

Minutes of Ewshot Riding Club AGM 2019-2020

No apologies were received.

Minutes of 2018-2019 AGM were agreed and signed off.

The Chairman (AW) opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the AGM and started by thanking Mr & Mrs Watts for allowing the club to use their lovely land and facilities and for their continuing help and support throughout the year.

AW went on to say that 2019 had started badly, weather-wise, but despite this we had managed to hold a couple of clinics, a Clear Round and a Showing competition.

AW handed over to the Treasurer (DW) to talk about the club's finances for this year.

DW started by saying that 2019 had been a slightly better year, financially, than 2018 with an increase of £900 by the end of the year. More payments had been made to the PayPal account this year so there had been less cash in the bank. However, the PayPal account had also proved to be useful for online purchases of awards and trophies and other sundries. The club paid out less on course repairs this year and made no major purchases other than our lovely rosettes. There had been a couple of cancelled cheques, the larger of which was for the Summer camp at Bucklebury when we were invoiced for an incorrect amount. There were also a number of uncleared cheques outstanding from December. One of our largest payments was to BRC for our affiliation fees - always a large expense but increases with the number of members in the previous year as it is paid in arrears. The club invested money in buying good quality rosettes and trophies, as usual. It is felt that they are appreciated and worth winning. Our events brought in some good returns, this year, with ShowCross and Showing doing well. DW finished by saying that although we hadn't had as many entries over the year, the club was still in good order going in to 2020. DW then handed back to AW.

AW stated that the club's membership had remained steady this year but that we had also seen quite a few non-members at events some of whom went on to join up. It was also good to see a few more junior riders participating. AW handed over to LB

LB informed us that in 2019 the club had 40 members 28 Adult riders and 12 Juniors. It was good to see an increase in junior members.

AW – The Club held a few more clinics this year, with little success. Despite members requesting us to arrange them, when it came down to it they were rarely interested in coming along. The Polework Clinics, run by Christine Carpentier, were well run and very much enjoyed by those that did come along.

We held a Clear Round on behalf of the Hampshire Air Ambulance. Riders and horse came dressed as pilots and planes. The turnout was, again, relatively poor, but we managed to send them a cheque for £145.

Our Clear Rounds had low attendances pretty much all year but were always enjoyed by those who came along and joined in.

The club held 2, successful, ShowCross competitions this year, along with the return of our Annual Team ShowCross competition. This year it was run against Wellington Riding Club, who stepped in at the last minute after AllStars let us down. AW passed on her thanks to Wellington RC who were keen, competitive and who entered into the fun spirit of the event perfectly. Everyone who entered went home with rosettes and trophies and for the 1st time, Ewshot won the overall event. Massive congratulations were passed on to the whole team.

AW then passed to Kate (KD) to speak about dressage.

KD started by saying that dressage entries, this year, had been a bit hit and miss. To qualify this, in June, we had a record number of tests ridden with 38 entries but a month later we had to cancel the event through a lack of entries. Thanks were passed on to AW & TB for their maths skills in scoring the dressage sheets.

AW introduced Jessie Alcroft (JA) our new Show Jumping captain, to say a few words about it. JA stated that entries for our show Jumping competitions had been hard to secure in advance and that a high number of entries had arrived very late. Despite us re-instating SunShine Tour qualifiers, the numbers had still been relatively low. Those who did come along enjoyed the lower and middle height classes, up to 80cm, but classes above 80cm were very poorly entered. JA said that going forward, we would need to think about ways to encourage more entries as there are so many more venues offering events similar to ours.

Both Prix Caprilli and Showing events were fairly well attended and enjoyed by all.

AW then moved on to the camp at Bucklebury Equestrian. It was noted that this was our 2nd camp and was well attended again this year and had proved to be a popular occasion but that the 2020 camp should include a few more activities for non-riders. Thanks were passed to S. Vincent for organising.

Club photography was done by DW and LW this year, with Ellie Osbourne covering the ShowCross for us. Some great photos taken by all. AW passed on her thanks.

AW rounded off by talking briefly about the annual Xmas Gymkhana. This year we decided to hold the gymkhana early in December so that we could hope for better weather and also so that we didn't clash with other clubs in the area holding similar events. It was very well attended and, despite the committee being very shorthanded, there was lots of praise for a well-run event. Thanks were given to Mrs Watts for completing the tough task of choosing the winners of our fancy dress classes. Always a hard job!

As is usual at our Gymkhana, we presented our end of year awards to members who have accumulated the most points during the year or shown good improvement. The awards were presented to the following:

2019 EWSHOT RIDING CLUB MEMBERS AWARDS

Senior Dressage - Sally Wright & Chequerhill ToyBoy

Runner up - Jessie Alcroft & Flash

Junior Dressage - Theodore Anderson & Bear

Runner up - Millie Cregeen & Jack

Senior ShowCross - Rachel Bell & Asbo

Runner up - Kate Dineen & Beth

Junior ShowCross - Millie Cregeen & Jack

Runner up - Luke Howard & Ellie

Senior Show Jumping - Fenton Tyrrell & Layla

Runner up - Kate Dineen & Beth

Junior Show Jumping - Hope Booth & Indi

Runner up - Luke Howard & Ellie

Senior Prix Caprilli - Rachel Bell & Asbo

Runner up - Honey Lubbock & Luke

Junior Prix Caprilli - Millie Cregeen & Bailey

Runner up - Hope Booth & Indi

Most Improved Senior Rider - Candace Moss

Most improved Junior Rider - Luke Howard

Overall Senior Champ - Rachel Bell

Overall Junior Champ - Millie Cregeen

AW went on to thank all our members and their families, who have helped us to run events this year. Their help has been invaluable and is much appreciated. AW also thanked the committee for their time and effort making sure events run safely and within BRC guidelines, and for the help, behind the scenes, ordering rosettes and trophies, paying bills, and sourcing equipment. The club continues to receive fantastic feedback on social media, which is lovely to read and means we are definitely doing something right.

AW then moved on to the annual housekeeping and re-election of the committee. Sue Vincent stood down from the committee earlier in the year due to private reasons, the club extended their thanks to her for all her help with the club and especially running the 2 camps at Bucklebury.

In line with the club's constitution, 2 committee members must stand down and be re-elected. This year Kate & Raychell stood down. They were re-elected as follows

Raychell Langan - proposed by T Boman
seconded by C Titchmarsh

Kate Dineen - proposed by L Watkin
seconded by J Allcroft

Committee 2020

Anne Watkin - Chair & ShowCross Captain
Tony Boman - Secretary
Dave Watkin - Treasurer
Linda Boman - Membership/Prix Caprilli Captain
Kate Dineen - Dressage Captain
Raychell Langan - Showing Captain
Jessie Alcroft - ShowJumping Captain and Camps.
Laura Watkin - Training & Course Maintenance
Carl Titchmarsh - Health & Safety.

AOB ... Nil

Date of 2020/2021 AGM 18/01/21

AGM closed at 8.30pm