**AGM
Minutes of Meeting**

**Date**: Monday 28th October 2018

**Venue**: The Bay Horse, Goldsborough

# 1. Apologies for Absence

Malton Riding Club
White Rose Riding Club

# 2. Election of Officers

Competition Officer: Georgina Ashton [not present] has stepped down from the role and will be succeeded by Samantha Anderson

Secretary: After many years as Vice Chair and Secretary, Denise Newsome will also be stepping down. Margaret thanked Denise for all her service and support to the committee and Area 4 during this time. Faith Padmore proposed by Julie Peach and Sarah Dales of Selby RC was the only nomination received and will be taking on role of Secretary.

Position of Training Officer is still open; attendees were invited to step forward.

# 3. Approval of Minutes

2017 AGM
Proposed: Chelsea from Ackworth RC
Seconded: Denise Newsome from East Yorkshire RC

July Meeting
Proposed: Nicky Green from East Yorkshire RC
Seconded: Sam Anderson

# 4. Matters Arising from the July Meeting

**Substitution and Changes**Following issues with long delays at qualifiers held earlier in the year, the new process of two forms (One for file & another for Scorer) implemented at the Winter Dressage worked well and will continue to be used for future events.

**Lady Bitten by Dog at Winter Dressage**Denise Newsome raised an issue of a lady being bitten on the ankle by a dog. All agreed that dogs must be kept under control at RC events, however as the incident hadn’t been made formal no further action taken.

# 5. Presentation of Rosettes and Trophies

**Winter Dressage** (Presentation of First Place Rosettes and Trophies)

Juniors
 Novice Team – Ebor Vale
 P2 Individual – Millie Harris, Ebor Vale
 P7 Individual – Lucy Williams, Selby
 N24 Individual – Sophie Sadler, Ebor Vale
 N27 Individual – Leah Scott, Ebor Vale

 Intermediate Team – Ebor Vale

Seniors
 Novice Team – Harewood
 P2 Individual – Karen Pearson, WYHP
 P7 Individual – Beth Bendall-Hall, YDRC
 N24 Individual – Sophia Mills, Malton
 N27 Individual – Evie Coates, Scarborough

 Intermediate Team – Malton
 E42 Individual – Amy Pickard, Malton
 N34 Individual – Joyce Fearn, East Yorks
 N28 Individual – Jessica Shinners, YDRC
 P13 Individual – Lorraine Bingham, Ackworth

Malton to collect their trophy at the next competition as they weren’t present at the AGM

Clubs were invited to collect rosettes and test sheets at the end of the AGM.

Any scoresheets not collected will be shredded

**ROR**

New; a rosette will be given for the highest placed ROR individual at each qualifier rather than held until the end of the year.

Prize giving by Lisa Fieldsend at AGM
 Winner of last year, Rachel Newton & Premier Ambitions from White Rose RC

# 6. Open Forum 15 Mins

**Area 4 Success at BRC Endurance Champs.**Pauline and Deb from Northallerton wanted to highlight awareness of recent Area 4 achievement winning the BRC Endurance Championship; requesting that a recent write-up made by one of the riders Robert Blane be added to the website. Pauline to email copy to Faith to forward on.

# 7. Chairperson’s Report

Good evening and thank you for coming.

It's a busy night with lots to get through so I will keep my ramblings short.

It's the time of year for changes within committees.

I would like to thank all the retiring club officers for all their hard work and free time they give to the BRC movement.

Without volunteers to help run the clubs we wouldn't be able to pursue our hobby!

I would like to welcome all the new club officers and hope you enjoy your term and I look forward to working with you.

Could you please make sure you let Denise/ Faith have your updated details for records and correspondence.

While we are on with details, please can all clubs make sure Sam has the relevant contact information. I think this will be covered in more detail in Sam’s report.

This is the end of my 4th year as chair......the beginning of my 5th year. I started with enthusiasm this year and tried to improve on my role from last year. It has taken me 3 years to realise what my role is !

When you think everything is going well there is always something to tip it on its head........

Generally my contact with the clubs is great fun but on occasions it's quite the opposite. I would ask members to remember that all of us on the area liaison committee, and all of the club committee members are volunteers and WE DO NOT GET PAID! So if you have a problem or a query, please can we try to resolve it and not look to lay blame as the first step. We are human and do make mistakes, we do this job because we want to and because we enjoy it.

Area 4 has had yet another amazing year competition wise and again have many National champions! I congratulate you all and I feel very proud to be part of a an amazing and very successful area.

I hope you feel the area competitions are running a little better each time and we strive to move forward on this front.

Arena Eventing is coming up and this is a first so bear with us!

Next year's dates and venues will be published after the meeting this evening and the changes discussed. Please can you make sure these are circulated to all your members.

We are already considering some changes to the format of some of the qualifiers and will discuss these at the January meeting. (volunteers JACK)

**apologies re Agenda**

At this point I will say that the agenda and minutes will be sent out to the clubs much earlier so items from the clubs can be added.

We gained new area officers last year and one or two changes this year. I feel we are at last settling into a good team.

I would like to personally, and on behalf of the floor say a big thank you for all your time and effort you have put into area 4 and for your support to myself. *Denise Newsome. Georgina Ashton*

*(Thank you gifts already given)*

 Other subjects will be covered by the relevant officers.

I thank you all for your patience and for being part of the best area in the BRC movement.

