

Berkeley & District Riding Club AGM Minutes
14th January 2019
Falfield Village Hall

Attending

Kate Nichols, Jill McFarland, Lucy Baggs, Sally Thorne, Holly Winterton, Jo Dyer, Shanice Walton, Justine Jackman, A Brown, Marian McLachan, Claire Ford, Jo Evans, Claire Friend, Hazel Weyman, Kate, Lingwood -White, Caroline Campbell -Hill, Jules Harrison, Jo Cullen, Amanda Lomax, Sue Palfrey, Helen German, Lettie Bellord, Ann Marshall, Judy Dawson, Gill Lawry, Sue Meredith, Linda Phelps, Andrew Winterton, Sarah George, Samantha Beckett, Richard Hemmings, Julie Smith, Aimee Conlon, Sian Coles, Ashleigh Carver, Sarah Raymond, Vicki MacDonald

Apologies

Charmaine Rundall, Angela Cherrington, Teresa Ventimiglia, Zillah Savage, Michelle Hopton, Polly Fewes, Max Lawry, Ashley George.

Kate Nichols welcomed people to the meeting and thanked them for coming and Justine & Jill for organising the food.

1. Minutes from last years AGM

The minutes were proposed by Andrew Winterton & seconded by Sarah George.

2. Chairs Report- Kate Nichols

What a year we have had! I was looking back through all of last years news letters and we have had lots of success at team competitions and lots of fun along the way

Our quiz night in March was a huge success with a full house in this village hall. We had a range of subject areas including a picture round. It was a fun evening and even better that we can all stay warm and dry!

Pontispool camp is as ever, very popular and everyone who goes enjoys themselves and grows in confidence.

Unfortunately this year we were unable to run the ODE, however we are hoping that along with the pony club we may be able to run in 2019. If this is the case, we will need to have sufficient numbers entered in order to run. We need to run events like this to be able to generate an income to support the club and our riders.

We have continued to run a dressage competition –Dress down Dressage. These competitions continue to be a great success. The comments that we received from competitors on the day are all very pleasing – saying things like

“the atmosphere was lovely and relaxed, it was great to not have to plait or get dressed up!! It’s a compliment to how successful these competitions are, that other riding clubs have tried to copy our format.

Due to not running our ODE, we decided that we should run Arena Eventing at Leyland court. We had everything in place and what looked like plenty of interest. However as the date approached, we realised that the interest was not materialising in to actual confirmed entries. This made for a very hard decision to cancel. This event would have generated much needed income to support our teams at the various championships.

We had continued success with our non-res camp days, so a huge thank you must go to Jill for all your hard work organising these days. It was so nice to hear such positive comments from our members all gaining in confidence throughout their day. Maybe these riders will now feel they can attend the residential camp in Pontispool?

If anyone has any ideas for events like we ran in 2019, please do let us know! We want to ensure that we run events/socials that our members want and will attend.

During the year, Carrie Dailly decided to step down as Membership secretary. Shanice has taken on this role. So as soon as any of our members have completed their hours, do please let her know. It saves Shanice time chasing you in 12months time to ask if you have completed your hours!!

We must as a committee and club also thank Angela Cherrington for continuing to look after the Area 9 Flu/Vac database – this is a really important job as this ensures that all clubs entering teams have got all their horses flu/tet records up to date.

I am really looking forward to seeing all our members develop and gain in confidence throughout the coming 12 months. Keep up the good work and here is to a fab 2019!!

3. Treasurers Report – Sally Thorne

The club is in a better financial position this year than last. This time last year we were around £30 down whereas this year we are £3,400 up. This is partly due to a difference in timing between what we had paid out this year compared to last year but is more to do with some profits and savings we have made this year as follows: the Dressdown Dressage competitions have proved popular and profitable, the day camps & rallies have made a small profit, we have sent fewer teams to the National Championships, we have not produced a glossy printed newsletter and we are using Bacs more rather than incurring fees from Equo and Paypal.

The full report is at the end of the Minutes.

The report was proposed by Ann Brown and seconded by Lettie Bellord.

4. Team Reports

Sarah George reported on the FOTH, Arena Eventing and Eventer Challenge.

The FOTH Horse Trials were held at West Wilts in July. Sarah Raymond was 4th in the 80 and the 90 team won and qualified for the Championships. . The team was Aimee Conlon (ind 10th), Shanice Walton (Ind Winner), and Toni Young (Ind 7th)

Aimee could not make the Champs at Swalcliffe so Andrew Winterton took her place. The team were a creditable 12th with Shanice in 8th and Andrew ind 9th.

The Eventer Challenge was at Blenheim in September and we entered a 100 team of Andrew Winterton, Claire Moreton & Genevieve Wilkes. The team did really well in what is a very competitive class and came 6th overall.

