

Berkeley & District Riding Club

AGM – Thursday January 18th, 2018, 7.30pm, Falfield Village Hall, Falfield

Present: Kate Nichols, Jo Webley, Sally Thorne, Jill Mcfarland, Lucy Baggs, Justine Jackman, Carrie Dailly, Jo Dyer, Andrew Winternton, Holly Winterton, Aimee Conlon, Jean Simmons, Merran Mclaclan, Anne Brown, Alice Bastian, Sarah Raymond, Vicky Mcdonald, Anya Hallet, Alison Hawkins, Cheryl Parfitt, Sonia Walton, Shanice Walton, Kate Lingwood White, Linda Bohin, Nicky Walker, Anne Marshall, Nicky Phelps, Lettie Bellard, Helen German, Caroline Campbell Hill, Jules Harrison,

Apologies – Janet McDonald; Katie Rogers; Angela Cherrington; Laura Nelmes; Jo Hennessy; Sarah Ferris; Sue Creswick; Noolie Gregory, Zillah Savage; Karen Gobey

Minutes:

1	<p><u>Minutes from the last meeting</u> – Aimee Conlon and Kate Lingwood White propose minutes</p>
2	<p><u>Chairman's Report</u> Welcome to BDRC AGM for 2018, I would like to thank you all for coming tonight and I hope that those of you who have eaten have enjoyed your chilli thanks to Justine and Jill for organising and thank you to all those that have donated cakes.</p> <p>You will all find the Agenda for tonight on your seats and also the minutes from the AGM last year. I will also pass a piece of paper and pen around, please can you write your name down so we know who has attended. Are there any apologies?</p> <p>Agenda items: minutes from last meeting, Chairs report, Treasurers Report with Sally, Team Reports, Election of Committee, Membership with Carrie, Rallies with Jill, newsletter with Justine, Planned events for 2018, Awards for 2018 than Any other Business.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Minutes from last meeting – if everyone is happy with the minutes from the last AGM, can someone propose them? <p>Chairs Report:</p> <p>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. I will let the team managers summarise the competitions shortly.</p> <p>Unfortunately we this year we had to make a really hard decision to cancel our ODE. We did not have enough entries to make it a viable event. This was such a shame as the ODE generates a significant amount of income for the club and allows us to</p>

	<p>send our teams to the championships. We therefore had to find alternative events to raise much needed funds.</p> <p>We decided to run a dressage competition – Dress down Dressage. These competitions have been a great success, the comments that we received from competitors on the day were all very pleasing – saying things like “the atmosphere was lovely and relaxed, it was great to not have to plait or get dressed up!!</p> <p>WE also had a huge success with our non-res camp days, so a huge thank you must go to Jo and 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.</p> <p>The Dressage Demo with Justine Sole was a great day, the weather was on our side and everyone who participated enjoyed themselves.</p> <p>We also had a visit to Hartpury College Rehab unit and watched horses being worked in the water treadmill and on the dry treadmill. We then all got to have a go on their mechanical horse. It was a very informative evening and everyone had a good time.</p> <p>If anyone has any ideas for events like we ran in 2017, please do let us know!</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 2018!!</p>
3	<p><u>Treasurers Report</u> –</p> <p>Please see separate report from Sally Thorne on 2017 club finances. Sally has recently taken over the role as treasure and is making positive steps to ensure the clubs finances are in a good position moving forward.</p> <p>Members are now able to pay for rallies by BACS to avoid Equo charges.</p>
4	<p>Team Reports</p> <p><u>FOH AND HORSE TRAILS</u></p> <p>The first competition of the year was FOTH, for which we had qualified a 100 team consisting of Claire Moreton riding Lana, Laura Nelmes riding Ned, Jo Dyer riding Rosie and Andrew Winterton riding Bally. Victoria Stacey had also qualified in the 90 as an individual riding Chloe.</p> <p>We had a great time at the Championships, everyone staying over night and there was a great team spirit. The 100 team did amazingly to come second overall with</p>

two team members, Jo Dyer and Laura Nelmes in the top six in a very large field. Vicky also did brilliantly in the 90 at her first Championship but sadly missed the placing.

The next competition was the Horse Trials qualifier at West Wilts, we had an 80-team consisting of Alison Hawkins, Leah Woodward, Naomi Watkins and Andrew Winterton and a 90 team consisting of Aimee Conlon, Andrew Winterton, Shanice Walton and Noolie Gregory. Whilst everyone did their very best and rode really well the 80 team were unplaced and didn't manage to qualify, the 90-team fared slightly better coming 5th overall but sadly also failed to qualify.

