Area 4 Meeting

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

Meeting Date: Monday 29th January 2017

**Clubs present: Ackworth, Brimham, Calderdale, East Yorkshire, Ebor Vale, Eldwick, Harewood, Nidd Valley, Northallerton, North Ryedale, Pennistone, Scarborough, West Yorkshire Horseplay, York**

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Whitby, Malton, Holme Valley, Lisa Fieldsend.

1. **Minutes of the last meeting to be proposed and seconded**

North Ryedale propose and Ebor Vale to second the minutes of the last meeting.

1. **Open Forum 15 mins**
2. Northallerton asked for a mention of Helen Hinton who is raising money for Macmillan, see flyer attachment.
3. Brimham run events, they ask that all non-riding club members provide proof of insurance before allowing them to compete. They keep these details on file for future reference. There was concern from the floor about whether this was allowable under the Data Protection Act 1998 which is designed to protect personal data stored on computers or in an organised paper filing system. They asked what other clubs did, the response from the floor was varied, some sate on schedules that non-members are not covered, others just ask for a declaration to say they have their own insurance. Jane to check with Head office to obtain confirmation as to the correct procedure. Particularly the scenario of an uninsured horse injuring a member, a member’s horse or a spectator. Who is liable?
4. Northallerton not sure about instructors, do they need to be on the clubs payrole? BRC recommend accredited instructors. Again Jane to clarify the situation.
5. Darrowby run events in conjunction with Helen Bell, as such they are unsure as to where they stand wrt to uninsured riders/horses. Again Jane to check with head office
6. **Matters Arising**

None

1. **Chairperson’s Report**

Margaret made the following speech

Chairs report 29/1/18

Happy New Year and welcome to all new club committee members. We have a new club joining us in area 4 this year- Spen Valley.

Thank you to everyone for all you hard work and time you put in to your clubs.

Sadly I was unable to make the AGM, so I didn’t get chance to say thank you to Mary Kay area rep and Nicki Green (vice chair). I understand their ‘thank you flowers’ never arrived, so with the committee’s permission I would like to put this right.

I would like to introduce our new area 4 representative Jane Connor from Brimham RC. I’m sure you will all join me in thanking Jane for taking on this role, and I would like to ask that everyone give her your full support and help in her new role. We are the best area and with 29 clubs we are probably the largest area!

My second introduction is our new liaison committee members and their roles.

Denise as vice chair & area Secretary, Georgina staying as competitions sec with Sam Anderson as competition entries, Toni Tait remains our very patient Treasurer, Lisa Fieldsend moved from Training Officer and now has a very meaty tittle ...Technical and Communications! Lisa has also picked up Rosettes and organiser of prize givings at our Area Qualifiers. Faith Padmore has joined the team and I’m sure she will be a great support.

Between the 7 of us, we run 8 Area qualifiers- this is 10 days of competitions plus set up day, all the months of organising and so on. We do it because we enjoy it! Thus giving members the chance to qualify and compete at the BRC national championships. Some of us as OS help out at these events as well and all of this is voluntary!

We handle approximately 2000+ entries at area level. All the main societies have staff members on a salary and a support team, so I feel as a voluntary area committee we do quite well.

This brings me to communications. Please can I ask all clubs to send a full update of their committee members with correct contacts then we can be assured that any information we have for you gets passed to the correct people. PLEASE CAN I ASK THAT ANY RELEVANT INFORMATION GETS CASCADED DOWN TO YOUR MEMBERS.

Example: This evenings meeting has had a change of venue, so Denise sent out an email to all clubs (exception of Spen Valley) and asked for confirmation. As of yesterday we hadn’t heard from 6 clubs. I then used fb and most clubs got back to us! Would hate to think there were some members joining the ramblers meeting at the Bay Horse.

Note: all other area meetings will be held at the Bay Horse as usual. All dates on the area website.

We are already underway with 2018 qualifiers with B.B. winter SJ 4 weeks away which Georgina will cover in her report.

As if we haven't enough going on we have a new Competition date to add to your diaries

ARENA EVENTING -

POSSIBLE DATES: October 27/28 (Winter Dressage is 20/10/18)

November 17/18

November 24/25

To be held @ Northallerton and yes we will be asking for more help from your clubs.

Without you your qualifiers would just not run. Please contact and discuss anything re volunteers with Denise.

Cost £25 individuals and £100 per team

All the details are in the rule book.

Possibility of joining area 2 depending on the uptake. Possibly Sat Jnrs Sun Snr OR Area 2 Sat Area 4 Sun. If joint competition it would spread the volunteers and work load.

RULE BOOKS should have been sent out to all clubs.

Camp will increase due to 2 years making a loss.

Beforehand there was no individual Dressage sessions and these ran for 30 mins only.

