

## **MINUTES OF AREA 4 RIDING CLUBS' LIAISON GROUP AGM HELD ON MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup> October 2011 AT THE BAY HORSE, GOLDSBOROUGH**

**Present:** Richard Thompson (Chair)  
Jann Crosland (Vice Chair)  
Mary Kay (Area Liaison Officer)  
Maggie Smith (Training Officer)  
Denise Newsome (Minutes Secretary)

**Clubs Present:** Nidd Valley , Harewood CTG, Holme Valley, Ebor Vale, York and District, Scarborough, Northallerton, North Ryedale, Darrowby, Brimham, Eldwick, Akworth, Whitby

**Apologies:** Malton, White Rose, East Yorkshire West Yorks Horseplay.

**Minutes for the last meeting:** were proposed by Ebor Vale and seconded by Northallerton, and accepted as an accurate record of the meeting held on 25th July 2011

### **Chairs Report**

Richard started the meeting by asking anyone who was not getting emails and wanted them, to let him know such that they can be put on the mailing list. He thanked Jann Crosland and congratulated her on winning the Leo Harris award.

Jann will be presented with her award by Martin Clunes, next month at Saddlers Hall in London. Richard went on to thank all the committee by name and again thanked Nicky for all her help on not only from a Riding Club point of view but also on a personal basis.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Louise was unable to be present, but had sent the financial report. This report showed we had made a profit of £594.90 over the year.

We have £14775.94 in a cheque account and just over £4000 in a deposit account.

Richards is to ask Louise to transfer some of the cheque money into the deposit account.

Ryedale asked if this meant that the entry fee could be reduced for next year, but both Mary and Richard thought this would be too risky if we hit some bad weather causing shows to be cancelled.

After a vote, (proposed by Jann Crosland and seconded by Ryedale) it was agreed that entry fees would stay at 2010 prices, and the Area will also waiver the Area fee to clubs.

## **Show Secretaries Report**

No shows so no report.

As Nicky had stood down, and no one had volunteered for the post, Denise Newsome was voted in as Competitions secretary.

All entries are to go to Richard with the exception of the showjumping in Feb which will carry on as normal and entries go to Denise Newsome.

## **Training Officers Report**

Maggie stated she had had quite a year not least of which is her new hip.

Training laid on this year included the Margo Tiffany training day which was well attended, another is planned for 2012. It will be Riding Test and Style jumping as well as Judge training. Mary is to apply for a grant to offset the cost.

The Tim Stockdale had gone well but as all of the famous people will be working towards selection for the Olympics, we may struggle to get something similar at least until autumn next year.

The camp was attended by 33 riders and there are already 14 names down for next year's camp. It will be a similar format and is expected to cost in the region of £190. This includes stable, haylage/hay and shavings. Plus unlimited farm rides. 3 trainers are already booked. Clubs are to cascade information down to their members.

2012 date is 10-12<sup>th</sup> September.

Stages training is planned for early 2012.

There is a possibility of training from Team Fredricks later in the year. (after the Olympics)

It is proposed that area 4 have a Ball (posh frock and suit) in May. Clubs to cascade down to all members, particularly ones who are not competition oriented. A minimum of 150 is needed to cover costs.

Maggie received a spontaneous round of applause from the floor.

## **Mary Kay's Report**

Riding Clubs started tagging hats at championships this year.

It is now expected to be carried out at area level, although training will be given. Mary reminded all that it is not sufficient for the hat to be the correct standard, it must also still be in good condition and suitable for the purpose of protecting the riders head.

Again it is up to the clubs to ensure that all members are aware of the rules and the requirement to wear correct headgear when riding.

Hats can be checked by clubs at training. Although people are welcome to present hats for checking at the show jumping in February, the training being given by HQ will not have taken place.

Mary reported that one girl at Lincoln had turned up for the jumping wearing a pale grey jacket. It was the correct style, but the rules say Black, Navy Blue or Tweed. However this girl looked very smart and this has led to a change in the dress rules for jumping. The dress rules for dressage remain un-altered.

If anyone (individual) wants to go to Windsor horse show to do the riding clubs dressage and/or jumping there, there will be a qualifier held within the team event at Bishop Burton.

The highest place rider who declares beforehand that they want to enter will qualify for Windsor. For the dressage it will be the highest dressage score in the combined training, for the jumping, it will be the highest placed individual (this may involve an individual jump off as well as a team jump off)

If this is unclear, please contact Mary Kay.

The Hunter Trials Championships will be an old fashioned hunter trial with a timed section which will include opening and shutting a gate. It is to be held at Eland Lodge Derbyshire 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> Sept.

A vote was taken and it was decided to run a qualifier rather than have direct entry to the championships on a first come first served basis.

Affiliation fees will rise to £10 per member.

The general feeling is that the clubs were notified of this too late, they will already have set their membership fees for 2012. It was also felt that in this economic climate, the increase from last year was too steep. Mary is to feed this back to HQ.

Mary also received a round of applause.

## **Championships dates**

Winter dressage and jumping - Hartpury 7/8<sup>th</sup> April

Festival of the Hunter Aston le Walls - 2/3<sup>rd</sup> June

Horse Trials – Aston le Walls 3-5<sup>th</sup> August

National Championships - Lincoln 15/16<sup>th</sup> September

Dressage to music/Quadrille - Aintree 6/7<sup>th</sup> October

Hunter Trials - Eland Lodge 23/24 September

## **Area dates**

Winter Dressage 20th November Richmond  
(organised by Ackworth and Darrowby )

Indoor showjumping/ combined training 12th Feb at Bishop Burton  
(organised East Yorks with Ebor Vale and White Rose)

Show cross Helen Bells Thirsk 15<sup>th</sup> April  
ODE Helen Bells Thirsk 17th June

Summer show Richmond or Northallerton 14-15<sup>th</sup> July

Hunter trials 11<sup>th</sup> March Redhouse Doncaster.

## **Election of officers**

As previously reported Denise Newsome is elected as Competitions Secretary Louise Jackson (treasurer) is coming to the end of her 3 years term; Richard is to ask if she wishes to continue. If not Jann Crosland would happily put her name forward for the job and resign as Vice Chair. In this case the post of Vice Chair would become vacant, nominees/volunteers to Richard ASAP

## **AOB**

East Yorkshire Horse watch has wound up their operations and would like to donate the money to area 4. It is felt that the money should be spent in an anti-theft and security manner, such as microchipping and saddle tagging. Would clubs please come back to the next meeting with ideas?

Clubs Events, All details may be found on the relevant clubs website.

Nidd Valley RC 30<sup>th</sup> Oct SJ at Askam Bryan  
Nidd Valley RC 12<sup>th</sup> November Team dressage at Askam Bryan

Northallerton RC 19<sup>th</sup> November Team SJ at Northallerton EC  
Northallerton & Darrowby 27<sup>th</sup> November Arena Show cross Northallerton EC  
Northallerton RC Mino ODE 30<sup>th</sup> Oct Londonderry

Harewood Anna Rice Davies Demo 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2012 Ledston  
Darrowby RC 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday every month 10am start SJ Northallerton EC  
Darrowby RC Sat 5<sup>th</sup> May 2012 ODE at Helen Bells, Thirsk.