

WORLINGTON RIDING CLUB 45th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT THE NHRM JOHN LAMBTON ROOMS
FRIDAY 2nd February 2024 at 7.00pm

- 1. Apologies:** Liz Turner, Linda Porter-Cohen, Sandra Middleton.
Members attending: Committee 10 attended + 48 members.
- 2. Minutes:** Jim Hiner opened the meeting and Minutes of last year's AGM were approved and seconded.
- 3. Matters Arising:** None
- 4. Chairmans Report:** JH thanked Roger & Veronica Turner for allowing us to continue to use their field for our shows, he also thanked Toni-ann as show secretary and organising the schedules and for show days, Sandra Middleton for all her hard work with the 4 Open shows getting Sponsorship, judges and overseeing the shows on the day and making them so successful and profit making. JH also gave an update with improvements: changes to rings, new sheds, painting of jumps and repairs to our storage containers, this has given us a smarter look. This is also still ongoing for our 2024 season with improvements to ring sizes. The shows for 2023 were mostly well attended and we have an increase in are membership numbers, the membership fee has gone up by £5 to £29. At the start of 2023 the Dressage competitions were organised by Liz Archer, Liz has stepped away and Sarah Poulter has taken over. JH Thanked both Sue Smith and Barbie Hurrell for all their hard work with schooling and training days, respectively. The Area14 meetings are on Zoom and very difficult to join and both Faye and Barbie were thanked for their tireless efforts to join and ask relevant questions. JH thanked Faye for all her hard work for taking on the overall responsibility of organising the Area 14 teams. We continue to hold Committee meetings throughout the year and JH thanked JB for trying to make sense of the minutes as we jump from one subject to another and back again.

5. WRC Show report for 2023 AGM Toni-ann reported

We started the year with Dressage in March. There were 24 entries, mainly club members who rode a total of 35 tests, with only one junior competitor and there were no entries for the Elementary test. In April the first show jumping saw 24 entrants jumping 43 rounds, class sizes were between two and 10 and 2/3rds of competitors were members. We introduced an Assisted class which some children are enjoying. The next weekend was Dressage and Combined training where we saw 60 dressage tests ridden with the last being at 4.15pm. 12 people entered the Combined training classes and the juniors beat the seniors in five of the eight classes but again only one elementary test was ridden. Finally, the third day on the showground in April was our first Open show of the year. Well, what a busy day with the best turnout of the year – the horse boxes just kept rolling in, 2/3rds of the 146 competitors were non-members and together entered 288 classes. There were a lot of juniors competing at this show. The RoR classes were well supported with 12 in the ridden and 19 in-hand and we are hosting those classes again this year at our Spring show. The showing classes had between three and 19 entries with the coloured classes being very well supported. Even the show jumping attracted between three and 25 in each class. This show made an amazing profit of over £2,500.

In May we combined the Dressage, Combined training and Show jumping into one day, we had heavy rain leading up to the day, so the grass had to be cut once again but the ground was perfect. We had 32 competitors, just over 50% being club members and they rode 52 dressage tests. We had very few juniors, but we clashed with an event at Soham Pony Club. 14 took part in the combined training and 11 more came for the Show jumping, again just over half were members. The Show jumping classes had between two and six entries. There were no entries in the 90cm class. If the show jumping had been run on its own this would not have been a viable event. June Open show: We had 116 competitors at this show with just under half being members, they entered 248 classes. The showing classes had between 2 and 12 entries but in contrast to the April Open show the coloured classes were very poorly supported. This may have been because we clashed with a Mountain and Moorland show. The showjumping saw 15 clear rounds and between 2 and 12 in the other classes, there were

