

## AGM MEETING NOTES

Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019 At Park Gate Inn, Bromsgrove

**Committee Present:** Sam Kinchin, Stacey Wilkinson, Terrie Baxter, Kate Starling, Chloe Palmer, Bev Hudson, Sue Knight, Helen Board, Evan Parsons

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Kate gave an introduction to the room giving names and roles of the current committee. Jess Tracey and Tracey Edwards did not attend as they have left the committee.

### 2. Summary of 2019 Events

- Dressage and Show jumping at Daleswood – Kate stated that the events that took place and received good turnout.
- Camp 2019 & Arena Eventing – Sam mentioned that Camp was very popular and given that it was our first camp, it was very successful and we are looking forward to next years. As it was very successful, we have decided to do a two night, three day camp next year. We had some excellent feedback from our members.
- The Arena eventing – was a massive success and ran very smoothly due to good organisation. We also received brilliant feedback and thank you messages from the other clubs that attended the Arena Eventing.
- E Dressage – Chloe advised that the E Dressage was fairly successful and will continue next year. For 2020 we will be introducing a points system based on position and when videos are submitted, they must include a voice message stating the Rider & horses name, the date it is being recorded and the test they are doing.
- Christmas Show – Sam gave a little information on the show stating that everyone is welcome and that we will be opening up the show to enter on the day.
- Sleigh Bell Ride – Stacey said that the ride was much more popular than we thought and that it is now full.
- Training/Clinics – Stacey summarised that training and clinics throughout the year had gone very well. The room was informed to give any suggestions to Terrie.

### 3. Finances

Evan advised that Camp had incurred a loss which Committee stated that the majority of this was due to refunds that had to be issued due to rider or horse injury. He went on to say that we had made some purchases for the club this year which included new cross country jumps and also club kit.

The committee members also stated that the club had been rebranded and all purchases were very positive. Evan confirmed that the closing position of the account was £6,626.

### 4. Club Winter News

Stacey made the announcement that over the winter, we will be moving some of our clinics and shows to Gracelands. This will allow us to minimise setting up/down efforts and so that clinics can go ahead despite any adverse weather conditions.

### 5. Plans for 2020

A dates for the diary flyer was provided for events this year and into next year, including some clinic dates we have organised but have yet to book instructors. These included:

- 8<sup>th</sup> December - Sleigh Bell Ride @ Bentley
- 22<sup>nd</sup> December - Christmas Fun Show @ Gracelands
- E-Dressage - To be run April to September
- 19<sup>th</sup> January - Clinic TBC
- Emerald Dressage Series - 26<sup>th</sup> January / 23<sup>rd</sup> February / 29<sup>th</sup> March / 19<sup>th</sup> April
- 16<sup>th</sup> February - Clinic TBC
- 15<sup>th</sup> March - Clinic TBC
- 23<sup>rd</sup> May - Show Jumping Event @ Gracelands
- 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> August - Camp 2020
- 19<sup>th</sup> September - Arena Eventing Event @ Gracelands
- 20<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Fun Show @ Gracelands

(Please note this was marked as the 22<sup>nd</sup> December on the flyer which is incorrect)

Stacey also stated that we will be supporting the Urban Horse School in 2020, Demo and Clinic dates to follow.

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Stacey then announced our BDRC Team Photographer, Andy Milz who has been extremely supportive of the club and presented a club hoody with 'Team Photographer' on the back.

## 6. **Training 2020**

Sam talked about our current instructors and stated that training over the year had gone well. She also asked for any suggestions to be given. Jon Rogers was mentioned. Chloe will contact and try to organise a date.

## 7. **Membership**

Stacey confirmed that we had approximately 53 members for 2019 and we hope that this will increase into 2020. Stacey informed the room that the Committee had decided to keep our membership price for the year at £20, however for the AGM, we will be running a discount of £18 which will continue until the 1<sup>st</sup> of December.

## 8. **Teams**

Stacey, who will continue to be our Mercian Captain, confirmed that BDRC finished 7<sup>th</sup> overall in the Mercian league with only one event not attended.

Stacey, with support from Sam, will continue to concentrate on Mercian in 2020 and it was announced that the club will also be eligible to attend Area events should we have the teams or individuals who wish to attend. Terrie, supported by Chloe will be the Area contact. Stacey announced that we are happy to support any members who wish to take part in both Mercian and Area. Stacey also announced for 2020 we will have a dedicated team coach who will be Ange Randall.

## 9. **Committee Roles**

Kate confirmed that she will be standing down as Chair and will now be the BDRC Treasurer, along with support from Terrie. Also resigning from the Committee are, Sue Knight, Bev Hudson, Jess Tracey, Tracey Edwards and Evan Parsons. It was announced that the new committee for 2020 will be as follows:

- Sam Kinchin will now stand as Chair
- Stacey Wilkinson will be Vice Chair and Mercian Captain
- Terrie Baxter will be Secretary/Membership contact.

The Committee had one nomination to make. Terrie nominated Gemma Gull onto the Committee as our Safeguarding Office/Junior Leader and this was seconded by Sam and Stacey.

Stacey then advised that we now have a BDRC Helpers membership whereby members can sign up and help the official committee. They must sign a declaration whereby they will dedicate a certain number of hours to the club and in return, they will receive their membership for only £10.

## 10. **Awards**

This year, BDRC decided that we would give awards to some of their members, Stacey was very proud to present the following awards:

- BDRC Junior Rider of the year – Jess Wildsmith
- BDRC Senior Rider of the year – Clare McKinley
- BDRC Star of Camp – Bev Fisher
- BDRC Mercian Team Rider – Jo McKinley

## 11. **Questions & Answers**

The Committee opened up the room to any questions:

Q. Can western riding join in with riding club events? A. Not in any classes that run under BRC rules as western tack is not permitted. Any 'fun classes' we do we can consider.

Q. Rules around what heights/levels you can do from Mercian to Area? A. This is done on a person basis and if a person starts doing both we will advise on what you can and can't do as the rules are complex and changed this year. We think they will be changing again as there has been lots of confusion.

Q. Can we do mounted games? A. This is something already being discussed.

Q. Have we had our Mercian event confirmed yet? A. Not yet.

## 12. **Thank You**