

BRC Area 1 - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
held online at 7 pm on Thursday 14th January 2021

DRAFT MINUTES

Present:

Ann Affleck (Chairman), South Lammermuir
Linda Allen (Treasurer), Girvan & District
Jane McDowall (Secretary), Stranraer & District
Pat Bell, Polnoon
Joyce Grigor, Ettrick Forest
Julia Robinson-Dow, Lothians
Maggie Bunnett (Area Rep), Girvan & District

Hazel Donaldson, Almond
Linda Penman, Almond
Lynn Taylor, Almond
Susan Stuart, Ayr
Emma Fletcher, Edinburgh & District

Joyce Kent, Edinburgh & District
Kat Lewis, Edinburgh & District
Jackie Aglen, Ettrick Forest
Evelyn Anderson, Ettrick Forest
Anne Millar, Ettrick Forest
Shona Morton, Galloway Horse Club
Susan Crookston, Glenbrae
Jennifer Rentoul, Kilmacolm & Kilallan
Annemarie van Heelsum, Peebles & District
Susan Whiteford, Scottish Dressage Group
Victoria Warcup, South Lammermuir
Carolyn Wilson, Renfrewshire

Ann welcomed everyone and thanked them for joining the Area 1 AGM.

1. Apologies

Julie Hanna (Ayr) and Katie Nisbet (Ayr).

2. Minutes of the previous AGM (19th January 2020)

All agreed that the minutes were an accurate record of the business conducted. The minutes were proposed for adoption by Linda Allen and seconded by Pat Bell.

3. Matters Arising not covered on Agenda

None.

4. Chairman's Report

Ann had nothing to report due to the cancellation of so many events because of the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions.

Clubs have kept going to a certain extent but have been unable to do anything since the end of March 2020.

5. Treasurer's Report and Adoption of Accounts

Linda went through the items of income and expenditure.

The accounts were proposed for adoption by Joyce Grigor and seconded by Susan Stuart.

6. Area Representative's Report

Maggie did not have a lot to report. The Official Stewards training had taken place in February. Area 1 had just managed to run the Intermediate Winter qualifier at Morris prior to the first lockdown at the end of March 2020.

Several Clubs had raised concerns about the increase in BRC affiliation fees and insurance costs. Several Area reps (including Area 1) had contacted HQ with their concerns about the increase in costs. It was recommended that Clubs contact HQ direct with their concerns.

BRC HQ had recently sent out an e-mail advising that the majority of championships over the coming months were cancelled due to the second lockdown.

Area 1 was planning to run the Area 1 Summer Qualifiers at Morris in July and was keeping the situation under review.

7. Election of Office Bearers and Committee

Ann advised that all current Office Bearers and Committee members were willing to stand again. Jennifer Rentoul proposed re-electing en bloc and this was seconded by Evelyn Anderson. There being no opposing proposals all were duly re-elected.

Ann Affleck (Chairman), Linda Allen (Treasurer), Jane McDowall (Secretary).

Committee: Pat Bell, Joyce Grigor and Julia Robinson-Dow. Area Rep: Maggie Bunnett.

8. Proposals for Area Liaison Fees and Area 1 Training Grant

The Area Liaison Committee proposed that to help Clubs after a difficult year, Area 1 would not charge the Clubs any Area Liaison Fees in 2021 as long as Clubs supplied the required contact details by 31st March. Clubs that did not supply the contact details by 31st March would be charged 50p per 2020 member.

This was a saving of £2 per member per Club and was a gesture towards the increase in fees by BRC HQ. The Area Training Grant would again be on offer.

Joyce Kent requested clarification on the amount of the Area Training Grant. It was unanimously agreed that this would once again be at the increased rate of up to £200. Amount to be reviewed for 2022.

Susan Stuart thanked Area 1 for waiving the Area Liaison fees for 2021 - stating that it was appreciated.

9. Area 1 Qualifiers

Maggie had already covered under Area Rep's report. Ann stated that the Area will try to run the qualifiers - depending on restrictions.

10. A.O.C.B.

Susan Crookston passed on that her members have requested quadrille work and Area Arena Eventing qualifier. The Arena Eventing qualifier had been raised at last year's AGM. It had not been possible to find a venue that was willing and able to host an Arena Eventing qualifier during the permitted time period.

Ayr Riding Club has done quadrille in the past. Discussion took place around the high cost of quadrille and it was suggested that they look into Dressage Teams of Four which was direct entry at the Championships.

Susan Crookston commented on all the work put in by HorseScotland preparing guidance to run events under Covid restrictions and requested that BRC National be asked to thank HorseScotland for their work and make a donation. This was supported by Anne Millar and Emma Fletcher. Maggie will pass this on to BRC HQ.

Ann thanked everyone for attending and their invaluable input. Ann thanked Jane and all the committee members for all their work for Area 1.

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm.

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Chairman

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Date