

# BOURNE VALLEY RIDING CLUB

(Affiliated to the British Horse Society)



## End of Year Report, 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 dated 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021

by Lindsay Hills (BVRC Chairman)

The report has been provided in lieu of BVRC Annual General Meeting.

A mandate from 31 BVRC members agreed, under current Covid-19 restrictions, to waive the BVRC AGM 2020 and for current BVRC Officers (Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee) to remain in place until the next AGM in January 2022.

### Minutes of Last Year's AGM.

Minutes are attached as a separate document.

### BVRC Chairman's Report November 2019 to December 2020 by LKH

It was always going to be an unusual year. British Riding Clubs (BRC) had instructed all clubs to alter the club year to start on the 1<sup>st</sup> January (changed from 1<sup>st</sup> November). BVRC deferred the change until January 2021, so it was to be a bumper, 14 month, year.

Little did we know what would unfold!

Becky Miles & Fran Ridley were welcomed to the committee, but a change in circumstances meant Fran didn't feel able to fulfil her commitments.

We were embarking on an exciting programme which would include hosting of BRC Area17 Horse Trials Qualifier. We hoped to boost club finances after a financially challenging 2018/2019. Funds were already under stress with an increase of £2.50/head to £15/head payable to BRC. The fee is levied on membership numbers for the previous year (162). Notice of the increase was received in August giving little opportunity to raise the deficit before the year end.

A successful Hunter Trial and inaugural Table Top Tack sale gave funds a lift and enabled us to sanction essential, but costly, repairs on the Show Jumping pole trailer.

The year ended with an enjoyable pre-christmas supper at the Goa Balti and the annual post-christmas ride from Larkhill.

2020 got off to a positive start. The ever popular, annual, quiz made a welcome return to the Lion, Clanville. An interesting and informative series of social evenings followed with Rider Psychology by Dr Hannah Whitney, Healthy Gut, Healthy Horse by Marion Watt & Equine Leg dissection by Hani Milstein, Equine Vet. Camp at Stockland Lovell was booked and instructors were on standby.

Early in the year, David Matthews, former BVRC Treasurer, died unexpectedly. David had overseen BVRC finances for five years. He was meticulous and a joy to know and work with. His presence, with his camera, at club shows will be missed.

In the meantime, Area17 Show Jumping qualifying competitions were impacted firstly by an outbreak of equine herpes at Crofton Manor, the qualifying venue. The rearranged event was split between two dates & venues, which was further sabotaged by Storm Dennis. Both eventually ran with a second round of changed dates and venues.

After the Area17 qualifiers held in the autumn, we were looking forward to attending BRC Winter Novice Championship 2020 in March with Petra Ingram & Oxnead Odette contesting the Intro & Prelim Dressage and BRC FotH Challenge 2020 with Frances Hall & Bellindene Magnum. As no BVRC member had attended BRC Championship at Arena UK, Grantham, Lincs, it was to be a new adventure. A return trip to Aston-le-Walls is always welcome.

In March, with the threat of lockdown looming, we successfully ran Winter Show Jumping and Winter Dressage at Tidworth EC. Excessive rain meant that we were not able to use BVRC Show Jumps and the newly refurbished trailer remained in a water-logged field.

Lockdown 1 followed and all riding activities were suspended. All thoughts of competitions, BVRC Area17 qualifiers and several BRC Championships, were abandoned. So much for running Horse Trials to give funds a much needed injection!

I spent lockdown time trawling through past newsletters and minutes which went back to 1968. I have compiled a history of the club publishing newsletters, details of club officials, Area 17 qualifier and BRC Championship attendees, accompanied, wherever possible by photographs, together with a list of BVRC Trophies and their winners. If you have time to kill, you might find it interesting to sample on BVRC website [www.bvrc.co.uk](http://www.bvrc.co.uk) and click on History tab or use link [www.bvrc.co.uk/history/](http://www.bvrc.co.uk/history/)

Susie took the initiative, embracing modern technology, and organised home activities via Zoom. Pilates, an enlightening talk by Brooke CEO and BVRC member Petra Ingram on the workings of Brooke and a couple of quizzes followed.

