

North East Fife Riding Club
Minutes of AGM 2019
Tuesday 27th Nov at Anstruther Bowling Club

1. Present :

Sam Dupen, Leona Stewart, Donna Deas, Sheilann Smith, Gwen Peddie, Fiona Stewart, Jenny Adams, Claire Gammie, Claire Johnstone, Emma Defew, Jen Roy, Debbie Haig, Jemma Christie

Apologies for absence :

Bertie Dixon, Lesley Howat, Jo Jack, Kate Grellier, Viv Wilson, Clare Peddie, Sarah Gillard, Kirsty Doig

2. Acceptance of 2018 minutes

2018 minutes accepted.

3. Chairman's report

- Chairman's report attached
- Thanks were given to committee and gifts presented.

4. Treasurers Report

- Copies of treasurer's report distributed before start of meeting.
- Significant profit from ODE, showing / show jumping show and instruction.
- Club clothing - still some jackets in stock.
- Affiliation fees have been increased based on membership from last year.
- Any blanks on sheet have been incorporated into other sections.
- In addition to report, Club trailer has recently been scrapped as beyond repair, sold for £300.

5. Presentation of Trophies

- New trophies recently purchased on display, Hunter trial class Highest Placed Member (3 trophies), Highest placed NEFRC member in supreme Championship at showing/show jumping show.
- Trophies are not engraved this year, recipients need to do this. When trophies are handed back engraved we will give £5 towards the cost of the engraving.

- Trophies and keepsake medals were then presented. (list of recipients in chairpersons report)

6. Increase in membership fees

- British Riding Clubs have increased affiliation fees.
- Discussion followed on swallowing fees for this coming year as bank balance is healthy - NEFRC have done this for past 2 years.
- Committee proposed a drop in cost of instruction to try to encourage members to participate, lessons would therefore be subsidised - favourable response from the floor.
- Discussion on how finance is used - container requires to be replaced, also some new plastic jumps.
- **Vote was then taken for increase in fees, unanimously in favour.**

7. Subsidised lesson initiative

- Further discussion on subsidised lessons for members.
- Suggestion for summer instruction at £10 outdoors and £15 indoors.
- Winter - £15 when 4 horses, £20 when 3 horses.
- It is hoped that more expensive instructors such as Erik Mackechnie and Kay Gebbie will also be subsidised. Committee will discuss.
- Suggestions from the floor for Elizabeth Leslie, Kirsty Aird, Diana Zyger, Sue Grice (£45per hr), Carol Stanley.
- A vote was taken for lessons to be subsidised and was carried unanimously.

8. Constitution changes

- Proposal to drop membership from 18 to 17 years old to bridge gap from pony club to riding club.
- The point was made that there are no legal obligations for age 17.
- Following discussion the proposal was carried unanimously.
- Proposer and seconder deleted from constitution.
- Agreement that anyone joining after the 1st September gets the balance of that year plus the following year for their fee.

9. Election of Office Bearers and Committee

- 3 committee members resigned prior to the AGM, Karen and Steven Heslop, Colleen MacRae. They were thanked by Sam Dupen.
- 2 new members joined committee - Gwen Peddie, proposed by Claire Johnstone and seconded by Jenny Adams. Claire Gammie, proposed by Fiona Stewart and seconded by Sheilann Smith.
- Other new committee members still required!!

10. Election of Auditor

- Marian Lamb has agreed to be Auditor for next year.

11. AOCB

- Jennifer Roy and Emma Defew raised the subject of communication within the club. Discussion followed, at present information goes via Facebook, Email and Website. Committee will investigate and make sure information is being passed on, especially Area 22 emails.
- Area 22 - More information to be communicated to members.
NEFRC Rep required at meetings.
Can we host Hunter Trial? Will discuss at committee level.
- Lucinda Russell yard visit - this is being organised for the new year. In addition, members asked if we take horses for gallop training? committee to ask.
- Winter SJ at Ovenstone is on once again. Initial dates have been sent to members with the new year dates to follow shortly. Will look at running instruction on these dates too.