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President- Sandra Davis

AGM Meeting Agenda

Date: Thursday 24 November 2022 **Time:** Arrival: 6:45 for 7:00pm start

Location: Dainton Golf Club, Totnes Road, Newton Abbot TQ12 5TN

Chair: Michelle Harris

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Committee Members

Name	Initials
Charlotte Allen	CA
Angela Howard Chappell	AHC
Michelle Harris	MH
Sue Milward	SMil
Mary Talbot-Rosevear	MTR
Elaine Cleverdon	EC
Kate Scott-Smith	KSS
Kelly Smith	KS
Alexis Marler	AM
Sue Minchinton	SMin
Clare Mann	CM
Lucinda Smith	LS
Becky Wright	BW
Ellie Stone	ES



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Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday 25 November 2021

Time: 7:15pm

Location: Dainton Golf Club

Chair: Annabel Ross

KEY POINTS

Item		Lead
	Present: Elaine Cleverdon, Mary Talbot-Rosevear, Susie Cullen, Angela Howard-Chappell, Sandra Davis, Annabel Ross, Kerry Welsh, Lisa Hill, Kate Scott-Smith, Fran Bullen, Cynthia Gillard, Sue Murphy, Carmen Shah, Kelly Smith, Rhiannon Tewson, Natasha Pow, Michaela Doyle, Bex Moore, Caroline Lee, Alex Bevan, Katie Parish, Barbara East, Vanessa Parish, Georgina Wright, Jeff Searle, Wendy Searle, Jenny Hall, Rose Burgess, Ellie Stone, Alexis Marler, Hannah Mann, Kate Brown, Sue Milward, Mimi Beer, Clare Mann, Anthony Kingman, Sue Minchinton, Lucinda Smith and Richard Hill.	
1	Welcome and Apologies	
	The Chair, Annabel Ross, welcomed everyone. Apologies were received from Becky Wright, Charlotte Allan, Michelle Harris.	
2	Minutes from previous meeting	
	The minutes of the previous AGM held on 11 November 2020 on Zoom were agreed as an accurate account of the meeting.	
3	Matters Arising	
	There were no matters arising.	
	<i>The Chair (AR) formally acknowledged Sandra Davis as President, which Sandra has graciously accepted. AR stated that due to Sandra's dedication the club is the success that it is today.</i>	
4	The Chair's Report	
	AR explained she had taken on the role of Chair as no one else could commit; but now her circumstances had changed, and she was resigning as of the AGM both as the Chair and a committee member. She said Hannah Lord and Carmen Shah had also resigned from the committee. She thanked them for their work and contributions to the committee; and looked forward to seeing them at future events. After a difficult year of national lockdown, the Club is thriving again with 146 members currently.	



	<p>AR Thanked the committee for their hard work organizing events that have been scheduled and well supported. She said she hoped members appreciated the subsidised clinics.</p> <p>Health and Safety Regulations and First Aid have become more onerous for all sporting events, including those organised by Riding Clubs. Kate Scott-Smith has been the club's competent and diligent Health & Safety Officer; but she is stepping down from that role, which is becoming ever more challenging. Because of Kate's resignation and no one has volunteered for the role, the committee have obtained a quote from a professional Health & Safety company, called Cheval Equestrian. The proposed cost to the club is £395 per annum. At future events the club will need to have professional First Aid personnel at a cost of £145-£250 a day unless club members hold the First Aid at Work qualification and could volunteer at club events.</p> <p>AR reported the Club was in a strong financial position; but these unavoidable costs could affect both the membership and entry fees. She said it is important to realise that £16 of the membership fee is sent to Riding Clubs Head Office to organise area competitions and other aspects of the Riding Clubs movement.</p> <p>AR reported the club was in a strong position financially, details of which will be revealed in the Treasurer's report. She warned, however, that unavoidable costs, such as the necessity to have a suitably qualified person at Riding Club events, could eventually affect both the membership and entry fees. It is important to note that £16.00 of the membership fee is payable to British Riding Clubs' Head Office for the organization of area competitions and other aspects of the Riding Clubs' movement.</p> <p>AR thanked the members for the recent online survey, which was created by Charlotte Allen. We had a 55.5% response to the survey, which was excellent; but also valuable as members offered suggestions for future activities; and reassuringly, members confirmed their preferences were already being organised.</p> <p>In conclusion, AR stressed to members that it is their club and encouraged everyone to get involved.</p>	
5	Area Qualifiers Report	
	<p>Becky Wright sent her apologies for the AGM but submitted her Team report, which Michelle read to the meeting.</p> <p>Despite the national lockdown, 2021 was another great year for the Club at national level.</p>	



The **Winter Dressage finals** were to include the rescheduled cancelled finals from 2020; and were cancelled just after lockdown was declared, so these went virtual instead.