Once lockdown restrictions were eased a busy programme of clinics and social rides were quickly scheduled. Clinics, in all disciplines, were welcomed but social rides, normally so popular, were deemed to be a trip too far.

After investigation into the uptake of RA Hunt subscriptions it was decided to suspend BVRC subscription to the RA Hunt for 2020/2021. The decision will be under review, but in the light of the current state of club finances, it was a wise move.

Thoughts turned to autumn competitions and we pressed ahead with plans for September Dressage at Redenham and the October Hunter Trial. Both ran with consideration to Covid-19 guidelines and were surprisingly successful. The latter was under threat of abandonment with Covid-19 cases rising rapidly in certain parts of the country and soon after we went into Lockdown 2.

Area 17 qualifiers went ahead in October, but activities stuttered to a halt, again in November.

Some clinics were cancelled, but leading up to Christmas it is always a quiet time. One clinic ran before Christmas and plans were still in place for the Christmas ride, but no Christmas supper, this year. Again, a very fast changing situation with Tier 3/Tier 4 splitting the area, the Christmas ride became a casualty.

Forward plans for a busy 2021 and a resumption of 'normal' life are on hold whilst we await the outcome of soaring infection rates, vaccinations (for us oldies) and an easing of restrictions. Fingers crossed this will happen very soon.

### Thanks.

Firstly, I have to thank Sue & Meredith Baker who stepped into the breach on a couple of occasions in 2019 and I apologise that I failed to thank them at last year's AGM.

With my reluctance to participate in Zoom, I have to thank Susie for assuming the mantle of Chairman, since the start of lockdown, chairing Zoom meetings and keeping the club as active as possible.

Due to pressure of work, Victoria Smith has resigned from the committee. Victoria has brought great enthusiasm and work ethic to the roles she has undertaken. Victoria was responsible for the inclusion of an Open Show into the calendar. Not only did she singlehandedly undertake the organising of this event, she turned her hand to organising Winter Dressage, Winter Show Jumping, Spring & Autumn Novice Shows, to name but a few. In addition, Victoria led the Bluebell Ride in May and introduced a Table Top Tack sale. We will really miss her. At a pre-christmas 'get together', Victoria was presented with a vase which should sit nicely in her new home.

After her sterling work as Membership Secretary, Celia Scott handed over to Sarah Pook. Thank you, Celia.

I would like to pass on my thanks to the following:

Rosie Mathias	Caballine & Be Fair points
Ella Birch	Fence Judges
Celia Scott/Sarah Pook	Membership Secretary
Claire Arnold & Alison Coleman	Treasurer
Susie Pool & Lynn Mead	Teams
Susie Pool	Secretary & Area 17 flu vac checking
Committee Members	for all their help, support, organising, flexibility and helping each other
Sandra Groves	Organising Dressage Judges, Camp & Horse Trials/Hunter Trial helpers. Photographer, Scorer
Pete Hills	Quartermaster, equipment maintenance, and great support to the Chairman
Members	for all their help to enable us to run competitions

I am sure that the committee would like to join me in thanking you all for your support during this challenging time.

A list of trophy winners are shown below, with a 2019 winners included for the record.

