

## VALE OF ARROW RIDING CLUB

### AGM Meeting Agenda

19 January 2023

Titley Village Hall 7.30pm

Item	Report by	Matters to cover if known
<b>1. Attendance and apologies</b>		<b>Present:</b> Gemma Sankey, Kate Loupart, Sharron Goode, Lisa Bateman, Rebecca Challenor, Layla Rudkin, Lottie Challenor, Lucy Sankey, Isla Sankey, Helen Rudkin, Jan Burke, Chris Williams, Sue Hurford, Mike Lewis, Judy Baker, Emma Jones, Richard Leitch, Sarah Leitch, Anne Bliss, Sarah Layton, Nickatie Morgan, Kate Spitzmaul, Cherry Biddle, Louise Sheppard, Emma Cotes, Chloe ? and Rachel ?  <b>Apologies:</b> Doe Middleton
<b>2. Welcome</b>	GS	The club were reminded that we are now entering our 40 <sup>th</sup> year and we and it is hoped it will be a good one. We have some really great ideas and members were asked that they send any proposals to Layla Rudkin <a href="mailto:training@valeofarrowridingclub.org.uk">training@valeofarrowridingclub.org.uk</a> . Mention was made that coming out of covid and with the cost of living crisis, members and thus the club had had a difficult year. Thanks was given to the committee for their dedication to the club and members were informed of the modernisation taking place in the club as website and facebook updated.  Committee members standing down (Kate Loupart and Kate Spitzmaul) were thanked for their service with flowers.
<b>3. Minutes and action from previous AGM</b>		No matters arising but both Emma Coates and Nickatie Morgan had been missed off the present list -this will be amended. Emma Jones proposed the agreement and Jan Burke seconded it.
<b>4. Area Report</b>	GS	Not as many entries as previously but those that did compete for the club in eventing, show jumping, dressage and quadrille were thanked and congratulated for how well they did

5. Mercian	GS	<p>It was noted that we did not attend many of the competitions largely due to the distance. We did better in the flatwork league. Nickatie Morgan noted that it was good as it catered for the more grass roots riders. However, it was suggested that perhaps a league of more local clubs be set up.</p>
6. Quest	KS	<p>Unfortunately we did not attend many Quest competitions but those who did compete were thanked. GS thanked Kate for her tireless work. We are looking for someone to fill the post of running these competitions</p>
7. Lucton Dressage	KS	<p>Kate Spitzmaul spoke of the 5 competitions we held at Lucton and how popular it is. Next year we are hoping to run additional classes like prix caprilli. Again, we are looking for someone to fill the post of running these competitions.</p>
8. Quadrille	AB	<p>Anne Bliss explained what quadrille was, a mixture of dressage to music and carnival. Anne reminded the club of our recent history at the champs:  2021: 93% with War in Heaven and National Champions  2022:: 73% with Mute in a Suit  2023: Will be Ride for Life raising money for over 200 different cancer charities of which the quadrille team have already raised 2400. Members were informed that to take part the team met for practise at Lucton on Wednesday evenings throughout the summer and a layout for costume and entry fees was about 300. In April there will be a come and give it a go session.</p>
9. Treasurers report	RC	<p>Members were informed of the new BACS details for the new bank account and informed that they would be charged if they used the old details. The Vale of Arrow Riding Club  30-99-50  20775360  We have now changed to a simpler system with <b>ALL</b> payments to be made by BACS by the Wednesday before the competition or clinic with suitable references. If anyone would like a copy of the accounts please ask It was noted that we are in profit but not as large as before. People were encouraged to join the club and informed of the early bird 30 or the new membership fee of 35 due to the increase in membership at BRC by 25%</p>

		<p>New Account: 757.00 Old Account: 2191.43</p>
<b>10. Membership</b>	LB	<p>For 2022: 61 members which include: 5 honorary members 5 junior members 51 full members</p> <p>LB referred to the analysis carried out based on members' addresses and training locations and it was noted that there was a fair distribution of training venues for members. Contact LB for membership: <a href="mailto:membership@valeofarrowridingclub.org.uk">membership@valeofarrowridingclub.org.uk</a></p>
<b>11. Health and Safety and Safeguarding</b>	SG	<p>GS thanked SG for stepping into the role half way through the year. SG noted that: A good club is a safe club All processes have been reviewed and procedures are in place. SG thanked previous safeguarding officers for the work they had done beforehand. New venues are in the process of having new risk assessments SG asked members to notify the club if they saw anything of concern.</p> <p>Safeguarding: This has become even more important due to the junior members. It was made clear that safeguarding is everyone's business and nothing of concern should go unmentioned (speak to Sharron Goode) There will be a what to do and how to do it on the website. Members were reminded of both the usefulness of social media but also the problems it can also cause</p> <p>Sharron Goode asked for a deputy if possible so there were more eyes and ears on the ground.</p>
<b>12. Election of committee members for 2023</b>	CB	<p>GS again noted that Kate Loupart and Kate Spitzmaul were standing down and invited members to join the committee to fill the positions of: Secretary Lucton Dressage Co-ordinator and Quest Dressage co-ordinator</p> <p>It was also requested that we have members join the committee for Area and Mercian co-ordinators</p>