no entries for the 1m class. July: The Dressage, Combined Training and Show jumping show was the quietest show day of the year with only 15 riding 24 dressage tests but the area competition on the same day had club members attending and we had, had little rain. After a request we introduced a lead rein dressage test at this show which unfortunately only had 1 competitor, but we will continue to see if we can encourage others to give it a go. There was only two in the novice Combined training and none in the open class. Dressage finished by lunchtime. There were only 9 for the Show jumping and 2 of those had stayed on to compete after the dressage. 22 Show jumping rounds were ridden and all classes had entries. 2/3rds of the day's riders were members. At our July Open show, we had good pre-entries but very few extra on the day, possibly because it was rather windy, we were lucky to escape with just a couple of quick showers. We had 89 competitors entered in 270 classes. Once again, we had twice as many non-members as members at the show. The Condition and turnout class was the best supported with 15 entries but the Fancy Dress which had attracted very good entries previously only produced one entry today. There were between two and nine entries in each showjumping class except Topscore which saw no entries. All our shows up to the end of July were qualifiers for the Sunshine Tour whose championships were held at Hickstead in September. We will be doing the same again this year. We aim to get all our results up on our website within a week of our shows so that they can be used by those wishing to enter these championships. Our August Dressage, Combined training and Show Jumping show saw 16 riders riding 28 dressage tests. There were three entries in the Novice Combined training but unfortunately 2 withdrew and we had 2 competitors in the Open class. A further 8 people arrived to take part in the Show jumping and 23 rounds were ridden. Once again 2/3rds of those attending were members. The August Open show the ground was perfect. 2/3 of attendees were again non-members. 89 competitors took part in 269 classes. Showing classes had between two and 16 entries. Our show clashed with the East Anglian Shetland show and the Newmarket Open Stable weekend, where there had been an RoR class the previous day and Pony club championships. This we believe led to us to having a shortage of Thoroughbreds and Shetlands. The clear round saw 16 rounds jumped with between one and 10 in each of the other classes. The Puissance was very poorly supported with only three Seniors, no juniors and was won on the first round. Our Championship Day was dry but a bit on the breezy side. We had 22 riders ride 36 dressage tests. The championship classes were well supported with nine in the prelim out of the 19 who had qualified, seven out of the 10 qualified in the novice and one out of two for the Elementary. We had three juniors competing and both Combined Training classes had entries. A further 9 came for the Show jumping and we had 47 jumping rounds. We had between one and five in the championship classes with about 50% of those that had qualified competing, this was better than last year. In conclusion running the Dressage on the same day as the Show jumping is the only way to make these shows viable. Those attending these show days are 2/3rds members of our riding club. On the other hand, about 2/3rds of those that attend our Open shows are non-members and it is these competitors that keep your club memberships so low. The showground schooling was well supported this year with only one date where no one turned up. We are also looking to add classes for the Veteran Horse Society at one of our Summer Open shows and possibly All Stars but I am having trouble getting any responses to my emails. I have also contacted Trailblazers but their concern is we are too close to Fenning Farm and Queach Farm who also run these qualifiers, but their year starts in September. If anyone knows of any other qualifiers we may be able to hold, please let us have some details. We are thanking quite a few people because otherwise these shows wouldn't happen. Many of our judges and stewards do not take payment for coming and spending the day with all you lovely people, Joy Broker and Jim Hiner who sit in the show jumping judges' box. Liz Archer was organising the dressage entries, judges, and stewards for most of 2023 and this was then taken on by Sarah Poulter towards the end of the season who will continue in 2024. Please get your entries in on time and try not to leave it until the final hour. Sue Smith has come and supervised all

the show ground schooling sessions. Sandra Middleton who continues to do an amazing job finding judges and sponsors for our four Open shows a year. And finally, you lovely members who have painted jumps, put new floors in the containers, helped steward, written for dressage judges, come and helped us dismantle sheds, moved ropes and jumps several times and strimmed grass. We have given out more Reward cards than ever before but together we make it happen.

6. **Faye Enefer Harrison reported on Area 14 teams and results:**

Faye read out the result of Area 14 for 2023, most of the results had been reported in the WRC News Letters but here is an overview: Arena Eventing Champs -Aston Le Wells -WRC had a team in the Mixed 70's at the qualifier at SEC in Oct 2022 and qualified for the Championships on the 11th March, overall all the team won the Championships, this was an amazing feat as there were 30 teams came forward for this class. The results of the team were Tia 3rd, Daisy 4th and Erin 5th individually. Their winning score was 1.2 penalties well done all and they went home with plenty of smiles. Junior 80 performed well in the dressage and sat in a good position, clear round SJ went well as did the XC and the team finished second, Daisy was individual winner and qualified for the Champs and Ellie finished 6th. Junior 90: Lewis Poulter was the only competitor and finished 2nd, well done Lewis. The 100 riders were Mia & Kacey, Kacey had a good competition to win and qualify for the Champs. Our riders did us proud with the OS made comment on the care and commitment to their ponies. **Faye** took the opportunity to thank the Club for giving these riders chance to compete for the Club and represent them at the championships. Faye said that all the riders and parents appreciate the subsidisation of the entry fees the club provides, thank you. Horse trails report from the champs at Sawcliffe: 70 mixed team unfortunately did not have a score. Junior 80 were 6th place overall: Mixed 100 Kacey went into the final day second and in testing conditions finished third, this was a massive achievement – well done Kacey. Area Eventing Qualifier at SEC 29/10/23, WRC again held the qualifier for Area 14 at SEC, Tony Bancroft built a far but testing track as always, 163 entries taken even though it was asked to be capped at 100, unfortunately Carlton were unable to compete due to over subscription, next year we will take a look at a different way. Mixed 70 took the win and heading for the champs in May. Junior 80 Tia & Evie came 11th & 15th respectively in a big class. Senior 80 team did not get a score but Liz finished 2nd and Helen 12th. Mixed 90 the team were 2nd with 8 teams competing in total. Mixed 100 team- we only had individuals and Mia took 2nd place qualifying her for the champs. Combined Challenge, Area 8 kindly offered Area 14 spaces in their combined challenge qualifier at Horseheath racecourse. Mixed 70 team, Charlotte took the win and sister Harriet a close 2nd and both qualified for the champs. Helen took 4th place. Junior 80 team were 3rd with Erin taking 6th place and missed qualifications. Mixed 100 team did not qualify but Lewis took the win and qualified for the champs. Faye also encouraged all members to give the teams a go as it is a lot of fun. **Claire Osborne** read out the 2023 Dressage teams and Individuals Area 14 and BRC Champs. Area 14 Senior Winter Intermediate Dressage Team were not placed. BRC Winter Intermediate Dressage Champs at Olney, Alice Osborne was 12th (N28) but very well done as she was 1st and 1st overall. Area 14 Summer Dressage Teams & Individuals. Team 1 had two 4th places and a team placing of 6th, team 2 had a 1st, 2nd and 2 5th 's and the team were 3rd. Alice was riding as an individual and was 1st in both sections. BRC National Champs Lincoln, Alice was an individual and 12th (N24) and 2nd (E43). Area 14 Winter Dressage Individuals, Intro C Amelia was 1st (qualifier) & P2 5th, Alice N30 2nd (qualifier) and E42 1st (qualifier). Area 14 Senior Winter Dressage, both teams sadly withdrew. **Barbie gave her report** on the Clinic's: We have held quite a few clinics this year with our two fab Instructors John Adams SJ and the versatile Claire Stennett going from flat lessons and starting poles on the ground from beginners upwards, all held in her floodlit arena or on the grass in her new XC field at Ingham, we have so much to look forward to. Before I continue I want to thank her and husband Charlie for all their hard work in creating a wonderful Arena Eventing Course for us,

this was available to any member of the club not just the advertised weekend but for a further 4 weeks. Barbie said she came on the committee to start up teams after St Edmunds ended on a very sad note with Tim passing away. I have now passed this role over to others in the club, this has grown and our clinics are becoming more often and regular. A big thank you to Russell, Claire Osborne, Lucy and always a big thanks to Faye for taking on more than the one team event. She has also organised the last two Area 14 eventing qualifiers for the club. I would like to include more members so some new ideas are: Showing Clinics from beginners as well as those already showing, we would like feed back to improve- we have a date 6th April this will be put on the Facebook page. Equitation is hopefully on the agenda, as soon as I get further information I will be in touch. Grids and Poles are on my radar. Flat / Dressage clinics with Debbie Tate (Level 4 judge) giving flat lessons or run through your tests, critique it and work on points before running through it again. I am hoping to get a couple of dates for an instructor who is a XC specialist who runs clinics at Popular Park, Radley Green (the new arena) and Stratford Hills who I know will come to Ickworth Park for us if we can squeeze in a couple of dates. With this in mind and Claire & John our permanent training instructors the club will go from strength to strength.

- 7. Treasurer's Report:** The report was distributed and this showed a healthy balance of £10418.45. JH said although we have done a lot this year with the changes to rings, sheds, updating jumps, repairs and extra grass cutting we have more or less the same figures as last year. We look forward to another good year with memberships already up.
- 8. Club Membership and Sport 80:** Toni-ann reported on the membership numbers year on year. Toni-ann also spoke of Sport 80 the new membership portal that the British Riding Club is now using to collect membership. It has been a challenge but it is getting easier to use, please remember to choose the right option when renewing. If you have had membership previously then you need to renew, only totally new members fill in the new membership section. Your membership number should then remain the same. Your membership will now be for a year from the date of purchase. There will no longer be the facility to join and pay at the show ground unless you can access the site from your mobile or tablet.
- 9. Current Committee members:** Jim Hiner, Toni-ann Hammond, Russell Millar, Faye Enefer-Harrison, Barbie Hurrell, Sue Smith, Joy Broker, Lucy Tuck and Sarah Poulter was co-opted during the remain on the committee. Liz Turner and Liz Archer resigned place, Sue Willows also resigned during last year. Claire Stennett resigned at the meeting and Emma Kitteridge was proposed by BH and seconded by Julia Woods.
- 10. AOB:** Toni-ann reported that our website was being updated and you will notice the changes throughout the year. Our first 2 schedules will be available and that brings us to the point where we will be asking for help getting the jumps out, so put the 03/03/24 & 09/03/24 in your diaries more information on times to follow.
- 11. It was time for the Quiz and Pizzas** everyone got into their teams and tucked into some lovely Pizzas, Toni-ann read out the questions, the quiz brought a lot of laughter and fun. Rosettes were given to 1-3 placings with a tie breaker question needed to resolve 2nd and 3rd.
- 12. AGM Trophies (Trophy and rosette)**

Starting with a few rosettes from the Area 14 dressage competition in July.

Sarah Moorbey came 5th in the Prelim 13 test and Emma Boreham also came 5th in the Prelim 18 test. Then our team of Sarah Moorbey and Emma Boreham plus Faye Enefer-Harrison and Emma Kitterage came 3rd while our team of Liz Crowe and Claire Stennett plus Hannah Pont and Liz Wilson came 6th. Congratulations to everyone that took part and to all our riding club members that take part representing the club at the many area 14 competitions.

Our first riding club award is decided by the instructors that run our various training clinics across the year and it is decided that the Senior that has made the most improvement throughout the year at

the various training clinics, the winner of the **Cider Gold Memorial Trophy** is Russell Millar. The most improved Junior winner of the **Skipper Plate** is Harriet Caine.

Our club dressage seasons first trophy is for the Senior member who gained the most points for entering dressage classes at our shows throughout the year. The winner of the **King Edward Memorial Cup** with 49 points is Helen Edwards riding Ringfort. The Junior dressage points cup **Everybody's Talking Cup** with 32 points is Alice Osborne riding Candy Crush Soda

Our Dressage championships the crowned champions have already had their rosettes and prize money but need to come and collect their vouchers for free class entries. The **Senior prelim** runner - up is Liz Wilson on Blake Hill Ballylee Prince but the winner is Sarah Moorbey riding Derrymore Billy. There were no competitors for the Junior prelim championship.

Senior Novice is Helen Rice riding Cloigen Cameron.

Junior Novice Champion went to Alice Osborne riding Candy Crush Soda.

Senior Intermediate Champion went to Helen Rice riding Cloigen Cameron. And there was no competition for the Junior Intermediate Championship.

