

NEWLANDS CORNER RIDING CLUB

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE BRITISH LEGION HALL, CLANDON ON WEDNESDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 2012 AT 8.00 PM

Present: Lesley Selway (Chairman), Sue Davis (Vice-Chairman), Vivienne Bacon (Secretary), Debbie Linscott (Treasurer), Jackie Selway, Emma Lambourne, Caroline May, Jenny Moxham, Nichol Dew, Maggie Scott and 28 club members

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Christina Davis, Fiona Foster, Chris and Rob Lister, Sarah Goody and Catherine Thompson.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 16th November 2011 were agreed and duly signed.

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman, Lesley Selway, reported as follows:

“Good evening everyone and welcome to our 2012 AGM. This year has been great for the country but not so great for us due to the bad weather.

We couldn't book Merrist Wood for March so we lost that show plus five show jumping and one evening Dressage show. This has never happened before and this lack of income has affected us. We also had to rebuild our shed because it blew down in the gales so this was an added expense.

We did run the Triple Jump series towards the end of the summer which was just for members and these were very competitive as were the evening Dressage shows and the Dressage Championship show. Well done to all our winners and they will be receiving their prizes later in the evening.

Jenny has organized a lot of evening lectures at the Onslow Arms. We have had everything from biting and saddle fitting, and Dressage training to the biomechanics of the horse. So if anyone has any ideas for more of these evenings, please let us know.

We have sent out fewer newsletters this year as we have been putting more information on the website so we hope this has proved satisfactory and that you are getting all the information you need.

We have also sent less teams to the qualifiers and as always they have been brilliant. We qualified a team in every discipline for the London and South East Championships and our riding test team won and our dressage team came 4th as well as other numerous individual placings.

At the Dressage to Music Qualifies all our members won their classes and well done to Nicola Kennard for winning the costume class for the Nationals and travelling all the way to Aintree and then winning the London and South East finals as well.

Well done to all our team members and thank you for representing us so well. I now have a list of people I would like to thank. I would like to thank all our team managers for organizing all the entries and staying all day at the team events. I would also like to thank Debs for organizing the jumping clinics and we will continue to run these next year. I would like to thank Scott for the website and the photos and all the other work he does and Nichol for all the lovely food that is provided for the shows and the judge's lunches. I would like to thank Jenny for sending reports to all the magazines to promote our club and we have a report at the moment in the South East Rider and finally I would like to give a big thank you to all the committee members who do give up a lot of their time plus ink and paper for the club. We couldn't succeed without you.

We now come to our last two events of the year, starting with the Jubolympics party. It was a great night with great costumes. Sue provided all the decorations which looked brilliant and Jackie and Viv were kept very busy all night on the black jack and roulette tables. Thank you all for coming and thank you for your generosity on the raffle, this has helped put a bit more money in the bank account.

Our last show of the year was the National team dressage show at Merrist Wood a couple of days ago. This was a very busy show and I think we are just recovering now but our teams pulled it out of the bag and came 4th and 1st and have qualified for Hartbury at Easter. Well done everyone, it was brilliant. I will now hand you over to Debs for the financial report.”

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

A summary of the annual accounts was circulated.

Debs explained that we had had a bad financial year due to the number of shows which were cancelled because of the weather.

6. AWARD OF ANNUAL TROPHIES

Trophies were awarded as follows:

Flight of the Phoenix: Alison Dornan and Starbucks ***The High Jinks Trophy:*** Maggie Scott and Dolly ***The Walhalla Trophy:*** Annie Denton and Malingold Mercury ***The Sam the Man:*** Maggie Scott and Dolly ***The Backtrack Trophy:*** Jenny Neave and Tetra Sing ***The Fandango Cup:*** Caroline May and Raven ***The Sixpence Rose Bowl:*** Annie Denton and Malingold Mercury ***The Elementary Trophy:*** Caroline Brougham and Prince ***The Musetta Cup:*** Nicola Kennard and Castlemoon Rebel ***The Kilifi Cup:*** Lorraine Terry ***The St Martha's Cup:*** Scott Williams ***The Harry Hotspot Trophy:*** Portia McKay-Forbes ***The Hood Trophy:*** Maggie Scott and Dolly

Evening Series winners:

Walk and Trot: Ellen Agar and Trojek

Preliminary: Liz Flavell and Schweppes

Novice: Marion Spencer and Kilcrea Rock

Elementary: Sarah Goody and Diamond Clover Echo

Triple Jump Series: Marion Spencer and Kilcrea Rock

Rosettes were awarded to all those club members who had participated in team events.

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE FOR 2012/13

The following were nominated, seconded and returned unopposed:

Chairman: Lesley Selway

Vice Chairman: Sue Davis

Secretary: Vivienne Bacon

Maggie Scott

Emma Lambourne

Jenny Moxham

Nichol Dew

Caroline May

Jackie Selway

“It is lovely that all our committee members have been re elected but we do have some sad news and that is that Pat Symonds, our president and founder member of the club 53 years ago is standing down. Pat and her husband Ted have always taken an active interest in the club and up until recently Pat has always come to the committee meetings and Ted used to score for us at the dressage shows. We will miss you both but we will try to continue to run the club in the spirit that was intended.”

Pat was given a present and flowers. She then thanked us for the flowers we sent for her Golden Wedding and thanked Jackie and Lesley and the committee. She knows what it's like, she said! Thank you to everyone.

"We will now elect a new president and I put forward Beryl Bovindon." Beryl joined 3 years after Pat. She said that the standard is high and that camaraderie has continued between members and other clubs. Caroline seconded Beryl's appointment.

8. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Colin Noone, the current auditor of the club accounts, was nominated, seconded and returned unopposed.

9. FUTURE PROGRAMME

The Chairman, Lesley Selway, reported as follows:

"We will try and run ALL the shows in the same sort of program next year and we will add an evening jumping series to the evening dressage series. We will also run a Show Jumping Championship show at the end of the summer as well as keeping the Dressage Championship Show."

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Lesley said "Thank you all for coming tonight and we hope we will see you at the Christmas dinner and good luck in 2013."
2. Lesley made everyone aware of the clothing range for sale.
3. Jenny Dodds is standing as Bridleways Officer for another year.
4. Caroline May told announced that Nicola Kennard had won the Dimelza Cup at the London and South East.
5. Members were informed that they could wear Club polo shirts at the evening competitions instead of normal show attire if they wished.