

Equestrian Training South West AGM

Date: 8th February 2018

Location: Badgworth Arena

Attendees: Carole Payne-Gill, Steph MacDonald, Sarah Palmer, Adrian Palmer, Michele Luckwell, Helen Marsh, Lucy Counsell, Jacinta Magee, Sandra Wharton, Emma Machin, Tom Tylee, Rhiannon Gardiner-Bateman, Sarah Barnes, Hilary Barnard, Gill Voisey, Pip Sapsed, Karen Selway, Fran Irwin, Roy Delfino-Orme, Julie Milkins, Claire Vallis, Margot Pool & Esther Bryans.

Apologies: Sarah Barden & Chris Edwards

Minutes from AGM

Introduction from Claire Vallis about the Riding Club and its aims as a riding club to continue focus on training. Special thanks mentioned to Sophie and Rachel who volunteered at Dressage event in January and did a great job and to our trainers.

Treasurers Report – Margot Pool

- Margot has just taken over as treasurer.
- Special thanks to Steve Urch for signing off the accounts.
- Healthy balance standing at £6499
- Dressage competition raised £260 for the club.
- We need to look at raising more money through the year which members will need to support.
- Camp is looking like it will be a big success.
- BACs makes life a lot easier as a club and unlike websites does not charge an admin fee.

Membership Report – Sarah Barnes

- 186 paid members – 17 juniors
- Membership has slowed down since the start of the year as you would expect.
- Members come from Bath, Bristol, Taunton and Devon but most are based in North Somerset.
- Members are mostly eventers with 40%. 20% are show jumpers and 23% dressage.
- Out of our membership we have 35% who jump 80cm, 20% who jump 1m+, 25% who jump 90cm and 20% who jump 70cm and under.

Club Member of the Year – Claire Vallis

- Club Member of the year is a trophy donated in memory of Julia Papadopolous who was an active member and supporter of the club but sadly lost her life in 2017.
- Club member of the year will be handed out annually to a RC member who has actively participated, volunteered and been a great member of the club.
- Nominations will come from members and the committee.
- It will not be handed out this year while we are such a new club.

Election of the Committee

- Chair – Claire Vallis (nominated by HB seconded by TT)
- Vice Chair – Lucy Counsell (nominated by PS seconded by HM)
- Treasurer – Margot Pool (nominated by ML seconded by GV)
- Secretary – Sarah Barden (nominated by HM seconded by ML)
- Membership – Sarah Barnes (nominated by HB seconded by RO)
- Training – Julie Milkins (nominated by SP seconded by SB)
- Safeguarding – Esther Bryans (nominated by KS seconded by JM)
- Merchandising – Chris Edwards (nominated by ML seconded by HB)
- Area 12 Rep – Roy Delfino-Orme (nominated by LC seconded by JM)

Members Feedback

- More jumping for lower heights came the feedback from members as a struggle to find enough around 70cm and below. Also a request for more polework.
- The RC actually never sets heights when booking training, we leave it up to members to book in and set the height. Most of our jumping training is small groups of 2 apart from Badgworth where we have groups of 4 due to costs of hire. This means that we can be totally flexible in what we offer hence some people doing 1.15m and others doing 70cm.
- We would rather have training at a slightly higher price for smaller groups, and this has always been the philosophy of the club.
- You just need to tell us what you want to do. There is nothing to stop you having a course of cross poles if that is what you want. The feedback was that it would be really good if this could be made clear when you join. **ACTION – Add this to membership joining email.**
- The club will be releasing new training dates in chunks as means new members can still access training rather than it all being booked up months in advance. We have Claire Loney, Andrew Lovell and Urchinwood booked for cross country for people who want to do under 80cm.
- All of the trainers that ETSW uses are really understanding and will help you.
- More unmounted stuff was mentioned – confidence clinics, biomechanics. It was mentioned that we have a demo day at Collective where anyone can come and watch with a stable tour. There was also mention of a coach to Olympia. Running more members events and rallies will be a good chance to meet people.

Camp

- Emails had gone out about camp to all members.
- Info is now on the website.
- £50 deposit.
- Members must have Flu Vacs up todate.
- Being run Friday 5pm till Sunday 5pm.
- Trainers are Becki Hadley, Jo May, Clare Loney and Gemma Hallett.
- 32 spaces for groups of 4.
- Options if you don't want training.

Merchandise

- Good selection – look on Facebook and Website
- Members order direct
- Chris Edwards is gathering mass orders together to avoid P&P

Area 12

- New grassroots league.

All dressage (Walk and Trot and Prelim Level) and showjumping (60cms and 70cms) competitors can gain points at BRC Club organised competitions. Area Qualifiers and National level competitions will not count.

Points can be gained when competing at BRC Club organised competitions only.

There will be two separate leagues; showjumping and dressage. Monthly score updates will be provided; therefore competitors must return their score card to the BRC head office no later than the 7th of the following month. Results on cards received after this time will not count. The competition will run for ten months from January – October 2018, there will be rosettes down to 10th place, sashes down to 3rd and there will be an overall supreme champion prize for the competitor who has accumulated the most points over the two leagues.

It's so simple, just follow these easy steps:

1. Download and print your blank points card from the BRC website.
2. Compete at any dressage (Walk & Trot and Prelim Level) or showjumping (60cms & 70cms) BRC Club organised competition.
3. Ask the Secretary at the event to confirm your placing with their signature.
4. Post your completed points card back to BRC HQ by the 7th of the following month.
5. Finally, wait for the results.

- Novice & Intermediate Eventing League

British Riding Cubs (BRC) and British Eventing (BE) have once again teamed up to offer exciting opportunities to BRC members competing at Novice and Intermediate levels with BE.

These leagues will be published on the BRC website and points will be awarded to all BRC members who complete either a Novice / Open Novice section or an Intermediate / Open Intermediate section at a BE event between 1 March and 31 October 2018. BRC and BE will be awarding prizes to 10th place.

Qualification criteria and League points allocation:

- Points will be allocated to all BRC members who complete either a Novice / Open Novice section or an Intermediate / Open Intermediate section between 1 March and 31 October 2018.
- The top 15 placing's will be numbered from 15 – 1 for points purpose. So if a BRC member came second in a section, they would get 14 points. If a BRC member came 15th in a section, they would get 1 point, etc.
- Any BRC member that comes lower than 15th in a section, but completes the competition, will also get 1 point.
- One league is for the rider only and the other one is for rider and horse combination.

- Arena Eventing Championships will be new for next year. Running at 70cm – 100cm.

End of Meeting.