sinead Goodjohn riding Renoir

Elementary Senior – Helen Rice riding Cloigen Cameron

Elementary Junior – Sinead Goodjohn riding Renoir

Showjumping (Trophy and voucher)

Starter 55cm – Evie Palmer riding Devonhayes Pyrite

Nursery 60cm – Evie Palmer riding Devonhayes Pyrite

Novice 70cm – Evie Palmer riding Devonhayes Pyrite

Intermediate 75cm – Elizabeth Allen riding Rosie

Small Open 85cm – Julia Woods riding Liam

Open 90cm – Sinead Goodjohn riding Renoir

Large Open 1m – Sinead Goodjohn riding Renoir

Date:

Signed: