

**AREA 22 LIAISON COMMITTEE**  
**AREA MEETING – Sunday 19 March, 2017**  
**Double Tree by Hilton, Dundee**

**Present:** Marjory Norrie (Vice Chairman / Strathmore), Cecilia Gladwyn (Secretary / Training Officer), Alice Pullem (Treasurer), Deeside & District (Brenda Cameron), Findon (Dorothy Burnett), Stonehaven & District (Jennifer Mack and Debbie Wilkinson), Strathearn (Andi Bruce), Strathmore & District (Susan Thow / George Whitton), Tayside Dressage Group (Hannah Burns / Alicia Beveridge and Jacqui Murdoch)

Conference Call: Jacqui McAdam, Caledonian, Moray, Strathisla and Gordon Dressage Group.

**Apologies:** Buchan, Caithness, Fife, Forthview, Lewis & Harris, NERC, Orkney, Sutherland

In the absence of the Chairman, Marjory Norrie took the chair.

**1. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of 20 November 2016.**

Approved by: Hannah Burns

Seconded by: Dorothy Burnett

**2. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising from the previous Minutes.

**3. Chairman's Report**

- We are running a **Two Day First Aid Course** at **Inverurie** on the **17/18 March** for RC members and Volunteers This course is fully subscribed, Unfortunately due to a clash of dates the course due to be held at Howe Country Centre has had to be cancelled
- On **22 April** in conjunction with BRC we are hosting a **GRASS ROOTS SJ TRAINING DAY** with **PATRICK PRINT** at **NETHERTON BRIDGE OF EARN**. This follows on from the highly successful GRASS ROOTS XC TRAINING last year and it is hoped that this training will be available on an annual basis.
- The annual and ever popular **AREA 22 RC CAMP** is taking place at **BRECHIN CASTLE EQUESTRIAN** FROM **5TH-8TH MAY**. Also on the weekend of **20/21 May**, **STONEHAVEN AND DISTRICT RIDING CLUB** are once again hosting the **AREA DRESSAGE AND SHOW JUMPING QUALIFIERS** at **BRECHIN**.
- Unfortunately no club came forward to offer to host the **AREA HT QUALIFIERS** this year so the committee are taking on the running of the **HORSE TRAILS QUALIFIERS**. The competition will be at **SCOTSBURN** on the **3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE**. Area 1 who are also having difficulties finding a club to host have been invited to attend.
- The **DRESSAGE TO MUSIC QUALIFIERS** will be hosted by **LADYLEYS RC** on the **23<sup>rd</sup> JULY**
- In addition preparations are well underway for the annual **SADDLE UP INTERNATIONAL RIDING CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS** to take place at **AUCLISHIE** on the weekend of **SEPT 31/1 OCT**. Sponsorship has again been secured from Saddle Up International. A big Thank You to Cecilia for all her work in this

- Whilst it is always the intention of the committee to provide multi discipline training, mounted and unmounted, for our members, it is not always possible as so many of our clubs find it preferable to cover their own training needs at a local level.

However Area 22 are able to provide financial assistance through the provision of training grants and I am happy to report an encouraging increase in successful applications for these grants.

Since the start of the year 5 clubs have already met the criteria to receive a training grant and it is hoped that many more will take advantage of this financial aid.

For any help with applying for a grant or with ideas of what types of training you would like to see provided by Area 22 please do not hesitate to contact a member of the committee.

#### **4. Area 22 Rep's report**

Leigh introduced herself to those who had not yet met her personally.

There had been an official BRC stewards' training weekend / refresher held in February and Leigh and Teresa Cuthill (Findon) had gone as trainee stewards. Andi Bruce (Strathearn) had attended the weekend as her official refresher.

Leigh also to get clarification of insurance cover for non BRC members attending BRC events.

#### **5. Treasurer's Report**

Current financial position:

RBS Current a/c	£5242		
RBS Deposit Reserve a/c	£4131	Total	£9373

There were quite a few Clubs still to pay their area affiliation fee. Clubs who were applying for grants had to be chased to pay their fees before their grants could be paid. It was agreed that the closing date for payment of area affiliation fee of 28 April was too late and that in future years Clubs would be asked to pay their area affiliation fee by 28 February.

#### **6. Training Report**

- Training grants have been paid out to date to Orkney, Strathmore & District and Ladyleys
- BRC grant of £1000 had been received.
- An official BHS volunteers' first aid training course was held at the Fly Cup, Inverurie on 17/18 March and the course was full with 12 delegates attending. The outcome of a funding application from horsescotland was still awaited.
- The first aid course in Fife was cancelled due to lack of support. Another course to be looked at for the south of the area and see if a Saturday/Sunday or evening course could be organised.
- BRC grass roots SJ training had been organised at Netherton on 22 April with Patrick Print. Applications for this training had to be made direct to BRC.
- Safeguarding children workshops were to be organised for October

#### **7. Area Competition dates for 2017.**

- Dressage, Riding Test, Show Jumping and Style Jumping at Brechin on 20/21 May. Stonehaven & Area gave update as to where they were with the organisation of this event and everything was well in hand. Stonehaven confirmed that they will include the 70cm SJ class.

