



# Bourne Valley Riding Club

Affiliated to the British Horse Society

## **Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

### **at The Lion Clanville**

**Present:**        **Lindsay Hills**                **Chairman**  
                  **Louise Makepeace**       **Secretary**  
                  **26 club members**

#### **Item 1:        Welcome**

The chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the meeting and thanking them for attending.

#### **Item 2:        Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were given by 9 members who were unable to attend.

#### **Item 3:        Minutes of 2021 AGM**

The Chairman reviewed the minutes of previous AGM.

Fiona Webb proposed and Janet Burnett seconded the approval of the minutes.

#### **Item 4:        Matters arising from minutes.**

No matters were arising from the previous minutes.

#### **Item 5:        Chairman's report**

2022 rejuvenated the club following the Covid pandemic. The new, but small committee, embarked on the task with enthusiasm, but it was a steep learning curve to get back on track. 2022 was also a difficult year for me, personally, due to my husband's ill health. It meant that I was unable to attend events as frequently as I had done in past years. Unforeseen challenges presented themselves along the path. Inevitably, membership had dropped and stands at 111. People were slow to get going again and with the cost-of-living and fuel costs increasing, times have been hard.

We also had changes in the committee, Becky Miles stood down due to family reasons, Gareth Hall and Hamish Mathews were co-opted to the committee, mid-year. Gareth, Gemma Leggatt and Dorothee Hawkins stood down in December, for a variety of reasons.

**Competitions:** We were able to offer the full raft of competitions apart from the Annual Show. This wasn't viable due to our lack of expertise. Availability of venues is a challenge. Tidworth was not available until March and other venue choices are limited. New venue for dressage, Wilton RDA, was very successful as was the show jumping at Tidworth which proved to be very popular.

Unfortunately, Amport RS was not available as Richard Hale had to spray buttercups. Novice and dressage were moved to Redenham and it was a shame that Novice Show was cancelled due to low entries.

The Horse Trials was not as popular as previous years but still profitable. One dressage judge was ill and couldn't come at the last minute, but with the help of Sandra and others it was sorted and ran seamlessly. A competitor invoked a Stripe dispute as her agreed refund was not paid within 7 days. This resulted in a surcharge of £15! It was all resolved and refunded in the end.

The Combined Training at Redenham was difficult to set up as the as field had not been topped, so our initial plans went out of the window, but we got there in the end and everyone had a good day.

July dressage entries were rather low as it clashed with other events running locally.

The Amport show in September had low numbers which led to cancellation of jumping classes, but the clear round ran well. Thank you to Richard for lending us his jumps and for moving them for us.

The Hunter Trial was very successful, but possibly too many entries were accepted. With the clocks changing and limited daylight we are unable to start earlier, but it was a great day. We did have a small issue with the vet, even though he was booked in March he was unable to attend as he needed to vote in the Brazilian elections in London which he could not miss. Thankfully he found a replacement.

**Teams:** Teams had great early success, but support waned a little during the summer.

**Championship success:**

AE 80 team 5<sup>th</sup> arena eventing,

AE 90 team 3<sup>rd</sup>.

AE Danielle Storer finished 8<sup>th</sup> in the individual.

AE Representing Area17 100, Ian Spalding came 9<sup>th</sup>.

Winter SJ 100 team came 9<sup>th</sup>,

Winter Intermediate Dressage, Julia Coombes came 11<sup>th</sup> in dressage.

Combined Challenge, representing Area17 100 Ian Spalding was part of the team placed 3<sup>rd</sup>!

Catherine James qualified for Combined Training Championships but was unable to attend.

Frances Hall won Prelim 7 and 12 at Area but couldn't take her place at Lincoln.

Arena Eventing qualified 80 and 90 teams for championships in March 2023.

**Socials:** The annual quiz got us off to a great start. Thank you, Fiona Webb, for being Quizmaster.

Last year's camp was a little down on numbers on previous years with 3 people dropping out at the last minute. Both instructors, booked from 2019, dropped out, one the day before camp. Replacements were found after many phone calls, and in the end, it was a great camp. Thanks to Sandra for stepping in.

The early ride on Studland Beach was not as popular as it was on a weekday, it would be fantastic if a weekend day was possible for 2023.

Two Perham Rides, the Hot Cross Bun Ride, the New Forest Ride and Longleat Forest Ride were successful, however the Christmas ride was cancelled due to frost and very hard ground.

The farrier talk, at The Lion was fairly well attended and very informative.

