



BRITISH RIDING CLUBS AREA 21
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON

CLUBS AND ATTENDEES PRESENT:

1. **Cardigan Bay**-Jessica Muir, Philip Sullings,
2. **Cwmaman**-Briony Cutler, Paul Herbert, Fiona Herbert,
3. **Cwm Derwen**-Dee Nix,
4. **Clydach**-Jessica Crees (Deputy Chairman),
5. **Dyffryn Paith**-Amanda Glazeer,
6. **Gower**-Sarah Williams, Hilary Wooldridge,
7. **Landsker Riding & Trec**-Cheryl Hughes, Maxine Nixon,
8. **Red Kite Trec Group**-Jacqui Kedward,
9. **Ridden Arab Group Wales**-David Hughes, Pamela Hughes, Maggie Wagstaff,
10. **Tivside**- Judith Allen (Website Officer), Joanna Collins, Muriel Gill (Treasurer),
11. **Towy Valley**- Colin King, Jonathan Pett (OS & Area Rep,)
12. **Vale of Aeron**-Marina Boyes, Jackie Jones,
13. **West Wales**- Catherine White (Secretary)
14. **Beacons Riding Centre**-Wil Jenner, Victoria Kenlock, Emma Thompson-Warren,

1) Apologies were received from:- Petra James (Chairman), Angela Jones (WWRC) and Mary Watkin-Davies (Tivyside).

2) Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Arising.

In accordance with long-standing practice the meeting considered the minutes of the ALC meeting held on the 12th May 2016. It was agreed that, at future AGM's the Minutes for consideration should be those of the previous AGM. (The Minutes for the 2015 AGM had been considered by the ALC in March 2016.)

i) The minutes of 12th May 2016 were considered as they included the new Constitution for approval by the AGM.

Following consideration of the Minutes and new Constitution and some amendments being made to the original draft, a vote was taken.

Held by a majority of 13, with one abstention (RAGW):- The Constitution be approved.

ii) Forthcoming events- Concern was expressed that these were not always being notified to Club Secretaries, although they will be on Facebook. It was agreed that the host of Area Events should send a Schedule, etc to Club Secretaries requesting an acknowledgement.

3) Chairman's Report.

This was given by the Deputy Chairman, Jessica Crees on behalf of the Chairman.

The successes of Area 21 teams and individuals at National Championships was noted. Organisers of the Qualifiers were thanked, in particular when the Show and Style Jumping Qualifier had to be postponed due to Travellers camped on site.
(A full transcript is available if required)

4) Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer Muriel Gill presented the Accounts to the meeting and reported that there had been very little movement in the past year. Interest rates are at a very low percentage at present. The balances in the Accounts, as at 8th October 2016, are as follows:-

Community Current Account:-	£2,222.28
Business Saver Account:-	£7,555.98
A total of	£9,778.26

A total of £377.82 had been received in Member Clubs' Subscriptions and interest.

A total for £359 had been paid out in expenses.

The Excess Income over Expenditure is: £18.82 for the year 2015-2016.

The Anne Lynne Fund amounts to £2676.56 (included in the Business Saver Account).

Clydach Riding Club is the recipient for a donation towards Training from the Fund this year.

The new Constitution requires the Accounts to be audited by a person appointed by the AGM. This person should have accounting experience. Maxine Nixon will send details of the ex-accountant used by Landsker R & T Club to Muriel.

5) Area Representative's Report.

The Area Representative Jonathan Pett reported that:-a) Representatives from BRC HQ had been due to attend this meeting to give an update on various matters of interest but had been prevented from doing so due to illness. It was agreed that a separate meeting be held, probably in February. This would be open to all RC members in the Area.

b) Official Stewards were needed urgently to cover Qualifiers held in the Area. Training is over a weekend in February. A description of the post's requirement is on the Area 21 Website and on Facebook and will also be distributed to contacts. Jonathan is likely to be out of action for a time next year and will need cover in his other role as an OS. Bringing OS's in from outside the Area is expensive. OS's can specify which type of competition they wish to cover.

c) Rules relating to competitions etc, are being changed every year so it is important for members to keep up to date. For example the maximum height of Intermediate SJ is going down to 90cms. Jonathan will give further details of changes after the Forum in two weeks time.

d) His term of office expires this year but he is willing to continue. No other person has come forward to show any interest in this post. He was

re-elected for a further term of three years. Proposed :- Maxine Nixon (Landsker R & T), seconded Philip Sullings (Cardigan Bay).

6) Correspondence.

An E-Mail had been received from Horse and Hound about their on line booking service called Equo Events. It was decided not to take this up as each club has members who do not go on line.

7) Area Qualifiers.

a) Winter 2016/2017 Qualifiers

At present the Novice and Intermediate Winter Show Jumping Qualifiers are on Saturday 25th February 2017 and the FOTH Combined Training is on the following day, 26th February. It was agreed that this was undesirable as it will involve competitors travelling to the venue at Beacons on two successive days, possibly in poor weather. The same people tend to enter both competitions. Due to the Show Jumping Championships being in April while the Combined Training Championship will be in May, it was agreed that the Combined Training be moved to a date in March. Beacons will find a new date. The date of the Show Jumping Qualifiers will not change.

Jonathan Pett expressed concern at the cost to Towy Valley of holding the Show and Style Jumping Qualifiers. The date had been changed due to the original venue being taken over by Travellers after a Religious Event. Paramedics had been re-arranged at short notice and had charged £600+ for the day. Costs had been high and despite having capacity entries had made very little. It was agreed that a First Aid fee be charged - £5 per person and that Paramedics be booked in bulk to cover all the Qualifiers.

b) Summer 2017 Qualifiers

- i) FOTH - Fiona Herbert is looking in to venues for this combination of Cross Country followed by Show Jumping. Pembrey is a possibility but limits the number of competitions held there. Colin King suggested using Alps Court near Cardiff. It is likely that the competition will be held out of area.
- ii) Horse Trials - will be out of Area, possibly with Area 20.
- iii) Summer Dressage - needs a venue with of six arenas. At present there are no takers.
- iv) Summer Show Jumping - Towy Valley RC will host this. Date and venue to be fixed.
- v) Dressage to Music - Possibly Beacons Equestrian Centre will host this - needs 60 x 20 arena.

c) Winter 2017 Qualifiers

- i) Winter Novice Dressage - will be hosted by Dyffryn Paith
 - ii) Winter Intermediate Dressage - will be hosted by Tivysde at Pibwrlwyd
- No decision was made as to the host or venue for the Winter Novice and Show Jumping Qualifiers.

8) Training Officer

Briony Cutler gave information to the meeting about her role and asked that she be E-Mailed with members' interests concerning training. The Training Funds have not been used yet. There are two funds, one general, one grassroots. Jonathan needs apply in November giving details of

intended training to get the BRC fund of £800 for general training, £400 for grassroots.

9. Website

Consideration was given as to whether there was a need to change the website host to seek a cheaper option. It was agreed that the present host gives good value for money and a change is unnecessary...

10. Any other Business

- a) If a member does not pay the subscription on time the Club's Insurance will cover them for the Club's Open Competitions but not for any training rallies, etc held for the benefit of members only.
- b) It is essential that Judith Allen received information about Committee decisions in order to keep the website up to date.

The next ALC meeting will be on the 12th January 2017 at 7.30pm
The meeting was declared closed at 9.40pm