The last competition of the year was the RC Arena Eventing Challenge at Blenheim International Horse Trials. We took a 100 team of Aimee Conlon riding Ned, Jo Dyer riding Rosie, Geneveive Wilkes riding Scooby and Andrew Winterton riding Bally. Again, we had a brilliant day with fabulous team spirit and lots of supporters who made the journey to Oxfordshire. The team did brilliantly coming 2nd overall. Aimee and Jo both jumped double clear inside the time, Geneveive jumped double clear with 2.2 time and Andrew had an unlucky pole showjumping and 2.6 time. We were beaten by less than 1 time fault by another local RC team FFRC.

Overall a great year with lots of success, congratulations everyone who rode in teams this year, you did the club proud.

Sarah

Dressage:

February 2017 – Intermediate Dressage at Leyland Court

A fab day all around with some amazing results from everyone, we managed to have 4 teams compete for the club and 7 individuals, ranging from Prelim – Medium. The Intermediate competition consists of 4 riders on a team, each riding different tests, this year they were Prelim7, Novice 30, Novice 34 and Elementary 49. You were also able to ride Medium as an Individual if you wanted to.

One team only had three members, so all results had to count (out of the 4 marks they drop the worst placing one), the team consisted of Laura Nelmes (who came 1st in her area riding N34 and therefore I'd for the championship), Aimee Conlon (who came 2nd, Novice 30) and Alison Hawkins (who came 5th, Prelim 7), therefore managing a team 5th, well done all of you.

We also had a team 6th, Claire Rudge, Andrea Cox (Novice 34 coming 4th), Shanice Walton (Novice 30, coming 3rd) and Jo Webley. WELL DONE

P7 – Caroline Stoner – 2nd

Novice 30 – Andrea Cox – 6th

Novice 34 – Aimee Conlon – 2nd

Medium – Kate Nichols – 5th

A massive well done to all the other teams and riders, you all did fab 😊

14th May – Rabson – Summer Dressage and Riding Test - GRASS

I was very surprised that this competition was very early this year (normally July) and we had very little uptake. I'm not sure if this was due to the fact the tests are on grass or it was earlier in the year, hopefully this year we will have a better response.

So anyways, the results:

A massive well done to Holly Winterton, Sally Thorne and Polly Fewes who managed a team 4th with only 3 riders, well done ladies – still trying to locate your

rosettes

Well-done also goes to Sarah C for her Novice test 😊

June – DTM – Burrows Court

First time I had been to a DTM competition and it was a fab day with all clubs supporting each other. I would highly recommend popping a long one day to have a watch.

Novice – Polly Fewes – 5th

Novice – Andrea Cox – 3rd

Novice – Aimee Conlon – 2nd

Elementary – Aimee Conlon – 4th

Well done to all riders and horse, fab results all round 😊

November 2017 – Novice Dressage – Summerhouse

Unfortunately, I had mummy duties this day, so I was in and out (unfortunately I missed some tests), we managed to send 3 teams and a massive thank you to Shanice who stepped in at the very last minute (I believe 2 hours' notice) to ride Prelim as an individual and coming an impressive 10th 😊

Berkeley Green – 18th

Polly Fewes – 1st in her arena and qualifying for the championships

Cath Macbeth and Karen Gobey

Berkeley Gold – 11th

Jill, Aimee, Shanice and Vicky

Berkeley White – 12th

Andrew, Sally T, Laura N and Leah

Here's to great results in 2018, the next competition is the Intermediate at Leland court on 25th February, if you would like to compete please let me know (everyone welcome). You NEED to be a member before I do the Prelim entries (will be doing them in the next few days. THEREFORE, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP, IF YOU ARE NOT A MEMBER YOU WONT BE ALLOWED TO COMPETE 😊

Combined Training:

17th April 2017

3 Teams

Green Andrew Winterton, Toni Young, Sue Micklewright, Vicky Stacey

White: Emma Fox, Polly Fewes, Vicky Stacey, Rachel Kuczaj

Yellow: Team 10th Jill Mcfarland, Sally Thorne, Andrew Winterton (4th), Aimee Conlon

Best combined individual result was Andrew getting 4th in his arena on Bally

Well done to all that rode and for those that stepped up to compete for the first time

and a big thank you to Holly for helping out on the ground and calling tests.

21st October 2017

A wet and windy day, 2 teams competed and braved the weather to compete at Hartpury College. Predicted gale force winds made everyone nervous but two full teams arrived ready to compete. Many thanks to Andrew for bringing Bally at short notice along with Wiggy so that both teams were complete. Big thanks to our helpers Julia Harrison and Sally Thorne who braved the weather and made it possible for the teams to compete.

The teams were;

Berkeley 1 – Toni Young on Izzy, Michelle Hopton on Bond Puccini. Alisia Robins on Oakford Maisie May, Andrew Winterton on Bally.

Berkeley 2 – Jill Mcfarland on Knockanna Flash, Andrew Winterton on Bally

All horses and riders performed brilliantly despite flying dressage boards whipped up by the wind.

