

FDRC AGM Minutes 28/2/24

Apologies: Bev Matthews, Sue Hudson, Rosemary Clarke, Karen Thackeray

Present: Cola Hyde, Chris Williams, Joan Wood, Suzie Armstrong-Jones, Paula Robinson, Frank Robinson, Michelle Brown, Jo-Ann Christy, Catherine Warburton, Janet Read, Andy Read, Jill Morris, Lynda Roberts, Paul Davies, Lexi Phillips, Carolyn Benson, Ali Barker, Lesley Williams, Judith Hunter, Adrian Wong, Suzanne wong, Nicky Dixon, Sam Edwards, Iona Pierce

Previous Minutes: proposed - PD seconded - Iona Pierce

Matters Arising: The club's CASC application was turned down as we do not take juniors. LR has applied to HMRC for Corporation Tax exemption

Chair's Report:

The club continues to thrive with **84** members and an extremely wide range of organised activities.

Clinics: These remain the mainstay of the club.

We have run the usual **flat and jumping clinics** but also added more **polework and even some drill riding**.

Clinics are usually based at **Equiti , Northop and Maelor** to cover our catchment area.

Due to popular demand **extra Paul clinics were added at Equiti** on Sunday mornings and have been well supported.

Adrian also teaches many of the flat and pole/cone clinics and Liam the showjumping.

Flatwork and poles are the bulk of our clinics but we are aiming to provide **more show jumping if suitable trainers and organisers** can be found.

Both Paul and Adrian clinics have booked up well and there were also some **test riding, drill riding and freestyle clinics which proved popular.**

Dressage Competitions: Our monthly competitions have been very successful since **Adrian has** taken on running them and their return to **Northop** as a venue. The entries have been closing early due to us reaching our maximum of 40 entries before closing date. This season there will be **2 intro tests alternating with 2 prelim tests.**

April onwards we are running some **full days** with 2 tests at each level so this will require 2 judges

Main Camp: Again held at Somerford and was a great success and 2024 camp is the first weekend in June and is filling fast already.

Xpress Eventing: Once again was held in conjunction with Mostyn Farm Ride and was very well supported, and continues to be our main fund raising event.

Area 20: has had a bit of revival this year thanks to the enthusiasm of Roz and Bev. Congratulations to Roz on winning the BRC National Intro Dressage Championship.

Management of the website has been undertaken from the start by Janet and she is now at a point where she has asked to take more of a light touch approach.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank **Janet** for all her hard work. She will be a really hard act to follow.

Janet has trained website administrators who will take on elements of the huge job that she has done for so long.

Joan – dressage competitions and Adrian clinics

Cola – All dressage clinics

Bev – Help Days

Roz – Area 20

Linda – Poles & Mini Jumping

Chris – Text changes and Camp

Doodle IT who maintain the site are always willing to help out

The biggest change this year has been to **BRC membership with Sport 80** taking over the administration from BRC.

Thanks to Cola for navigating her way through the transition.

There have been a few teething issues but things now seem to be sorted.

Treasurer's Report: See separate accounts sheet. The balance shows we are in a healthy financial state

Election of Officers: Chair, Treasurer and Secretary were all re-elected unopposed

Proposed - Michelle Brown Seconded - Paul Davies.

CW thanked the committee for their hard work over the past year. Janet Read, Gill Fraser and Jill Harris have stepped down this year and an invitation was put to those

present to join the committee. Especially as there is a need for a show jump clinic organiser. No one came forward on the night.

AOB:

CW asked for suggestions for a list of trainers that can be called upon when required. The following names were put forward:

Stena Hoerner and Michelle Brown, Jack Davies - dressage

Jane Gough-Roberts, Amy Bannister-Bell and Jill Milner - show jumping

AW referred to the Dressage League. He asked if winners of the Elementary and Medium level could remain competitive. This was agreed by those present.

There was a discussion about A20 and AW asked what it was that put people off. It was agreed that the personal approach to individuals was the best approach. AW would do this at dressage competitions and RM would also start to approach prospective dressage competitors.

Suggestions were requested for this year's charity box donations and AGM raffle money. Clwyd Special Riding Centre and North Wales Air Ambulance were put forward and it was agreed that the money would be split evenly between the two charities.

Meeting closed 7.45pm and was followed by Presentation of League awards and Rosettes, food and a talk by Lucy Rudd on equine lameness.