2022's tack sale was well attended but there was not enough room and not enough tables, we need to look at a different venue for 2023.

The Christmas meal was at The Pink Olive, a change in venue for us and lovely food but still rather disappointing attendance. Maybe it should be held post-Christmas next year?

**Clinics:** The clinics continued with Robert Pickles, Elizabeth Peerless and Antoinette McKeown. We are lucky to have such great instructors. Hopefully we can include cross country this year.

Thank you to everyone who helped, in whatever capacity and for your support throughout 2022. In December, I was heartened by the volunteers who responded to appeals to fill a variety of roles. This is great for the future of the club. We rely on the generosity of helpers.

Ian Spalding thanked Lindsay for her help and support.

## **Item 6: Adoption of accounts**

Copies of the accounts for the club financial year 2022 were distributed to the attendees.

Total Fixed Assets:	£4,482.37
Total Current Assets:	£18,420.58
Net Current Assets (liabilities):	£17,898.58
Total Assets less Current Liabilities:	£22,380.95
Net Assets:	£22,380.95
Gross Profit 2022:	£6,745.22
Profit on ordinary Activities before Taxation:	£3,972.44
Profit after Taxation:	£3,972.44

Susie Pool noted MRL appears twice as My Riding Life, there is also a fee for members and a charge for the transaction.

Andrea Meikle mentioned paying into the bank account to avoid charges and would this be possible?

Lindsay explained the benefits of using MyRidingLife as a system as it not only enables you to book into events it also does background management such as producing entry list etc, which would all have to be done manually if we did not use it.

Lindsay explained we were using a new accounting system, Zero. Moving to Zero meant there are some discrepancies between 2022 and 2021 accounts, 2023 will show more accurate year on year figures. Last year also included two Hunter Trials so figures were effectively elevated for 2021. There were also some refunds for events and camp refunds. The vet's fees for 2021 were discussed as they were much higher than previous years. As discussed, 2021 figures need to be used for guidance.

Propose to adopt accounts – Susie Pool, seconder Gareth Hall.

## **Item 7: Appointment of Auditor / external qualified accountant**

The Appointment of an external qualified accountant needs to be agreed, Andrew Horsnell was proposed. Fiona Webb proposed seconded by Dee Hodson

## **Item 8: Subscriptions for 2024**

BRC has increased affiliation fee by £4 per head from £16 to £20 per head, payable on membership numbers for 2022 (retrospectively). In 2019 fees were raised by £2.50 per head and that had previously been only 50p a year. There was no justification given for the increase other than “cost of living, fees” etc. Lindsay questioned the raise with BRC and was told “you do not have to affiliate!”. BVRC Membership fees were raised this year and Lindsay proposes raising them again next year. It was questioned as to whether BRC would raise their fees by £4.00 every year. The fees and rise in costs were discussed and it would seem still a benefit to be affiliated to BRC and the price increase of £4.00 is not as bad as it may seem compared to other clubs' fees. The Area 17 rep reported BRC was trying to keep the increase £5 – so maybe we got off lightly. A discussion around insurance, BHS/BRC running and the need/desire to be affiliated ensued. Members viewed that future large rises in BRC fees may trigger an Extraordinary Meeting. Investigation into comparative costs of insuring future events should also be undertaken.

These suggestions were proposed by Susie Pool and seconded by Katie Rossiter.

<b>Subscription Rates</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>Proposed for 2024</b>
New members	£40	£42
Additional family members	£32	£34
Renewals before 15 <sup>th</sup> February	£32	£34
Non riding members	£16	£18
1 <sup>st</sup> September – 1 <sup>st</sup> December (16 months)	£52	£54

Adoption of subscription rates for 2024 was proposed by Gareth Hall and seconded by Vanessa Martin.

## **Item 9: Election of officials and committee members**

The Chairman read out the list of nominations for the vacant posts.

Hamish Mathews agreed to be nominated to the role of Chairman with the proviso that the current Chairman stayed in place for one more year as this would ease his transition into the post.

Election of Officials and Committee Members ,,.,.,., all proposed and agreed.

		<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Seconded</b>
<b>Chairman – Joint</b>	Lindsay Hills	Fiona Webb	Louise Makepeace
<b>Chairman – Joint</b>	Hamish Mathews	Gareth Hall	Louise Makepeace
<b>Secretary</b>	Louise Makepeace	Lindsay Hills	Fiona Webb
<b>Treasurer</b>	Chris Webb	Fiona Webb	Gemma Leggatt

<b>Committee</b>	Ian Spalding	Susie Pool	Louise Makepeace
	Leah Burgin	Sandra Groves	Val Goode
	Ross Tully	Lindsay Hills	Gemma Leggatt
	Sue Baker	Louise Makepeace	Hamish Mathews
	Susan Wheatley	Susie Pool	Louise Makepeace

Those appointed join existing Committee Members Fiona Webb, Jenny Allan and Val Goode.

