

MINUTES OF AREA 4 RIDING CLUBS' LIAISON GROUP MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 18th APRIL 2011 AT THE BAY HORSE, GOLDSBOROUGH

Present: Richard Thompson (Chair)
Jan Crossland (Vice Chair)
Mary Kay (Area Liaison Officer)
Nicky Lyons Secretary
Denise Newsome (Minutes Secretary)

Clubs Present: Nidd Valley , Harewood CTG, Holme Valley, Ebor Vale, York and District, Scarborough, Northallerton, Calderdale, North Ryedale, Selby, Darrowby, Malton.

Apologies: Whitby, White Rose, Ackworth and East Yorkshire.

Minutes for the last meeting: were proposed by North Ryedale and seconded by York, and accepted as an accurate record of the AGM on 24th Jan 2011.

Training Officers Report

Maggie apologised for her absence but sent a report that was read out by Richard.

Maggie thanked the clubs for the support of the Tim Stockdale Demo, 185 tickets were sold and the event would only make a slight loss. The comments from the floor were that it was a good demo and an enjoyable evening, let down sadly, by the poor sound system. Richard will take this up with Bishop Burton College. Barbara proposed a vote of thanks to Maggie, that was seconded by all who attended the meeting.

Places for Sommerford camp are being booked up fast, so members who want to go but have not yet booked a place are urged to do so soon. Names with deposit should be sent directly to Richard ASAP.

In January we had an "Emergency First Aid" course and certificates were given out to the following.

Emma Darley
Sally Wilkinson
Anita Howell
Colin and Judith Littler
Jan Crossland
Sue Grocott
Fiona Foster
Ruth Kendrew
Claire Foster

Maggie Smith
Paul Brackpool

Another date will be set; anyone interested should let Richard know.
The Margo Tiffany demo/training attendance was disappointing, but all who went had a good time. The results for the judge's exam are not yet out.
There is a possibility of more training from Margo in the future.

Treasurer's report

Louise was also unable to attend but sent her report via Richard.
The financial report for last year has now been audited and Richard is awaiting the report to be emailed to him.
Recent outgoings include £226 for the 1st aid, £ 210 for the Riding test and Style Jumping judge, £200 Askham Bryan and £4300 for Tim Stockdale demo and training.
At present we have £7700 in our cheque account and £4000 in our deposit account.

Chair's Report

Richard reported that we had had a good 3 months. The showjumping/combined training had gone well as had the Tim Stockdale Demo.

There had been some problems at the Showcross. Richard said again, that he was disappointed with some individuals who had been to try out the new venue prior to the event, being publically negative about the venue, particularly the mention of it on Facebook.

However that aside, on the day those who went were happy with the course and there had been no issues with respect to the course or the venue.
The problems that did arise were due to the fact that, for safety reasons, the finish line was not directly in line with the last fence. Instead, after jumping the last fence, riders had to turn right before crossing the finish line. This was to try and stop riding galloping toward the show jumping ring after finishing.

Unfortunately in the first class (Senior Novice), this led to several riders forgetting to go through the finish and being eliminated. This led to a further complication of spectators (and in some cases fence judges) giving outside assistance to riders reminding them to go through the finish.

This will also bring about an elimination if noticed by the judge. This led to confusion as some riders may have been helped, without needing it and some riders will have been helped with the judges realising.

On the day it was decided that the time taken by the jump judge fence for the last fence would be the time used and a calculation was put in to take account of the shorter distance.

Mary was keen for all who attended the meeting to decide whether that was fair.

So she put 4 options to the vote.

1 Yesterdays result stands

2 eliminating all who didn't go through the finish and all who (it was known) had received outside assistance.

3 Ignore cross country times and time faults; and use showjumping times instead.

4 Make the competition null and void

The vote was overwhelmingly to let yesterday's result stand.

This mainly affected the individual results. The team results (for the winner at least) was that 1 team was so far ahead of the rest, that it made no difference how the results were calculated.

Richard then took the opportunity to say that clubs should be sending experienced and committed helpers as jump judges. Some clubs send people who have had no prior training on what would be expected of them. In addition to this, some of them seemed less than willing to learn.

In future each pair of jump judges provided should contain at least 1 experienced person. All clubs should ensure that their helpers arrive on time and with a willing attitude. Cheek and bad manners may result in a club's elimination from the competition.

(NB since this meeting Darrowby riding club have kindly sent a training sheet and instructions for helpers and jump judges, Richard has circulated this to all clubs.)

Again the reality of 2-3 clubs being jointly responsible for this event did not happen. Although most of the work was done by Selby and Scarborough, they had very little notice.

It was decided to ensure this was not the case for the horse trials and the summers show so the following clubs have volunteered to run the following events.

Horse Trial's at Bishop Burton.

Dressage – Northallerton

Show Jumping – Selby and York

Cross Country (organised by Nicky but all clubs to provide jump judges)

Summer Dressage

North Rydale and Nidd Valley

Summer Show jumping

Calderdale and Holme Valley.

Winter Dressage

Ackworth and Darrowby

Indoor showjumping/ combined training (2012)

East Yorks with Ebor Vale and White Rose

Show cross (2012)

Scarborough

Richard asked if all clubs could ensure that he had details (emails and mobile numbers) of Chair, Secretary and Training officers.

When entering competitions some clubs did not put email addresses on the entry forms and so times were not sent out.

At the Show cross there were reports of last minute changes that had not been approved by the organiser. This must not happen. It was agreed at the meeting that the deadline of the Wed before the show, must be absolute. With changes being made after this only under exceptional circumstances and with prior approval from the organizer. Some members were unhappy with level of flu vac cert checking, they would rather the cert was checked against each horse. However lack of resources limits this choice.

The deadline for the horse trials will Tuesday prior to the event as it is run on a Saturday this year. Entries are to be in by 20th May for both prelim and area. Instructions to jump judges will be circulated.

Mary Kay's Report

The Hunter trials at Hunwick were successful. It was a lovely course and will be held next year. Hopefully there will be more qualifiers and more riders will attend.

At Hartpury Winter Championship's, Ryedale were 9th in the junior team jumping. Hats were checked and tagged at Hartpury.

BE have change their body protectors rule, so it is to be expected that Riding Clubs will follow their lead. Anyone about to buy a new body protector should be aware of this.

There is a new range of Riding Club clothing available.

NAF wish to be more involved with Riding Clubs at area level.
Membership cards will be sent out direct from head office in the future.
Paramedics need to be CQC registered.

If any rider has a serious fall, or bang to the head at Riding Club events, Stoneleigh must be informed, the riders will be placed on the restricted list and not allowed to compete for the allotted time.

If anyone refuses to see a paramedic at an event, they must sign to say that is their choice.

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Event held by clubs

York and Dist Monthly Open Dressage details on website.

Calderdale 29th May Norland Show details from carousel2011@hotmail.co.uk or on the website.

Darrowby 8th May Hunter Trials and an Eventing clinic 6th June, details from Lydia-ebdon@yahoo.co.uk or on the website.

Ebor Vale 27th April Dressage details robeannehouse@btconnect.com

Nidd Valley 26th June Combined Training details suebart@btinternet.com

Scarborough 1st May Combined training and 11 Sep Summer show, details w.bulmer@fylinghall.org

Meeting closed 10pm next meeting July 25th at the Bay Horse Goldsborough.
8pm.