The Arena Eventing was at West Wilts in November. Jill did the 80 but was unplaced. The 90 team of Shanice, Andrew and Ashley George were also unplaced. But the 100 team of Andrew, Claire Moreton (2nd ind) , Jo Dyer (4th ind) and Toni Young did brilliantly and WON and are hopefully off to the Championships.

Laura Nelmes reported on the Combined Training.

The team of Jill, Andrew, Shanice and Laura qualified for the Championships. They were held at Aston le walls. The team weren't placed but Shanice Walton was 5th and Jill McFarland 12th.

The qualifier for this year (2019) was on the 5th Jan. The team was Jill McFarland, Sarah Raymond, Andrew Winterton and Laura Nelmes. Andrew and Sue Meredith competed as individuals. There have been problems working out the scores and so we still don't know our placings but we will not have qualified this year.

This is a lovely event and the qualifiers are held in Hartpury where you get to jump in the big indoor arena. It's a great event to have a go at competing for the club as the SJ is 75 or 85 and the tests are all prelim tests.

Holly Winterton reported on the Show Jumping.

The Winter SJ was at Tumpy Green last January. It was a very cold day but we managed to enter 2 80cms teams- Shanice, Jill & Sarah Raymond and Toni Young, Alison Hawkins and Jo Evans. Unfortunately there were no placings. However the 90 team of Andrew, Aimee Conlon, Noolie Gregory and Shanice Walton managed a creditable 4th.

The Summer SJ was at Rabson Manor on grass. The 70 team was Vicki MacDonald, Sally Thorne, Sue Meredith and Susanna Allin, the 80 team was Aimee Conlon, Sadie Giles, Catherine Blackmore and Andrew, Toni Young

was an individual in the 100. The ground was very hard and there were some sat nav errors so no placings this time. But thank you to all those who took part.

Justine Jackman reported on the Dressage

Annie Couzens & Sarah Cox competed in the Dressage to Music at Burrows Court in June. There was a question from the floor about how to get into DTM. It is not something the club can easily help with as it is very individual and can be costly. It was recommended to look out for specialists who will devise a floor plan and set music for individuals.

The Winter dressage was at Summerhouse in November. It was a very cold day and early start – so thank you to those who competed. David Merritt kindly stepped into do an extra test at the last minute. Shanice Walton was 2nd and has hopefully qualified and Tracy Merritt was 8th in the Novice.

The next dressage is on Sunday 24th Feb but the schedule is not out yet. Justine thanked Kate Lingwood- White for her considerable help at the dressage competitions.

5. Election of Committee

Kate Nichols announced she had decided that after 4 years as Chair that she will be standing down due to work and new horse commitments. She said “ I have been involved in the committee for 8 or so years. I have had a great time, made lots of new friends along the way and learnt things about myself as well. I informed the rest of the committee prior to Christmas and Lucy has decided to take on the role of Chairperson. I will support Lucy in the interim and ensure a smooth handover. Please do support Lucy in her new role. “

Kate Lingwood White proposed the motion for Lucy Baggs to become Chair and it was seconded by Aimee Conlon.

All of the committee are happy to continue to stand for 2019.

Amanda Lomax proposed the motion for the rest of the Committee to continue and Jules Harrison seconded it.

6. Membership- Shanice Walton

There were 171 members last year, with 57 being new to the club. There are currently 104 who have rejoined which is a higher number than this time last year.

Please would members let Shanice know what hours they have completed for the club. It is very important for members to do their hours and there are several who haven't done any- please would they ensure they are completed asap- they can be done in many ways including helping at rallies, camps and competitions, doing lunches, cakes, etc.

7. Rallies- Holly Winterton

The rallies have made a small profit this year and uptake has been generally quite good. If people want anything different please let Holly know. Generally she is doing as many as possible at weekends.

The rally organisers Dee, Vicki, Karen, Helen and Jo have been a fantastic help. Karen is stopping this year so we are looking for a new rally organiser. Please let Holly know if you're interested.

As well as our fantastic regular instructors we have used Georgie Spence for some simulated xc rallies and Sara Gallop will be doing some dressage ones at Summerhouse. First one will be in May.

8. Newsletter- Justin Jackman

The E bulletin seems to be working well and is saving the club £600 a year in printing costs. The newsletter is only as good as its content so please give Justine as much info as possible to include in it. The next one will be in March after camp

9. 2019 Events

a. Residential Camp- Shanice

Pontispool has been booked again for March but will be slightly later this year- 20th- 23rd. It is a great few days, arriving on the Wed afternoon with the opportunity to use the gallops, then 7 hours of instruction and leaving on Saturday afternoon. There are currently 2 spaces available. Cost is £260. Final payment will be required in Feb.

