

BRC Area 1 - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held in the Arran Room, Oatridge, Ecclesmachan, Broxburn, EH52 6NH

on Sunday 12th February 2023

DRAFT MINUTES

Present:

Ann Affleck (Chairman), South Lammermuir
Linda Allen (Treasurer), Ayr
Jane McDowall (Secretary), Stranraer & District
Pat Bell, Polnoon
Joyce Grigor, Ettrick Forest
Joyce Kent, Edinburgh & District
Julia Robinson-Dow, Lothians
Maggie Bunnett (Area Rep), Girvan & District

D McKay, Lothians
Lorraine Muir, Renfrewshire

Jackie Aglen, Ettrick Forest
Jenni Surgeon, Almond
Gillian Thomson, Almond
Emma Fletcher, Edinburgh & District
Sonya Campbell-Perry, North Ayrshire
Darren Miller, Scottish Dressage Group
Susan Crookston, Glenbrae
Katie Nisbet, Ayr

Julie Hanna - BHS Scotland

Ann welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance at the Area 1 AGM.

1. Apologies

Linda Penman (Almond), Ginny Laing (Dunedin), Doreen Calder (South Lammermuir), Nikki McKie (Galloway), Anne Millar and Evelyn Anderson (EFRA).

2. Minutes of the previous AGM (6th February 2022)

All agreed that the minutes were an accurate record of the business conducted. The minutes were proposed for adoption by Joyce Grigor and seconded by Julie Hanna.

3. Matters Arising not covered on Agenda

None.

4. Chairman's Report

Ann reported that in 2022 Clubs had started to get back to normal, although numbers had been down. Qualifiers had been held and once people start it is hoped that the habit will grow. Congratulations to all those who won rosettes.

Anne thanked everyone for their support and confirmed that she was retiring this year.

Anne thanked Maggie, Jane and all the committee, along with all the members for their support.

5. Treasurer's Report and Adoption of Accounts

Linda went through the items of income and expenditure.

There was a loss of £1,281.78 during the year, mainly down to the Summer Qualifiers, which had not been as well supported as in previous years.

The accounts were proposed for adoption by Joyce Kent and seconded by Jackie Aglen.

6. Area Representative's Report

"It is a real pleasure to be attending our first "real live" AGM in three years. Zoom is fine but it is much nicer in person.

The Area 1 Liaison committee have worked hard to put on qualifiers and we thank the large number of club volunteers and especially Ayr Riding Club which has even pulled a replacement dressage judge out of a hat for us."

6. Area Representative's Report (continued)

"Thanks also to Lothians RC members, without whom you would not have had the highly successful winter show jumping qualifiers.

Area 22 hosted the Horse Trials in 2022 and Area 2 has invited us to their qualifier at Northallerton on 18th June 2023.

We would also like to thank BRC HQ for recognising the huge rise in fuel costs last September and stepping in with funding towards the National Championships at Lincoln.

I would remind all clubs that the Area 1 Liaison Committee training grant is available. It is a straightforward process which few clubs seem to apply for.

Thank you to all who have helped."

7. Election of Office Bearers and Committee

Ann was standing down after four years in the chair and also retiring from the committee were Jennifer Rentoul and Joyce Kent. Jane McDowall will be standing down at the next AGM to allow time for a handover during the coming year.

Office Bearers and committee members willing to stay on - Julia Robinson-Dow, Linda Allen (Treasurer), Jane McDowall (Secretary), Pat Bell, Joyce Grigor and Area Rep - Maggie Bunnett and they were proposed for re-election en bloc by Jennifer Rentoul and seconded by Ann Affleck.

Julia Robinson-Dow was proposed as chairman by Ann Affleck and seconded by Maggie Bunnett. There being no other nominations Julia was duly elected as chair.

Sonya Perry (North Ayrshire) was proposed as a committee member by Julia Robinson-Dow and this was seconded by Joyce Kent.

Katie Nisbet of Ayr Riding Club advised that the Club was due to meet next week and would confirm a representative for the Area Liaison committee.

8. Proposals for Area Liaison Fees and Area 1 Training Grant

Area Liaison Fees - proposal to keep at 50p per 2022 member up to 31st March, then £1 after 1st April. This was unanimously agreed.

Area Training Grant - Up to £250 per Club for 2023 and ring fence a maximum of £5,000 in 2023.

9. Area 1 Qualifiers

Winter Dressage and Show Jumping Qualifiers - Clubs were asked to volunteer to run these. The Area 1 committee and Lothians Riding Club would be willing to offer advice and assistance. Edinburgh and District and Scottish Dressage Group representatives agreed to discuss jointly running the Winter Dressage Qualifiers at SNEC.

Susan Crookston of Glenbrae agreed to ask her committee if they would consider running the Winter Show Jumping qualifiers.

Summer Qualifiers - Concerns had been raised about access/egress and parking at Champfleurie at the earlier Area Liaison Committee meeting. Julia and the Area Liaison Committee will look into this as a matter of urgency.

Horse Trials Qualifier - Maggie advised that Area 2 has invited Area 1 to join them at Northallerton, North Yorkshire on Sunday 18th June. Area 22 does not appear to be running an Area Horse Trials qualifier this year. All agreed that the Area 2 invitation should be accepted.

10. A.O.C.B.

Area Training Grant - after discussion it was agreed that the Area 1 Liaison Committee would look into the wording of the Area Training Grant.

BRC HQ - Constitution / Incorporation - Susan Crookston (Glenbrae) requested clarification on the information about incorporation circulated by BRC some time ago. Maggie will contact HQ.

Insurance - Emma Fletcher (Edinburgh & District) requested that BRC run a webinar on what the insurance covers and what Clubs need to do. Julie will speak to HorseScotland.

First Aid Courses - There was some uncertainty about what level of First Aid qualification was required. The First Aid at Work course can be delivered at the BHS Scotland hub in Stirling or by accredited training providers.

Julie Hanna reminded Clubs about the BHS Scotland Blair qualifiers for Working Hunter and Style Jumping. Information on the BHS website and Facebook page. Julie said that the Mechanical Horse was at the Stirling Hub until 6th March and the Social License Conference is on Tuesday 7th March.

Sonya Perry (North Ayrshire) asked how we get the next generation of riders through.

Joyce Kent advised that there was a BHS Lothians Talk on Fitness at the Bush on 27th February.

Ann thanked everyone for attending and the liaison committee members for all their work for Area 1 members. Ann wished everyone a successful year.

The meeting closed at 4.45 pm.

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Chairman

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Date