We made approx £1000 each year so this just about cancels out the loss.

It is proposed pure Dressage will be £325 and jump option in groups will be £300.

If all agreed the forms will go live and please pass onto all your members. Last year some clubs didn’t get the information.

What I have planned:

We have Top Spec feeds coming in with a weigh Bridge and feeding advice

Option of sports massage treatments?

Andrew Day’s pre dinner informal get together.

Saturday nights Demo & BBQ

REQUESTED....Possibility of opening the Demo and BBQ to all area 4 members at a cost to cover food and facilities?

FEEDING HELPERS...That old chestnut....

Propose to continue @ £5 per requested helper. It will be up to the clubs if they split the role.

(note, clubs expenses forms to claim for their helpers will be distributed with these mins)

I would like to propose an Area 4 Ball @ The Bridge Hotel

Date TBC

Black tie, Band, 3/4 course meal, allocated seats each club OR First come basis?

Maybe support a charity ie air ambulance but open to suggestions.

Please look out for HAT TAGGING dates around the area and encourage your members to get their hats done before an area competitions then it will avoid long queues. We will try to sort some dates out and let you know. NEW hat tags this year are AQUA and will be recognised by BE,BS and pony club

We have 7 committee members attending the OS Weekend at Banbury, again all voluntarily. This means you will have plenty of cover for the Area qualifiers.

Anyone interested in joining the team...WE STILL NEED A TRAINING OFFICER! Please contact me if you would like to discuss any ideas. I have picked this up at the moment but BRC seems like a full time job!

Any feedback is welcome so please address it to anyone of us or give me a call for a chat.

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1. **Treasurer’s Report**

£3,310.36 in current account

£13,144.18 in the savings account.

Deficit over 2017 is approx. 3K

Although we have a healthy bank balance at present, the cost of cancelled shows would soon eat this up. As such it was proposed that the show-cross fees will be raised to £25 per competitor and £100 per team. This was carried unanimously.

Camp fees are also to be raised, but mainly for riders wanting pure dressage, as the cost of 1-2-1 training with an instructor for 40 minutes is much more expensive per rider than a 5 rider group jumping.

1. **Competition Secretary’s Report**

Winter SJ entries have closed and all entries have been accepted. We have a very busy 2 days ahead at Bishop Burton on 25/26 February with over 260 entries across the 2 days. Sam Anderson has joined the Area 4 committee to help with entries. Sam will now be accepting all entries for qualifying competitions – please read and check the entry forms carefully. Sam’s email is samantha@andersoncrawler.co.uk Going forward Sam and I will not be accepting entry fees – in future these will go direct to Toni Tait, our Area 4 Treasurer. Where possible, please use BACs. Sam and I will be working alongside each other, with Sam collating entries and I will continue to do the times for each event. If you are new to the role as Team Manager this year; please ask for help. I will continue to work with Sam and will obviously help with queries.

Points to note: (1) a deadline date does not mean 11:53pm – on entries and changes deadlines, deadline will be 7pm of that day. Generally speaking, entries deadline is always the Friday, 3 clear weeks before the competition and changes deadline is Tuesday before the competition. (2) Please FILL out the entry form IN FULL, in CAPITALS and do not change the font or font size – it just makes an added complication for the people collating the entries. (3) Can clubs please ensure just one Team Manager / point of contact for each club – Sam and I do not want to receive entries from 2 different people from one club. We have 28 clubs in Area 4 and if you all split the Team Manager’s role in 2, we would be dealing with 56 people from January to October! (4) if in doubt, please enter a team; even if a team of 3 and make it clear that it is a team of 3 and not a TBC place to be confirmed at some time in the future! Many thanks in advance for all your hard work and for giving up all your spare time for free! Good luck for 2018

**Area Qualifying Dates 2018**

Winter SJ Bishop Burton Sat 24th Sun 25th February 2018

SX Epworth Sat 17th March 2018

CT Bishop Burton Sun 8th April 2018

HT Helen Bell’s Sun 17th June 2018

Summer Show REC Sat 7th Sun 8th July 2018

DTM Manor Grange Sun 12th August 2018

Winter Dressage REC Sun 21st October 2018

Area 4 Camp Bishop Burton 20-26 August 2018

1. **Training Officer Report**

Nothing to report (still require a training officer for area, any interested parties to see Margaret)

1. **Area 4 Liaison Rep report**

Nothing to report.

1. **AOB**

Selby asked about publicising Club events, all events should be sent to Denise and Lisa who will send them out by email and put on the website.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 30th April 2018, 8pm, The Bay Horse, Goldsborough. All subsequent meetings will be at The Bay Horse at 8pm on the following dates. Monday 30th July, Monday 22nd October 2018 (AGM).