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## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2024**

**THE VILLAGE HALL, GADDESBY LE7 4WF**

### **Agenda for AGM of Rearsby Lodge Riding Club 2024**

#### 1. Welcome and Apologies – Chairman

Sue welcomed everyone to Gaddesby village Hall, Nick our president. She asked the committee to introduce themselves.

Apologies: Kirsty Berry, Karen Holmes, Amber Hollingworth, Liz Lane Sharon Roscoe, Nick Bacon, Flea Vaughan, Linda Robbins, Isabel Widdowson, Lorrie McGowan, Georgina Rombaut-Sim, Linz Woodward Maria Buckley, Karen James, Ami Hanrahan, Alix Knight, Heather Elston Celia Dyson

Sue invited the Committee in attendance to introduce themselves to the members.

Sue McGrath - Chairman, club representative for Area 16, AE show organiser and clinic organiser.

Jacqui Ludlam – Secretary, keeps us up to date on BRC rules, and Jane Peberdy dressage clinics organiser, 1<sup>st</sup> Aider

Claire Atkins -Treasurer, 1<sup>st</sup> Aider, dressage shows organiser, dressage clinics organiser, and Dressage teams' manager.

Kate Hill – Membership secretary with Sport 80, Website and Social Media content, show jumping & AE shows organiser and 1<sup>st</sup> Aider.

Tracy Walker - Chair of Finance sub-committee and show jumping shows organiser.

Julie Carrier – H&S, trophy coordinator and show jumping shows organiser.

Jane Wood – General help with shows and events, 1<sup>st</sup> Aider, ran the Charity event this year.

Becca Smith- Safe Guarding officer, organises the Working Equitation clinic and help with many shows and camp.

Sandy Cornwall –Organisers all our social/non-riding events, 1<sup>st</sup> Aider, and 2023 camp organiser)

Lucy Roberts - Junior and senior camp organiser.

Hayley Horn- Senior camp organiser, set up Clothing online shop, organises Side-Saddle clinics and IT for AGM presentations.

## 2. Minutes of the previous AGM Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Agreed Proposed - Sandy Cornwall

Seconded - Jane Corral

## 3. Matters Arising

One item mentioned in the 2023 AGM. There have been changes brought in by BRC about how to join any Club. Members now go through the Sport 80 website on line. This necessitated some changes needed to our Rearsby Lodge Constitution. The members agreed to all the proposed word changes put forward.

Constitution revision – Proposed- Carol Davis

Seconded - Kat Auckland

## 4. Chair's Report

Sue expressed her thanks to the committee who have supported her throughout the year. Their enthusiasm and new ideas have resulted in so many activities taking place.

She continued to say that we are an evolving and developing Club, offering a wide range of activities and training to members, whether competitive or non-competitive riders. We encourage members to enjoy their horses and ponies in a supportive and friendly environment.

We now have 200 members (36 juniors and 164 seniors, 5 of which are social)

She thanked members for managing to navigate the Sport 80 website to join us, which was not always straightforward. Hopefully this year's renewal will be much easier.

The Club is so lucky to have a pool of excellent trainers, including Jane Peberdy, Jane Carruthers and new to the Club, Ben McClumphia for Flatwork. Jane P and Jane C clinics take place on a monthly basis. Thanks to Jacqui and Liz for organising and running these.

Jo Holmes-Cole and Sam Hobbs have continued to hold regular jumping clinics including pole work, show jumping, arena eventing and cross country.

Since the last AGM quadrille sessions had taken place fortnightly weather permitting, up until the end of March. At this point the regular quadrille riders set up a new and independent Club separating away from RLRC. We wish them every success with this new venture.

Hayley has organised side saddle taster sessions which were very popular. Feedback: it's harder than it looks!

Becca has also run a Working Equitation clinic which was very popular and a lot of fun. More of both these activities are being planned for next year. The Club has also continued with

our Dani Olding motivational evenings. She is very helpful in providing tips for overcoming nerves and creating a positive attitude to our approach.

There have been sessions run on "Roo" the mechanical horse based in Wymonham. They have proved popular for all members.

Junior and Senior camps were run very successfully at Aylesford this year.

Junior members had a 2 day camp including an overnight stay. Lucy and Kirsty ran this. Trainers were Jo Holmes – Cole and Rachel Fairbrother who did an amazing job.

Senior Camp was run over 3 days at the end of July. Sandy, Lucy and Hayley ran this one. Sue expressed her thanks to everyone who had done a great job. They had fantastic trainers in Wade Barley, Jane Wallace, Sam Hobbs and Ben McClumpha.

A visit to Oakham vets was organised by Sandy in July, a joint venture with Rutland Riding Club. It was a great success with members having a very informative evening.

The highlight of the Year was the very successful Charity Event. Planned and organised by Jane Wood. It was held at Aylesford to raise funds for the Air Ambulance, in memory of former RLRC member, Caroline Harvey. She had sadly died 10 years ago following a riding accident. Well over £2000 was raised, a fantastic effort by Jane and all of her helpers.

There is a write up in the latest edition of Rider Magazine, plus mention of RLRC's endurance team on the previous page.

We thank the Walker family at Aylesford for being so supportive and helpful to the Club in so many ways.

This year we also ran

7 Dressage shows, 2 show jumping shows and 3 arena eventing competitions.

Our show jumping was used as a qualifier for the Sunshine Tour and Ava Brearley went to Hickstead to jump, an amazing experience for her. Sue thanked all the organisers and Claire and Kate for doing so much work in the background.

