

Thirty-one members were present at the A.G.M. on 23rd May 1972 at Tidworth House. Apologies were received from Mrs. Easton, Mrs. Hicks and Miss Pugh, to name but a few. The Chairman, Mr. Hart, first reviewed the past year, which had been fairly successful, with better turnouts at events, with the exception of the hacks. There had been a number of instructional courses during the year, all of which had been well supported, culminating in 8 members passing the B.E.S. Riding Clubs Grade III test - namely Miss S. Appleton, Miss C. Birnie, Mrs. N. Brown, Miss L. and Mr. S. Hart, Miss S. Knox, Miss A. Spencer and Mr. J. Steele. At least 4 members may be taking the Grade IV test later this year. The indoor novice jumping shows had been most successful, both from the point of view of the horse and financially, as was seen in the Financial Statement. Mr. Hart remarked that more people appeared willing to be considered for the various team events this year, which was a healthy sign. Congratulations were passed to Sandra Knox for qualifying for the final of the individual dressage competition last September. Socially, the club had much enjoyed some notable guests, Mary Gordon-Watson, Lucinda Prior-Palmer and Colonel Frank Weldon. Sixteen members judged various Cross Country fences at the Tidworth 3 Day Event, and twelve formed a very able arena party on the last day - the Chairman felt this was in some measure a token of the Club's appreciation of the R.A. Saddle Club facilities made available to the club.

The Chairman thanked the Committee for their hard work during the past year. Particular thanks were due to Cathy Birnie for undertaking the onerous task of Secretary for the year, and to the retiring members, Mrs. Hart, Mr. Misselbrook and Mr. Packman. A special vote of thanks was recorded to Mr. Packman who had served on the committee since the club's formation in 1967.

The proposed changes in the rules. Rule 5. An addition, amended during the A.G.M., was passed to read "A subscription paid by any member joining the Club on or after 1st January shall be deemed to cover the ensuing financial year." The other proposed changes were not carried.

The Chairman and Treasurer were re-elected unopposed. Mrs. Gill Parker was the only nomination received for Secretary, Miss Birnie having retired due to pressure of work. 6 nominations had been received for the three vacant places on the committee - Miss Birnie, Mr. Philip Hart and Miss Ann Spencer were elected.

The full Committee thus reads:-

President	To be elected at a later date
Chairman	Mr. Sam Hart
Vice-Chairman	To be elected at a later date
Treasurer	Mrs. E. Appleton
Secretary	Mrs. G. Parker
Press Officer	Miss C. Birnie
Committee	Mrs. J. Dibden
	Mr. P. Hart
	Miss S. Knox
	Mrs. P. Portman
	Miss A. Spencer

The whole Committee will be responsible for the programme, as during last year: the Selection Committee, responsible for choosing teams for Official events, is Miss A. Spencer (Secretary), Miss C. Birnie and Miss S. Knox.

At the A.G.M., members voted to join the British Field Sports Society Affiliation Scheme at a fee of £1. Mr. Neville Phillips, owner of the Tidworth Country Club has offered to affiliate all members of our club completely free of charge, an offer which has been gratefully accepted. A suggestion that members of our teams should start paying the whole entry fee, instead of half as now, was not carried. Mrs. Portman appealed for gates, fences, rail, sleepers, nails, etc. for the Club Hunter Trial Course now being constructed at Locks Drove.

I would like to apologise for not being present at the A.G.M. to hand over in person to Gill Parker, the new Secretary. I did ask Sam Hart to explain what I always have my annual holiday in May, and that the package holiday I wanted was only available the last two weeks in May. Mr. Hart decided not to alter the date of the A.G.M. I am sure Gill will be an excellent Secretary and much more efficient.

than I ever was. She is married to a nephew of David Packman, whom many of you will know. Because Gill doesn't know too much about the world of horsey competitions I am continuing to compose the Newsletter for the time being. Gill's address is Argos, Locks Drove, Upton, Nr. Andover (Tel: Hatherden 233).

Now (at last) to some very good news - as many of you will know Tom Oliver and Sandra Knox announced their engagement at the beginning of May. They hope to get married in September, and I am sure we all congratulate them and wish them every success for the future. I hope they stay around to prop up the Club for some time to come.

Unfortunately we have two members in or just out of hospital. Mrs. Hodges is now out and making a good recovery while staying with Mrs. Glendenning. Mrs. Triffitt is still, alas, in hospital having been rather ill. We have sent her some flowers and hope she will make a quick recovery.

The dressage team we sent to Brockenhurst came third (and last), but less than one point behind the second team. Ringwood and District won with 176.1%, Hampshire Rural were 2nd with 156.1% and us third with 155.4%. We were hoping to send another team to try to qualify for the final to the Wessex dressage meeting on July 1st, but this has been cancelled (the team event, only, please try and support the two individual competitions as they are short of entries).

There is a Club Prix Caprilli and Individual Dressage (test 18) at Tidworth on August 20th, which will be used to choose the team for the Prix Caprilli and four individuals for the Dressage on September 10th (Havant Civic Centre Site) Please try to come - Mrs. Scringeour is judging some of it, if not all. Entries to Miss Ann Spencer by Weds. 16th, 25p per class. Copies of tests can be obtained from her too.

Other dressage meetings in this part of England soon are:

July 2nd	Hants. Rural A.C. Combined Training. Twoheldown
July 1st	Wessex Show Ground. Novice and Spillers Combined Training
July 7th	Southampton Common. Novice and Combined Training
July 22nd	Tetbury Show. Novice and Spillers Combined Training
July 29th	Slinbridge, Glos.

I think Miss Spencer has details of where to get schedules.

Please come to our Club Show Jumping at Tidworth on June 25th. We shall be assessing form for the Area Team competition on Tidworth Tattoo Ground on July 9th. On the 25th, there are three classes. 2' 6", 3', and 3' 6" (approximately) Open to all 16 years and over. 25p per class. Horses may compete in any two classes. On July 9th, after the team event there is a fun pair jumping competition open to anyone 16 years and over, entry 25p.

Andover Amateur Athletic Club are holding an Olympic Ball at the Country Bunkin on August 25th, tickets £1.50 each including a table brought buffet supper. Lots of excitement planned so look out for where to buy tickets - it's possible Gill may get some in for members and friends.

Mrs. Appleton has ordered 12 tickets for the Friday night of the Horse of the Year show, but hasn't had confirmation yet.

Finally, I have been asked by several people to type out a list of local shows for this summer. Quite frankly, it takes me hours to work out my own term-time and the Morrison holiday shows, plus sending off for the schedules. To then go over the show edition of Horse and Hound (March 3rd 1972) on behalf of you, not to mention all the gymkhanas held locally which I never hear about as I don't read any local papers ..... no, no, no! It all prompts me to say (very wearily, I might add) don't be so lazy, go through the papers, etc. yourselves.