This year we are running a 2nd camp at Stockland Lovell 4th-6th October. So save the days !

b. Dressdown Dressage - Lucy

2 dates have been booked at Burrows court using their lovely new arenas. They are 19th May and 14th July. There was a request from the floor not to have P7. There will be Intro, Prelim and Novice tests. Higher level tests are not popular enough.

c. Day camps – Jill

It is hoped to hold 2 day camps , one in July on a weekday and 1 in Sept/Oct at the weekend.

d.ODE

As stated earlier there is the opportunity to have another ODE at West Littleton this year as the Pony Club are running an event so the xc course will be available afterwards. We would like to run one but will need to look carefully at the costs as we need a lot of entries to cover costs and make some money for the club.

10. Awards

There were so many people that deserve recognition this year, so choosing the award winners has been very hard. Sure it gets harder each year!!

- 1) Club All-rounder – this combination are always out and about, whether SJ, ODE or dressage. Basil has always got a smile on his face and him and Jill make a fab team – Jill McFarland
- 2) **The Southfield Dressage Glass** – this person has only recently joined BDRC, and even on their first competition when someone had to pull out at the last minute, they stepped in. It also resulted in a very early start and learning two tests – Congratulations to David Merritt.
- 3) **The Anne Stevenson Memorial Trophy** – This person works hard with her horses and will happily step in to teams especially the higher heights to ensure we can send a team. She has been instrumental on many occasion in aiding the team in qualifying for various championships – Well done Claire Morton
- 4) **The Ann Brown Training Bursary** is going to Charmaine Rundle. She attends lots of rallies, has her battles to win just to ride – well done!!
- 5) **Best Veteran** – Kathleen Griffiths and black pony. Who have a combined age of 79-80years- Kathleen had a nasty fall a few years ago and is back riding and competing and also attends the most rallies with BDRC.
- 6) We can not run our club without people helping out and completing their hours. Whilst many people we are having to chase all the time, we also have a few people who always go over and above:
 - a. Andrea Thompson Taylor and Kate Lingwood -White both did 11hrs
 - b. Charlotte Brain -8hours
 - c. Emma Hussey, Mandy Lee and Gail Wilson all completed 7hrs
 - d. Zoe Stimpson and Linda Phelps – 6hrs
- 7) An award of a free rally goes to all the rally organisers and Team Managers – Laura Nelmes, Dee Hargreaves, Sarah George, Karen Gobey, Susie Glatt, Vicki Macdonald, Helen German, Jo Evans, and must not forget Angela Cherrington.

11. AOB

Kate Nichols was thanked by Lucy Baggs and Jill McFarland for her hard work being Chair for the past 3 / 4 years and was presented with a gift and card.

2018 Financial report.

B&DRC Detailed Income and Expenditure for period ending 31/12/18

	Income	Expenditure
Admin		254
Affiliation Fees		2159
BDRC Team Entries (Area Events)		2631
BDRC run competitions (cash/bacs)	552	1193
BDRC run competitions+social (Equo)	2139	
Gifts and Donations	1670	826
Individual Team Entries	1442	117 Refunds
Day Camp (incl. Equo income)	2691	2507
Misc		238
Rally Instructors		4650
Rally Venues	144 Refunds	3648
Rally Income (Bacs,cash,chg)	4790	1050 Refunds
Equo Rally Income net of Equo fees	4820	
Residential camp	10283	10265
Social Events	541	168
Subs	4240	132 Refunds and PP fees
Totals	33312	29838

2018 Profit/Loss **3474**

Reconciliation

2018 Opening funds b/f		4029
2018 Closing balance c/f	7881	
less 3 uncleared cheques	-378	
		7503
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Difference		3474

Closing Balance represented by:

Current account	5906
Petty Cash	211
Savings Account	1764
	7881

Summary by Activity - Profit/loss

	2018	2017
Subscriptions net of Affiliation fees	2081	1725
Rally profit for the year	466 (incl Jan 2019 rallies/excl £255 o/s payments)	-61
Dressdown Dressage 1	562	497
Dressdown Dressage 2	341	415
Dressdown Dressage 3	401	367
Dressdown Dressage 4	383	
Cancelled events. Lost deposits.	-150 Arena Eventing	-234 ODE
Residential camp	-18	-558
Day camps	184	156
Teams	-1496	-2333
Social events	368	-275
Admin expences	-254	-950
Gifts and Donations	844 after 549.50 to Horseworld	-124
Misc	-238 Jump repair, first aid kits, rosettes	
clothing	0	-171
Dressage Demo	0	30