- Dressage to Music qualifiers will be held at Ladyleys on 23 July.
- The Area Committee had organised for the 2017 Horse Trials Q's to be held at Scotsburn, Invergordon on 3 June. This is the week after Scotsburn's own BE event so everything will more or less be in place. Area to organise all of the staff/personnel required to run the event and the north clubs had agreed to come on board and help where necessary. An agreement had been drawn up and signed between Area 22 and Scotsburn detailing where each area of responsibility lay.  
Findon had agreed that they would lend their timing equipment for the SJ.
- Country Ways would again sponsor the Team challenge competition at the event at Brechin.
- Sponsorship to be looked at for running a Team challenge for the dressage to music event at Ladyleys.

## 8. Area Camp 2017

Plans for camp were well under way and camp was already full with 40 applicants and there were 2 names on the wait list. Jacqui updated via conference call.

## 9. Scottish Riding Club Championships

The organisation of the Scottish Riding Club Championships was well under way but at this time, it was felt that there might be a problem with the sponsor. Cecilia to speak to Saddle up and ask that they commit now and sign the sponsorship agreement or give them the opportunity to withdraw if they felt that they were no longer in a position to sponsor the event. There was enough cash in the account to run in 2017 without sponsor but the situation would have to be monitored if sponsorship was lost for future years.

Findon and / or Stonehaven to look at hiring their SJ jumps so that a second SJ arena could be built so that 70 cm SJ class could be included in the schedule.

A suggestion was made to approach Aberdeenshire Jumps to see if they would be in a position to help with the supply of jumps.

## 10. Welfare Conference

Agreed that a Welfare conference was the way forward but due to the limited time available it was agreed that this should be planned for October 2018 rather than for this year.

Suggestions for topics for the welfare conference were euthanasia and the legal use of drugs / drug testing. **Clubs were asked to let the Secretary know of any topics they would like to include in the Welfare Conference and for this information to be sent to Cecilia by 30 June 2017.**

It was agreed that Perth UHI be approached to see if the conference could be held at that venue with links to their outreach venues such as Thurso being set up.

It was suggested that the welfare conference could perhaps be run as a joint venture with UHI.

## 11. PVG

Cecilia discussed the information that had been sent to Clubs from the BHS about individual Clubs creating their own PVG accounts with Horsescotland. It would appear that Clubs are still unclear as to what has to be done and Cecilia will contact all Club CSO's to help them complete the paperwork

required for this. Once a Club has its own account with Horsescotland then that Club can do their own checking of PVG's for volunteers within their Club. In the meantime Cecilia will check any PVG's that require to be done.

## **12. Communication**

It still looks as though some members are not receiving information being sent out from Area. We can only continue to use social media to communicate information to individual members. Clubs asked to encourage their members to "like" the Area 22 fb page and thereby they will get all the up to date information on that page.

Clubs informed that they can use the Area 22 fb page and web site for sending out details of any training etc. that they are organising provided that coaches etc that are used are compliant with full insurance, first aid, PVG etc.

## **13. Scottish Riding Club Committee**

There is a balance of approximately £4,500 in the Scottish Riding Club A/c. The Scottish Riding Club Committee had been set up to work with horsescotland after the BHS left that organisation. The BHS is now back in the umbrella of horsescotland so in effect the Scottish Riding Club Committee is no longer necessary.

Cecilia had been trying to get an AGM organised with Area 1 but to date had been unsuccessful in getting Area 1 to agree to a date.

The Committee agreed that a final date be given to Area 1 and that it would be the wish of this Committee that the funds in the account, and as stated in the constitution, should be split between the two areas in effect disbanding the Committee. However it was agreed that Area 22 would propose that the bank account be left open with say a balance of £50 in it just in case the need for the Committee to be resurrected should ever arise.

## **14. Eligibility of riders at BRC competitions**

A discussion took place about members being able to ride for different clubs at competitions. The Committee agreed that riders could only represent one Club in the calendar year at official BRC competitions (Area Q's and Area Non Q's). However there was nothing to stop riders riding for different clubs (provided they were a fully paid up member of that Club) at events such as the Scottish Riding Club Championships and / or local team invitation competitions.

## **15. Conference Calls**

4 Clubs and Camp Secretary took part in the Conference call facility organised for today's meeting. It cost £75 to hire the conference call phone etc. from the hotel.

Leigh said that the cost of a phone for conference calls would cost £150 but could possibly get a second hand one cheaper.

It was agreed that Area purchase their own 'phone as it would appear that the way forward for meetings in the future would be by way of conference calls.

## **16. Any other business.**

- If score sheets have to be forwarded to Clubs after an event has taken place, it was suggested that the score sheets be scanned so that there is still a copy on record should the situation arise when score sheets went missing in the post.
- Trailing reversing day was to be organised. Marjory to organise.
- Official BRC riding test judge / style jump judge training day to be looked at for 2017. Leigh to organise
- Clubs were asked to think about who would host the 2018 qualifiers and to let the Area know at the AGM in November.

**17. Date and venue of next meeting**

It was agreed that there would be no need to hold another meeting until the AGM in November. It was agreed that the AGM would be held in the Inverness area on 12 November. Cecilia to organise