

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Twenty one members attended the A.G.M. at Poplar Farm Inn on 20th October. Rodney Bennett, in his Chairman's report, said that the Club had had a busy, successful year and most of the activities had been well supported. He thanked all who had helped to organise and run the events. We had competed in all the Area competitions this year and were 7th in the Team Dressage and 2nd in the Novice 1 Day Event. The Chairman also thanked the Committee and particularly the retiring Hon. Secretary, Jill Vallis and Hon. Treasurer, Margaret Vallis for their hard work during the last two years.

A new Secretary and Treasurer were duly elected which left four vacancies on the Committee. Sue Bennett and Shirley Myall were willing to stand again and were re-elected and Jackie Rigby and Caroline Stevens were elected. So the Full Committee for this year is:-

Chairman - Mr. Rodney Bennett, Blue Bell Farm, Penton Grafton,  
Tel: Weyhill 12341.

Vice Chairman - not yet decided

Hon. Treasurer - Mrs. Carol Rasey, 13 The Grove, Penton Grafton.  
Tel: Weyhill 2743

Hon. Secretary - Miss June Bush, Dukes Wood, Amport,  
Tel: Weyhill 2474

Sec. for Area Competitions: Mrs. Cathy Hart, Alvonne, Wyndham Lane,  
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Committee: Sue Bennett, Gilly Facer, Shirley Myall, Sandra Olliver,  
Jackie Rigby, David Roberts, Caroline Stevens and Ian Walker.

The Treasurer said that most of the events had paid for themselves, and some had made a profit, so there was a surplus of income over expenditure of £42 for the year. Following a suggestion at the last A.G.M., an account had been opened with the Newbury Building Society, where, at present, we have £255.11 and there was £108 in our Bank Account.

The meeting agreed to a proposal that Club subscriptions should be raised by £1 next year 1982/3. This was because the affiliation fee that we pay to the B.H.S. out of your subs will be increased to £1.73 per member and because of the coming rise in postage etc.)

There had been a suggestion that, as the B.V. and neighbouring Danebury R.C. are comparatively small clubs, we should join forces. The meeting unanimously agreed to the proposal that "This meeting should give authority to the Committee to establish further liaison between the two Clubs". The same proposal will be put to the Danebury members at their A.G.M. later this month and we await their reaction before taking matters any further. You will be kept informed of future developments.

The remainder of our A.G.M. was mainly taken up with suggestions for the programme - we will do our best to organise the events requested.

OTHER NEWS.

We have fingers crossed that the visit to Newbury Races will take place this time! - you may remember that we were all ready to go last February but were 'frozen off' at the last minute. The Hennessy looks like being an excellent race again this year, so do try to come. A picnic lunch with wine will be provided at a cost of £1.50, but do PLEASE let June Bush (Weyhill 2474) know by 23rd November if you are coming so that we can provide enough food!

The Pub Ride on 25th October from Blue Bell Farm was very successful in spite of the foul weather. 12 riders started out (I gather not all finished) but other members joined them at the Cross Keys, Chute, for lunch, making 21 in all.

As you see from the A.G.M. news, Cathy Hart has nobly volunteered to act as Secretary for all the Area competitions this year, so anyone interested in competing in the teams contact her, not me. And please note Cathy's new address and phone number - see Committee list.

The Area Horse Trials will be held probably in East Sussex this year, which is a long way for us to go, so we may not be able to send a team, but we do hope to have our own Trials in Aug/Sept in we can find a suitable course. Any ideas?

TRANSPORT is a problem for some members and we are trying to make a list of those members who have room to spare in their box/trailer, or would be willing to lend same if they are not using it. If you can help please let me know (Weyhill 2474) so that the information can be published in a later Newsletter.

The Committee has decided that our Dressage Markers can be hired by members for £5 a set and by non-members for £15 - any damage to be made good. Also that members my place 'For Sale and Wanted' adverts. in the Newsletter free of charge - please send them to the Hon. Sec.

SUBS ARE NOW DUE £5 Riding and £4 non-riding: if you have not already paid please complete the enclosed form and return it with your sub to the Hon. Sec. as soon as possible.

June Bush  
Secretary