# 8. Treasure’s Report

Current Account - £7,748
Savings Account - £10,162
Surplus - £1,547

Most Income came from Camp due to an increase in fees (additional levy to cover Dressage Riders) and Instructor fees down £950 on prior year.

Biggest Loss was the Showcross, although the loss was smaller than prior year due to higher entry fees to mitigate loss.

Faith Padmore to circulate a copy of the full year Income and Expenditure Report with the minutes.

# 9. Introduction of Competitions Sub Committee

[This is not part of the Liaison Committee]

Thank you to:

Amy Osbourne from Scarborough for stepping forward to help with times for the Winter Dressage.

Sharon from Ackworth for scoring.

To Lisa, Denise, Jack, Ali and Faith for helping with the scoring at the Winter Dressage

To Pauline (Northallerton), Pat (Penistone) and Jo Bryant (Northallerton) for their help at the Horse Trials.

Jack Wainwright stepped up to help support the Volunteers and possibly look at changing the helpers structure.

 Some clubs find it easy to find volunteers, whilst some other clubs struggle.

Suggested contacting Riding Centres to get them involved and add support. This has already been considered in the past but dismissed as Riding Centres do not get the same insurance coverage and most competitors do not have their own horse/transport. It’s the centre that joins and not the individual.

Mags has already spoken to clubs that don’t send teams to Area events (i.e. 17 Clubs sent competitors to the winter dressage out of a possible 30), but the clubs were not interested to just send volunteers.

Area 4 doesn’t run grassroots, but new 70 classes may open up my volunteers or could mean less people available to help?

Michele from North Ryedale stated that they were struggling to find support for the Summer Show.

Everyone to email Jack with their ideas jolly97@btinternet.com and mobile 07979 218693

# 10. Competitions Secretary Report (and allocation of event responsibilities)

Sam has recently taken over the role as Competitions secretary from Georgine and did not have a lot to say as we are only just entering the start of the winter season.

Entry fees to be kept fairly flat for 2020

2017 Winter Dressage had 203 entries, this year we had 201 entries and everything went well on the day.

Arena Eventing is a new event for Area 4; we have 244 competitors running over two days. Sam is confident that we can get everyone through on the day as long as everyone presents themselves when it is their time.

Sam urged anyone to get in contact if they have any feedback about making the day run smoother/ more efficient.

# 11. Training Officers Report

Training Officer role is still vacant – if anyone is interested then please get in touch with Mags.

Mags provided feedback on the Area 4 Camp at Bishop Burton.

* Lots of numbers, successful and made a profit.
* Issue with lack of XC fences in the Park meant that lots of riders were very disappointed. Bishop must follow on from an event so that they have the staff to set up the course

Due to timing issues Mags is looking for alternative venues.

Richmond – Have good facilities but unfortunately the dates don’t work.

Speetly – Ruled out as not big enough

Northallerton - Ruled out as insufficient arenas

Epworth – Just out of the Area, but otherwise ticks most of the boxes…

* 4 Surfaced Arenas
* XC Course
* Training Track
* May have to use some Grass Arenas
* Plan to hire a shower unit and hook up
* Share price of a generator for Hook-ups
* New Café Planned
* Will need portable stabling

Somerford – Great facilities, but can only get a mid-week slot and too far out of the area.

Helen Bells – Ruled out due to lack of surfaced arenas

Askham Bryan – Ruled out due to lack of XC course and Surfaced Arenas

Based on the above, Mags proposed Epworth as the venue for the 2019 Area 4 Camp.

Mags is also looking into the possibility of a Dressage Camp at a different venue (possibly Manor Grange or Bishop Burton) to be run at a different time of the year.

# 12. Area 4 Liaison Report – Area Rep

Lots of changes planned for 2019

* Microchips compulsory in 2020 (don’t know if this is just for Championships or Areas at this time; Margaret has suggested spot checks at Areas)
* Falls; Any fall will result in an elimination. If a fall occurs in the warm up then the rider will still need to be checked by a paramedic – likely to pushed down to club competitions too.
* Additional blue 2018 label introduced for body protectors.
* Dressage – Novice riders will ride different tests
* Show Jumping – New eligibility rules and double clears will now count
* Data Sharing Agreement – Jane is still working with Head Office on this item and has asked anyone being pushed to sign it to let her know.
* Bigger emphasis on horse welfare and use of the whip

Jane has suggested that clubs go to her directly with any queries pertaining to the above.

# 14. Dates & Venues: Area Qualifiers 2019

To be posted on the Area 4 Website

Combined Training moved to Richmond

# 15. Club Agenda Item

Confirmed that helpers at a HT or SX do not need to also provide FJ’s

Nidd Valley down to help on a Saturday but have asked to swap for a Sunday?

Denise – Do we need to check everyone’s passport or only those who qualify for the champs?

Pat from Penistone asked if it was possible to present the rosettes for the Winter Dressage for the juniors on the day rather than wait until the AGM? Will consider for next year…

Northern Regional Champs

* Meeting scheduled for 1st December to discuss changing venue back to Bishop as being more central (no entries from Area 16)
* Area 4 contributed £200 towards running costs for the event
* Suggestion that qualifying cards are given to Team Managers at Areas.
* Issue of too many helpers with no jobs being turned away and then a requirement for helpers later in the day but not enough available.

Mags asked the floor if we were OK to continue using Goldsborough for future Area 4 meetings – everyone present confirmed yes.

# Next Meeting

8pm|Monday 2nd February 2019
Bay Horse, Goldsborough, Knaresborough