It was a shame that our qualifiers from 2020 and 2021 didn't get to their championships. The circumstances were not easy because the lockdown meant some competitors could not access a school to practice in or record their test. Those who managed to record their entry, as usual, did the Club proud; and we thank them for competing in such difficult circumstances. The SDRC members who were competitors in the Winter Dressage Finals were: Emma Tremaine, Gill Glegg, Siobhan Murphy and Helen Cobbold.

The Arena Eventing Championships were moved from the March lockdown to the end of May, again making it difficult to practice. The Club was represented by:

70cm individuals: Jenna Glynn and Michelle Head (now Wallace-congratulations)

80cm: Alexis Marler, Vanessa Parish, Jenna Glynn (on 2nd horse) and Kerry Welsh.

80cm individual: Ellie Stone

100 Area Team: Hannah Mann and Charlie Hoare

Last minute substitution: Michelle who had a particularly great day by coming 2nd overall. Congratulations to all concerned.

At the **Horse Trials Finals** in August, the Club was represented by:

An 80cm team: Ellie Stone, Emma Tremaine, Jenna Glynn and Michaela Doyle. Hannah Mann came 2nd in the 100 class.

Recently, members have competed in the **Christmas Cracker Virtual Dressage** and the results are awaited. The event will be livestreamed.

At the **Arena Eventing Qualifiers**, the Club had a 70cm team, an 80cm, a 90cm and a 100cm individual. Annabel Ross is doing stewarding duty, which has been allocated to the Club. Winners of the 70 and 80, Becky Wright and Karen Long, will go forward to represent the Club at the National Finals next year.

The **Winter Dressage Qualifiers** took place on 20th November. SDRC in a team in the Novice and Intermediate Qualifiers; and many individuals as well. Subject to confirmation from Head Office, the Club hopes Elaine Cleverdon, Michelle Harris, Ellie Stone and Alison Luscombe will represent the Club at the National Finals next spring.

Becky stressed that everyone is welcome to compete in the Area Qualifiers and new people are always welcome.

Area Qualifiers are always more expensive than normal competition classes because our entry fees pay a portion towards organizing the finals. Sometimes, other clubs and Areas don't make this clear so our entries look more expensive than theirs; but we keep the cost to the absolute minimum for our members.



	<p>Finally, Becky thanked the committee for the sterling work the members do, and the moral and financial support provided to members who represent the Club; and the many others who support by behind the scenes and on the day of competition.</p> <p>Rosettes were presented to the following members: Alexis Marler, Charlie Hoare, Ellie Stone (2), Emma Tremaine (2), Gill Glegg, Hannah Mann (2), Helen Cobbold, Jenna Glynn (3), Kerry Welsh, Michaela Doyle, Michell Head/Wallace, Siobhán Murphy and Vanessa Parish.</p>	
6	Treasurer's Report	
	<p>Elaine Cleverdon outlined the main points as follows: Income -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members Subscriptions: It was gratifying to see a more normal level of £4276 as the subs had only been £700 in 2020 due to the Covid pandemic. This year, 2021, subscriptions were the highest for the past six years. • Sponsors: Thanks to Alexis's hard graft, sponsorship is still at a satisfactory level. • Events/Clinics/Camps: These events normally break-even; but this year made a loss. Subsidised clinics have been ongoing since the end of lockdown to encourage members to get back out training and competing. Arena hiring for such events has been hard to find since the loss of the Mare & Foal Sanctuary. • Sales of Arena Eventing Fences: This £650 is a one-off profit to the club and has helped to subsidise clinics. • Expenditure – • Team Expenses: This is a net cost to the club; but worth paying for the achievements by the teams. • Printing & Postage: These costs have disappeared due to use of email and the website. • Website Expenses: Many of these costs are offset by the saving on printing and postage. • Club Clothing: In previous years stock levels and values were a guesstimate. This year, however, stock has been better managed. It is considered that last year's stock figure was incorrect as evidenced by the adjustment shown in the accounts. • The Club has an overall profit of £2048, which is commendable considering the Covid restrictions. 	
7	Election of Committee Members	
	<p>There were no nominations to join the Committee'</p> <p>As reported by the outgoing Chair, Carmen Shah and Annabelle Ross have resigned from the Committee.</p>	



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8	Instructors' Awards	
	Mandy Frost nominated Caroline Lee Karen Lisk nominated Bex Moore Natalie Passmore nominated Mimi Beer Andrew Lovell nominated Shelagh Williams	
9	AOB	
	There was no other business raised. AR encouraged members to volunteer to help at the various events; and stressed that it was their club.	
10	Date of next committee meeting after the AGM	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 December 2021 at 7:30 p.m. at the Two Mile Oak, Ipplepen	