		<p>The Committee stood down and were re-elected as a whole with a nomination from Sarah Layton and seconded by Emma Jones..</p>
<p><b>13. Events and Social</b></p>		<p><b>Training:</b> Regular training with Georgie Dickenson and Emma Stallibrass at High House  One off clinics: including: - side saddle clinic with Rachel Forkings at High House which is already sold out</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ride a course clinic</li> <li>- Show jumping and arena eventing</li> <li>- Polo and Prosecco at Shrewsbury polo club</li> <li>- Mechanic Horse at Holme Lacey 20.00</li> <li>- One day camp</li> </ul> <p>Run at no-profit for members but a surcharge for non-members</p> <p><b>Socials:</b> Bingo coming up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Saddle fitting day</li> <li>- Race night</li> <li>- Clay pigeon shooting</li> <li>- Fun ride</li> <li>- Photo shoot</li> <li>- Distillery tour</li> <li>- Quiz night</li> <li>- Christmas Ball</li> </ul> <p>Hope to run something every other week and every week over the summer</p> <p>Any questions or suggestions to <a href="mailto:training@valeofarrowridingclub.org.uk">training@valeofarrowridingclub.org.uk</a>.</p> <p>Emma Coates asked that all information also went out via email which we have been doing.</p> <p>Nickatie Morgan has said that Fred Powell is happy to offer grid work</p> <p>Members were reminded that payment secures place and that a suitable reference must be given</p>
<p><b>14. Achievements and Awards</b></p>	<p>CB</p>	<p><b>Dressage Points:</b>  <b>Intro Senior:</b> VJ Howells    <b>Reserve:</b> Jan Burke  <b>Intro Juniors:</b> Isla Sankey    <b>Reserve:</b> Lucy Sankey  <b>Prelim:</b> Helen Rudkin    <b>Reserve:</b> Sharron Goode  <b>Novice:</b> Sarah Terndrup    <b>Reserve:</b> Kate Loupart  <b>Area Satin Cup</b> Caroline king  <b>Area Junior</b> – Lottie Challenor and Lucy Sankey  <b>Mercian cup:</b> Anne Bliss  <b>RoR:</b> Kate Spitzmaul  <b>Most Improved:</b> Jan Burke  <b>Committee Plaque:</b> Anne Bliss for quadrille</p>

		<p><b>Quest Trophy:</b> Sharron Goode  <b>Best Volunteer:</b> Judy Baker  <b>Best Horse:</b> Charlie Brown (Lucton Equestrian Centre)  <b>Not Giving Up:</b> Lottie Challenor and Lucy Sankey  <b>Best Matchy Matchy:</b> Sankey Stables  <b>Best Senior Moment:</b> Lisa Bateman  <b>Keenest Rider:</b> Sharron Goode  <b>Chairman's Cup:</b> GS to decide</p> <p>Huge thank you to Rebecca Challenor for extra prizes that she has secured from reps</p>
<p><b>15. AOB</b></p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>Sarah Layton asked where to send info for Facebook – Layla Rudkin, Gemma Sankey:  <a href="mailto:training@valeofarrowridingclub.org.uk">training@valeofarrowridingclub.org.uk</a>.  <a href="mailto:info@valeofarrowridingclub.org.uk">info@valeofarrowridingclub.org.uk</a>  <a href="mailto:membership@valeofarrowridingclub.org.uk">membership@valeofarrowridingclub.org.uk</a></p> <p>or via messenger</p> <p>Judy Baker asked that everyone should be asked to volunteer at least once during the year as it always falls to the same people.</p> <p>Big thanks to Sue Hurford (BHS Stage 5 Stable Manager and Senior Lecturer in Equine) for her very informative talk on Equine Digestion.</p> <p>Huge thanks to everyone who attended and the committee.</p>