Prior to the AGM, Janet Burnett's offer to become membership Secretary was accepted.

## **Item 10: Constitution**

The constitution should be ratified annually which we have done. It has been updated to reflect the use of gender to them/they. Ian Spalding suggested that next year, if further amendments were required, members were notified in advance. The Chairman confirmed that this would normally be done, with notice of amendments sent out with AGM details.

Changes to amendment proposed by Hamish Mathews, seconded by Gareth Hall.

## **Item 11: Any other business**

Lindsay reminded everyone that subscriptions are now due. Valentine's day is the end of the discounted offer.

Details on the dressage competition on the 19 March at Wilton RDA will be distributed shortly.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> February, Fiona has organised a talk on "Brain and Behaviour" by Amanda Barton. Subsequent talks to be advised.

Susan Wheatley offered to host a summer event at her home in Shipton Bellinger.

## Item 12: Presentations

The Chairman reviewed the BVRC Trophy winners for the 2022.

Brocks Farm Trophy	Novice Rider	NP	
Linda Juniper	Novice Horse Trials	Frances Hall	Bellindene Magnum
David Packman Memorial Trophy	Intermediate horse Trials	Rosanna Fiddes	Tiger Lady
Doorsteps Open Horse Trials Trophy	Open Horse Trials	Hani Milstein	Elvin
Sheild with horse on front	CT	Frances Hall	Bellindene Magnum
Florin Cup	CT	Lesley Dale	Amigos Boy
Ruby Seward	CT	Vanessa Martin	Freddie
Marilyn Haisman Cup	CT	Susie Pool	Dubai
BVRC Cup	Dressage walk & trot	Suzanne Lindsley	Ertidaad
BVRC Lloyd Dressage Cup	Dressage prelim	Gill Young	Ralph
Streaker cup	Dressage prelim	Jemma Manders	Mia
Highland fling	Dressage Novice	NP	
BVRC Dressage	Dressage Novice / Elim	NP	
Bluebell Cup	Riding club horse	Frances Hall	Bellindene Magnum
BVRC Novice Hunter Trial	Hunter Trial	Juanita Coulson	Senadora
Romance challenge Cup	Hunter Trial	Rosanna Fiddes	Tiger Lady
BVRC Open Hunter Trials	Hunter Trial	Tessa Broadhead	Ballinagore Flash
Be Fair Cup	Annual Competition Points	Frances Hall	
Caballine Trophy	Annual Helpers Points	Fiona Webb	
Caballine Rose Bowl	Annual Helpers Points – Non Comittee	Sue Baker	

Lucinda Green, BVRC President, joined the meeting and presented the trophies, rosettes and gifts.

**Be Fair and Caballine:** Results were announced and those present collected their rosettes and trophies.

	<b>Caballine Committee</b>	
1	Fiona Webb	53
2	Gareth Hall	40
3	Louise Makepeace	30
4	Val Goode	28

	<b>Caballine Rosebowl Non-Committee</b>	
1	Sue Baker	40
2	Dee Hodson	38
3	Susie Pool	32
4	Meredith Baker	25
5	Jemma Manders	24
6	Danielle Storer	17
7	Rosie Mathias	16
8	Ross Tully	15
9	Leah Burin	13
10	Ian Spalding	12

	<b>Be Fair</b>	
1	Frances Hall	142
2	Vanessa Martin	82
3	Charlotte Opperman	72
4	Kay Pogson	58
5	Lesley Dale	52
6	Rosanna Fiddes	42
7	Lucy Knight	36
8	Ian Spalding	35
9=	Kim Male	34
9=	Sharon Anderson	34

Gifts were given as a thank you to members standing down from BVRC roles.

Rosie Mathias (Be Fair & Caballine point administrator)

Gemma Leggatt (Treasurer)

Sarah Pook (Membership Sec)

Dorothee Hawkins (Committee)

Juanita Coulson (Committee)

Becky Miles (Committee)

The meeting concluded with the presentation of flowers and a gift to Lindsay who was surprised and delighted. The pearl pendant necklace was in recognition of her thirty-year tenure as Chairman.

The meeting closed at 2130 hours.