Screaming out dressage tests above the wind was challenging but fortunately everyone seemed to go in the right direction at the right time.

There were some impressive results; Laura and Michelle scoring 25.00 (75%), Shanice scoring 24.7 and Andrew 28.8.

Once the horse dancing was complete it was time to get undercover in the indoor SJ phase. Everyone jumped brilliantly with clear rounds from Andrew on Bally, Jill on Basil and Shanice on Verney.

The teams came back with an impressive haul of rosettes and qualifications.

Michelle – Individual 2nd in the 75cm and qualifying for the Festival of the Horse

Jill – individual 4th in the 75cm

Shanice – individual 4th in the 85cm

Laura – individual 3rd in the 85cm

Berkeley team 1 came 11th overall

Berkeley team 2 came 2nd overall and qualifying for the festival of the horse

Next stop Aston Le Walls on the 19th/20th May for Michelle, Jill, Andrew, Shanice and Laura

Showjumping

Leyland Court – 16th July 2017

70cm team

1st qualified for the championships, Sarah Raymond, Jodie Hughes, Sally Thorne, Alisia Robins

	<p>4th: Michelle Hopton, Alisia Robins, Catherine Mcbeth, Geneviene Willis</p> <p>80cm Andrew Winterton, Becky Lingham, Shanice Walton, Aimee Conlon 1st qualifying for the nationals</p> <p>Andrew and Holly have now taken over as SJ team managers</p>
5	<p><u>Election of Committee:</u></p> <p>Agreed committee to re stand for 2018 – Andrew Winterton and Jean Simmons propose</p>
6	<p><u>Membership –</u></p> <p>In 2017 we had 170 members which is slightly down on 2016 however 2018 is looking promising with 116 members already. However last year there were 61 members who did no hours, a plea to ensure members do offer to help, there are lots of events throughout the year to help at. It is appreciated that this year the ODE got cancelled where lots of members were planning to do their hours.</p>
7	<p><u>Rallies</u></p> <p>Rallies broke even last year, but it is felt that it is hard to pitch the rallies right and these really need to be supported to prevent them from being cancelled. There is a mix of indoor rallies in the winter and a call for grids/gymnastic style jumping. Please let us know if there is something you would like to see being offered.</p>
8	<p><u>Newsletter</u></p> <p>This has now moved to an e-bulletin to save the club money. Please share stories and pictures with us to make these more interesting.</p>
9	<p><u>Events</u></p> <p>Events for 2018- Pontispool –Shanice spoke about camp and that final payments are due in February.</p> <p>Dress Down Dressage – This will be at Burrows Court in May. Fun filled day. Keep an eye out for the schedule! We will also be running more throughout the year, so please support them.</p> <p>Non-res camp – dates to be confirmed</p>
10	<p>Club 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!!</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Club All-rounder – This is going to someone who is in all the teams, who has also recently taken on the responsibility of managing the SJ teams this year and has continued to improve year on year – well done Andrew Winterton. 2. The Southfield Dressage Glass – This year it is going to an individual who will also be attending the Novice Championships in April – Well done Polly Fewes! 3. The Anne Stevenson Memorial Trophy – This year this award is going to an individual who not only rides her own horses beautifully, but is also able to

	<p>ride and compete a horse that she only sat on a few times before Blenheim – she only went and got a double clear! So Well done Aimee Conlon and also a mention must go to Sarah George for giving Aimee the ride.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. The Ann Brown Training Bursary is going to Jules Harrison. She is a new member who has really grown in confidence especially after having a fall last year. She will also be a Rally organiser this year. 5. Best Vetran – Sue if you would kindly like to say a few words: - This combination has a combined age of 63/64, they have taken part in many teams, gained in confidence over the past year and recently taken joined the committee – Well done Sally and Mouse! 6. I would also like to award to Toni Young who has stepped in at short notice for many teams on her flying pony. 7. We cannot 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: Kate LW has done over 11.5hrs this year, followed by Judi Anderson on 10.5hrs – massive thank you and for your commitment, I would like to award you rally vouchers. 8. An award of a free rally goes to all the rally organisers and Team Managers – Laura Nelmes, Victoria Stacey, Lucy Baggs, Linda Eadie, Dee Hargreaves, Sarah George, Jackie Grose, Karen Gobey, , Holly Winterton and must not forget Angela Cherrington
11	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>We have recently changed where we can buy our club clothing - it is now much more local in olvaston at a company called: Linela. Jo is arranging for a shop page on our website to link to Linela, so if anyone would like to buy any clothing, please see our website.</p> <p>Can those who have won awards tonight please stay so that we can get a photo of you all for the next newsletter.</p> <p>There was a question regarding whether or not the ODE will run this year, as this is an event b&drc members really enjoy, however this was responded to by Kate that costs and viability will have to be discussed and possibly other options explored.</p>