

## AGM Minutes 22/2/23

### APOLOGIES:

Sharon Smith, Debbie Miller, Steph Craney, Janet and Andy Read, Lyndsey Hampson, Gwenan Johnson, Jenny Bradley, Jacke Wright, Fran McNicol

### PRESENT:

Cola Hyde CH, Chris Williams CW, Sarah Whiteside , Nicky Whiteside , Samantha Whiteside , Paul Davies PD, Debbie Davies , Jill Morris , Jill Harris JH , Kate Williams , Gillian Fraser GF, Zoe Burgess , Michelle Brown , Jo-Ann Christy , Rona Newton , Bev Matthews BM, Sam Edwards, Rosemary Clarke , Joan Wood JW, Lynda Roberts LR, Iona Pierce , Ros Maddison RM, Rosemary Price , Pam Dawson , Kate Shone .

### PREVIOUS AGM MINUTES 10/3/22:

No matters arriving.

Proposed - RM Secoded - GF

### CHAIR'S REPORT - CW:

Membership remains healthy with 85 members so far this year covering an area from Cheshire to Gwynedd. 37 new members.

The Committee has worked well but we have struggled for meeting venues. Zoom meetings have taken place over the autumn and winter. Steph Craney has stepped down this year. We thank her for all her hard work getting the dressage competitions up and running again and getting a team together for this year's Intermediate A20 Qualifier.

The Website has continued to keep everyone informed and as you can appreciate this needs to be kept updated. Janet Read does the bulk of this work but she has notified us that she wishes to stand down this time next year. She does an amazing job and will be hugely missed and we need to start to consider how we will replace her. She will be a hard act to follow. Anyone with a flair for computer work that might consider taking this on please contact [admin@flintanddenbighrc.org.uk](mailto:admin@flintanddenbighrc.org.uk) to find out more.

Clinics remain the core of our activities with our regular venues at Equiti, Hafod and Mostyn with the addition of Maelor this year to better cater for the members in the east of our area.

Flatwork clinics have been coached by Adrian Wong and Paul Davies on a regular basis and are very well supported. However, even they fall ill from time to time and like to take a holiday so we would like to create a list of tried and tested instructors

that could be called upon for availability, sometimes at short notice. Any suggestions welcomed by the clinic organisers. They must have 1st aid and insurance.

The polework, and poles/cones clinics have proved very popular with both flat and jump riders.

Jumping clinics have also been very well attended to the point that there may be a need to do more particularly at the intermediate level. We have mini jumping with PD outside at Mostyn in the summer and move indoors for the winter months. Richard Jones clinics at Hafod are at a more advanced level and also fill well.

Test Riding clinics were a new venture last year and have been well received by members and are expected to continue.

The Xpress Event was again held at Mostyn last year and was as popular as ever. XC Fence judge crib sheets were produced in response to members request and were reported to be very useful. This remains to be our main fund raising event of the year. Our continued thanks to Mostyn Farm Ride Team and our many helpers who keep this event going. The date for this year's event will be Sunday 20th August. Lots of helpers needed so members are encouraged to get their help day booked in.

Area 20 entries were generally low for us last year due to late date changes and event cancellations by BRC A20 Liaison Committee. We also did not have individual discipline chef d'Equipe to organise teams due to too few committee members doing too many jobs. We are hoping for a more prominent representation this year if we can fill the vacancies. We already have a good contingent going to the Intermediate Dressage Qualifier in March.

Main camp was again at Somerford last year and as popular as ever. This year's camp is already almost full (2nd-4th June)

Unfortunately we were unable to run mini camp as we had no organiser available.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Committee for their tireless efforts both in planning and running events. Without them there would not be this range of activities or even a club at all.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT: JW/LR

See Separate Sheet of accounts independently examined by LR. The club finances are in a healthy state.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The position of Chair, secretary and Treasurer were voted for en bloc unopposed. Chair - Chris Williams, Secretary - Cola Hyde, Treasurer - Joan Wood.

Vice chair will be appointed/voted for in committee.

All other committee members remain apart from Steph Craney who has stepped down. They are Bev Matthews, Janet Read, Catherine Warburton, Gill Fraser, Paul Davies and Lynda Roberts.

An invitation was offered to the members to join the committee for 2023. As a result we are delighted to welcome Ros Maddison, Jo-Ann Christy and Jill Harris as new committee members.

#### CONSTITUTION CHANGES: LR

During last year all Riding Clubs were sent Guidelines/ Directive from BRC to update their Constitution. Our thanks go principally to JR and LR for looking into this for us.

The main points being -

- The club will be registering as a Community Amateur Sports Club for tax purposes.
- The club will be taking out Trustees indemnity insurance against the committee being liable for any claim.
- New membership options being offered - honorary and non riding

Copies of the updated version of the Constitution were available for members present. The new version was proposed by Michelle Brown and Seconded by Iona Pierce

#### GOING FORWARD:

There has been a request from a few members about holding a Show Jumping League. This was welcomed by members present. BM has agreed to run a monthly competition, open to all, and FDRC members to accrue points towards the league. It will be run along similar lines to the Dressage League. Details to follow in the near future.

Iona Pierce has offered to put on a picnic ride in the summer from her place nr Llandyrnog

Going forward we need to look at how we replace committee members, bring in new blood and prepare for future changes. We need to know what direction members want the club to go with ideas from the members.

#### AOB:

The F&D Pony Club runs a Hunter Trial in the autumn at Plas Dolben and they have offered to open it up for Riding Club members if there would be enough interest. It would then be open for hire a few weeks after the event.

Meeting closed 19.46