We also have a trophy for the club member (Senior or Junior) that has preformed the best across the first Prelim class at each show winner of the **Inuna Mkubwa Trophy** with 267.8% is Trudie Tideswell riding Theydon Spirit.

Moving onto the Combined Training which is brought back in for the first time since Covid this season. The winner of the **Needham Dolly Bird Plate** with 16 points is Sarah Lummis riding Mrs Bee.

Junior Needham Dolly Bird late the winner with 6 points is Emily Reeder riding Miss Ethel.

Senior Open section, the winner on the **Barbary Pirate Trophy Plate** with 9 points is also Julia Woods with Fenrose Golden Asura.

Junior Open section the winner of the **Tack Box Millennium Cup** with 9 points goes to Alice Osborne and Candy Crush Soda.

Our club show jumping Championships and again the champions already have their rosette and prize money but they need to come and collect their vouchers for free class entries:-

Strater 45cm class winner is Sophie McGaffin and Buddy.

Nursery 55cm class winner is Sarah Lummis on Mrs Bee.

Small Novice 60cm class winner Megan Jones riding It's Commer came out as champion.

Novice 70cm class winner Evie Palmer riding Ballyerk Willow.

Intermediate 75cm Megan Jones riding It's Comet is the winner

Small Open 85cm Evie Palmer riding Ballyerk Willow is the winner.

There was no Open class at 90cm.

The most improved Senior winner of the **Kelston Cup** is Helen Rice.

The most improved Junior winner of the **Brook Farrier Shield** is Sophie McGaffin.

The winner of the **Paul Brackley Cup** with 22 points is Georgina Bourner and Parlakis Majestic Dancer.

Junior at the Spring Open show winner of the **Mavis Whitehead Shield** by just one point is Ellie Barnfarther with Barnford Fancy Pants.

The two summer shows in June and July the club member winner of the **KC Snax Cup** with 47 points is Amelia Viljoen and Centurion Contessa.

The Senior gaining the most points at the Autumn Open show in September of the **Heaven Sent Trophy** with 21 points goes to Trudie Tideswell and Theydon Spirit.

The best Junior at the Autumn Open show and winner of the **Skittles Trophy** goes to Sophie McGaffin riding Walter.

The Senior member gaining the most points across all our Open shows of the season and the winner of the **Punters Anonymous Cup** with 57 points is Helen Halliwell and Cobnut.

The Junior gaining the most points across all our Open shows of the 2023 season and winners of the **Broadgate Hector Trophy** with 61 points was Amelia Viljoen and Centurion Contessa.

The Retraining of Racehorse Riding Club Challenge run across every event we held during the 2023 season, the winner with 110 points is Helen Edwards.

The highest scoring club member over the year Helen Edwards and Ringfort take the **HD Roe Jewellers Points Trophy** for all our competitions across the Year.

Junior points trophy across all our shows and winner of the **All Square Flooring Cup** is Sophie McGaffin and Buddy with 80 points.

We then have our **All Rounder** trophies which are presented to the member of our riding club who has taken part in the most board aspects of riding club life over the 2023 season. The 10 disciplines include Dressage, Combined Training, Showjumping, In-hand Showing, Ridden showing, Area competitions, Stewarding, Showground working parties, showground schooling and club training clinics. the winner is Helen Rice who gained 22 points but from 8 disciplines.

For the Junior All rounder the winner of the **Tancos Trophy** with 23 points from 8 disciplines goes to Alice Osborne.

Our final trophy is given to the person that has made an outstanding contribution to our Riding Club for 2023 we would like to present the **David Turner Loyalty and Support Trophy to Faye Enefer-Harrison** to share with husband Paul for all they do for the club and area 14 as well, Well done.

Please bear in mind that all these trophies have been presented for the 2023 season. If you find a name plate is full please add a further one and if this means there is no space for the old one it should be put on the back or underneath. Please ask if you need help. Anyone who has been awarded a trophy this evening is asked to sign the trophy book, but can you all gather with your trophies for a photo.

Many thanks for attending this evening and we hope you have had a lovely time and that we will see you competing at our shows in the 2024 season. Good night and have a safe journey home.

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