

Berkeley & District RC AGM Minutes

Monday 25th January 2021.730pm

Via Starleaf due to Covid 19

1. Apologies

Helen van de Loo, Sophie Williams, Angela Cherrington, Merran Maclachlan.

2. Attending

Lucy Baggs, Sally Thorne, Sarah Raymond, Holly Winterton, Shanice Walton, Jill McFarland, Jo Dyer, Andrew Winterton, Anne Brown, Claire Friend, Gill Lawry, Jo Evans, Vicky Stacey, Judith Dawson, Ros D'Ath, June Taylor, Kate Nichols, Georgina Clutterbuck, Julie Smith, Ashleigh Carver, Ali Baimbridge, Ali Hawkins, Teresa Ventimiglia, Sian Barke

3. Minutes of last years meeting

Proposed by Andrew Winterton, seconded by Vicky Stacey

4. Election of Committee

All the Committee have agreed to stand again. Justine Jackman stood down earlier in the year. Her place will be filled when RC activity starts again.

Proposed by Andrew Winterton, seconded by Judith Dawson

5. Chairs Report- Lucy Baggs

Clearly with the coronavirus pandemic the year has been very different. Some people who have been furloughed have got to spend more time with their horses and others who have had to home school their children have had to more or less turn theirs away.

Lucy thanked the Committee for all their help and in particular Justine who decided to step down this year after several years on the Committee.

She thanked all the instructors and venues and Angela Cherrington who does a great job looking after the Area vaccination records.

Finally thank you to the members for being so supportive of the club.

We still managed to hold some rallies this year which Sarah will talk about later and there were some successes at the Area Competitions which took place which Jo Dyer will outline.

We ran some Flat camps and a jump camp as well as 3 dresdown dressage competitions. So despite covid we packed in quite a bit when we were allowed.

6. Finances- Sally Thorne

Sally presented the Financial report. Despite covid we had a turnover of £34,000 even though we had to do a lot of refunds. Rallies, day camps and dresdown dressage all made small profits. We are left with a surplus of around £4k which is about normal for any year. It was put to the meeting to give a donation to Avon RDA rather than ask for the deposit money which had been given for arena bookings to be returned. The meeting supported the motion

7. Area Competitions- Jo Dyer

The first Area Competition was Combined Training managed by Laura Nelmes at Hartpury on 4th January. There were some problems with the scoring but we got a Team 9th, with Sarah Raymond 2nd, Kathleen Griffiths 8th. Noolie Gregory 8th and Sian Barke 10th.

The next competition was Show Jumping at West Wilts managed by Susie Glatt on 12th Jan. We had 3 teams but no placings. Although Dee Hargreaves was 11th and Sarah Meredith 8th.

There were then no more competitions, because of the first lockdown, until 5th September when it was Dressage to Music managed by Justine Jackman at CCR. Vicky Stacey came 3rd, Andrea Cox was 4th in the Elementary and Kate Nichols won the Novice.

Kate went on to go to the National Championships at Addington which she managed to win making her the BRC National Champion.

On the 4th October it was the Intermediate Championships at Leyland Court. Sarah Couzens came 2nd and Andrea Cox 8th. Holly Winterton was Team Manager for the day.

On 1st November there was Novice Dressage also at West Wilts. Our team were 2nd and qualified for the Nationals. The team were Sian Barke 6th, Vicky Stacey 5th, Gail Watson 5th and Andrew Winterton.

On 11th October it was the Arena Eventing at West Wilts managed by Sarah Raymond. The 80 team were 4th and the 90 team 2nd with Vicky Stacey qualifying for the Nationals. The National are likely to be in May

So despite covid there were quite a few Area competitions that we had good success at. We hope this year will have more opportunities for members to take part as we are keen to be as inclusive as possible, we would love to get lots of members having a go so please do come forward if you fancy giving it a try.

If anyone would like to take over from Justine as the Dressage Team Manager we would be very pleased to hear from you.

8. Membership- Shanice Walton

We have got 76 members so far this year down on the 117 we had at the same time last year but some are waiting until things get going again before they rejoin. We didn't count Volunteer hours last year as there weren't enough events for people to do them at.

9. Rallies- Sarah Raymond

Despite Covid we managed to have 35 rallies. We started early in January but unfortunately had to cancel several in February because of bad weather. There were none from March to June due to Lockdown. But from June until October there were a good selection with the last one being on October 24th.

Sarah thanked the Rally Organisers who do a great job. Dee Hargreaves, Claire Friend, Vicki MacDonald, Helen German & Holly Winterton.

If anyone has any ideas of new venues or instructors we could use please let her know.

10. 2021 Events

Pontispool camp has been deferred to June. Shanice hopes to have dates by next Monday as it is hoped to get dates that are over a weekend.

Stockland Lovell camp is 7-10th Oct (Note wrong dates were given out at the meeting)

We haven't planned any rallies yet but hope to have lots on offer as well as Day camps and dressdown competitions.

11. AOB

We decided not to do awards this year as we are unable to give them out. Anne Brown has kindly agreed to give her Training Bursary again this year. It will be awarded later in the year when activities resume.

Anne Brown thanked the Committee for their work in this difficult year