<b>BVRC Trophy Winners 2020</b>			
BVRC Novice Hunter Trial	Hunter Trial	Janet Burnett	Banjo
Romance Challenge Cup	Hunter Trial	Sharon Brown	Vic
BVRC Open Hunter Trial	Hunter Trial	Katey Cuthbertson	Prosecco
<b>BVRC Trophy Winners 2019</b>			
Brocks Farm Trophy	Novice Rider	Liz Chamberlin	Henry
Linda Juniper	Novice Horse Trials	Frances Hall	Bellindene Magnum
David Packman Memorial Trophy	Intermediate Horse Trials	Louise Parr	Zary
Doorsteps Open Horse Trials Trophy	Open Horse Trials	Marion Watt	Kizzi
Shield with horse on front	CT	Liz Chamberlin	Henry
Florin Cup	CT	Fiona Scott	Freddie
Ruby Seward	CT	Lynn Mead	Mexico's Mission
Marilyn Haisman Cup	CT	Helen Vernon	That's Illogical
BVRC Cup	Dressage Walk & Trot	Kay Pogson	Minnie
BVRC Lloyd Dressage Cup	Dressage Prelim	Petra Ingram	Oxnead Odette
Streaker Cup	Dressage Prelim	Petra Ingram	Oxnead Odette
Highland Fling	Dressage Novice	Fiona Scott	Freddie
BVRC Dressage	Dressage Novice/Elem	Fiona Scott	Freddie
Bluebell Cup	Riding Club Horse	Katie Mortimore	Kerslake Moor
BVRC Novice Hunter Trial	Hunter Trials	Amy Farwell	Lambrigg Prospero
Romance Challenge Cup	Hunter Trials	Amy Farwell	Lambrigg Prospero
BVRC Open Hunter Trial	Hunter Trials	Briony Tarlton	Orions Jaffa
Be Fair Cup	Annual Competition points	Kay Pogson	
Caballine Trophy	Annual Helpers points	Susie Pool	
Caballine Rose Bowl	Annual Helpers points – non committee	Rosie Mathias	

## Accounts

BVRC Accounts are attached as a separate document.

## Notes

The accounts cover a 14 month period from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

Included were 2 Hunter Trials.

Membership numbers dropped from 162 to 123.

BRC Affiliation fees rose by £2.50/head from £12.50 to £15/head payable on 2019 membership of 162.

You will have received notification from BRC that they are not charging an affiliation fee for January to March 2021.

This equates to a £4/head discount (based on last year's membership of 123 members).

The committee decided that due to the shortfall in 2020, the 'windfall' should be committed to club funds.

Instruction/Clinics & Camp are costed to break even.

Area 17 qualifier participants have paid Area entry fees and BVRC has paid BRC Pre-entry fees.

### Equipment repairs

- Essential repair work & materials on SJ Pole Trailer Chassis
- Replacement tarpaulins for SJ Trailers

### New Equipment

- Radios – purchased to comply with Covid-19 guidelines, avoid future supply issues & cost increases

**Accounts 2019/2020** - The table below shows costs incurred to run the club without running any events:

Income		
Subscriptions		£3293.00
RA Hunt tickets		£140.00
Expenditure		
BRC Affiliation Fee – 162@£15/head	£2430.00	
MRL Fees on subscriptions	£110.00	
BRC Insurance	£160.00	
Equipment Insurance	£547.75	
Area 17 Liaison subs	£20.00	
Account Examination Fee	£125.00	
Domain renewal & website hosting	£100.00	
Hunt Subs	£625.00	
Barclay Card minimum £20/month?		
MRL Annual Fee / MailChimp Subscription	£0.00	

## Appointment of Auditor/External Qualified Accountant

Propose to ask Andrew Horsnell again for 2021

## Subscriptions for 2022

BRC Fee for 2021 is £16/head (payable on 123 members from 2020). We will not be notified of any increase for 2022 until October 2021.

Membership Rates:

Membership Type	2021	2022 Proposed
Early Membership Renewal (before 14 Feb)	£30	£32
New Member / Membership Renewal	£36	£38
Additional Family Member	£30	£32
Non-Riding Member	£15	£16
New Member Extended(16 months Sep-Dec)	£45	£48

## Committee/Help

Can you help?

There are vacancies on BVRC Committee. Would you consider joining?

Can you help by organising a BVRC Competition or act as Competition Secretary?

Can you offer any other help or skills?

## Questions/Comments

We are happy to receive any questions or comments.

Please email Lindsay (Chairman) on [nag@bvrc.co.uk](mailto:nag@bvrc.co.uk) or Susie (Secretary) on [net@bvrc.co.uk](mailto:net@bvrc.co.uk)

List of BVRC Assets as at 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020 available upon request.