RLRC Teams have been representing the Club in many disciplines this year, a special mention to our 90cm HT team who won at the National Championships. With so many members bringing on young horses, it's looking good for the future.

Sue expressed her grateful thanks to all the Team Managers, Gilly, Celia, Rachel and Claire. They have supported the Club in all weathers. As has been said before the Club must send volunteers to help run the qualifiers and the more teams entered the more people must go. We are very grateful to members and friends who have given their time to do this. Club

shows also need volunteers to help. Thanks must go to the First Aiders who without their time the shows could not go ahead.

Grateful thanks go to Kate who does a brilliant job for keeping the website up to date, emailing members and getting Club information out on the social media sites.

There is now a Facebook page for Members, idea from Hayley. Here members can contact each other informally for chat, arranging hacks etc.

2025 is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the RLRC and there are lots of exciting things planned.

1. Subscriptions for Seniors will be kept the same.
2. Fantastic specially designed rosettes for the year.
3. Sponsorship for the Points League.
4. Gillian Higgins (Horses Inside Out) evening Demo in June – free to all members.
5. New Club Clothing and accessories range.

The Committee would always welcome more ideas to consider for other activities.

Proposed - Carol Davis

Seconded - Tracy Walker

#### 5. Treasurer's Report and appointment of the Auditor for 2025

##### **RLRC ACCOUNTS 2023-2024**

Membership we had 200 members, with 35 Juniors, 160 Seniors, 5 Social.

In 2023 we paid BRC £24 per member; this is now increasing to £25 per member for 2025. Membership now runs from when you join – if you joined today your membership now expires on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

Due to the BRC increasing the affiliation fee and running of shows ie venue hire, judges fees etc. Membership for 2025 will be as follows:- £38 for seniors, £30 juniors, £25 for social members and £88 for family membership.

Membership Income looks much less than last year but the BRC fee of £24 per member is taken off by Sports 80 and sent direct to BRC not like in the past when we paid BRC annually for their fee. We have a transaction fee of £1 we pay to Sports 80 which is also increasing to £1.25 from 1<sup>st</sup> January.

Show jumping Shows have made a profit of £485.51. Unfortunately, we had to cancel the October show due to lack of entries.

Dressage – has made a profit of £1165.53 – Dressage shows have struggled this year with only 35 entries in October. Judges now can charge up to £1.50 per rider and they also include any W/D in their costs.

Aylesford is £75/hour for both arenas – this cost also includes them clearing the jumps off their SJ arena.

Arena Eventing made a good profit of £1209.41

Training/Clinics – have been successful making a profit of £1061, due to really having some non members come to our clinics and paying the extra £5 to train.

Team Fees are made up of 2 parts: Prelim fee which is paid direct to BRC for admin costs etc and the area fee which goes to the area to run the qualifier. When we enter teams and individuals to BRC we cannot get the fee back if someone withdraws.

This year members have paid the prelim fee and the area fee. All members who received wildcards to the Championships have paid their entry. The Club has been very successful and had numerous teams and individuals going to Championships throughout the year and as in previous years the Club has paid the Championship fee so this is why we have expenditure of £1371.(difference)

We are very lucky we have so many great equestrian venues in our area but obviously this comes at a price and unfortunately Arena UK is now out of the areas price range and that is why they are using Epworth as it is cheaper, they set up everything and are easy to deal with.

We had very successful junior and senior camps and only made a slight loss.

Equine Affairs – every transaction not entered through My Riding Life whether cash, or BACS add an additional booking fee of £1.50.

Social Events – We have had quite few social events this year from talks to visits.

Affiliation Fees & Insurance – Payment to BRC and Area 16.- difference from last year due the fees now being taken off at source.

Travel Expenses – This is mainly from either Team Managers or helpers attending qualifiers and championships. We have to send volunteers to help at all qualifiers &

championships. The more qualifiers we enter teams for the more volunteers we need to attend.

Charity Event was very successful and all the profit was sent to the Air Ambulance.

AGM Expenditure – this year we have bought 5 new cups as some of the cups were old/broken or the cup was full.

Misc Expenses – Disposable cups, First Aid supplies, Sunshine Tour info etc  
Gifts – wine/flowers etc for trainers etc

We have stock of approximately £450 worth of rosettes and we have a stock of the new dressage scoresheets (£130)

**Excess Income over Expenditure - £1,567.80**

Bank Balance as at 28<sup>th</sup> November - £11,164.65

Accounts – Proposed - Becca Smith

Seconded- Jacqui Ludlam

Claire proposed Emily Hedger to be auditor for the ensuing year. All members agreed

Proposed - Claire Lowbridge

Seconded - Sandy Cornwall

## 6. Other Reports

Team Reports -

Endurance - Gilly Hasberry showed us the winner's trophy that the Rearsby Rebels had won at the National Championships. It had been a combined team of RLRC and Atherstone. She said that was very happy to talk to anyone who would like to try this sport and perhaps a full team of RLRC could compete next year.

Rachel Frew Team Manager – said that it had been a very good year for the jumping teams.

Jumping Championship highlights

We had 3 teams at the Winter show jumping championships, 70cm junior team who were 10th. 90cm junior team who were 6th and an individual 3rd for Jolie, and a 100cm team who were 9th. And a 80cm senior team

We had a 90cm senior team at the arena eventing championship .At 80cm Jess Gray was 6<sup>th</sup>.

At the Summer show jumping championships we had a 90cm team who were 3rd and individuals at 70cm, 100cm and 105cm.

We had a 90cm team at the Combined Challenge who finished 6th and individuals at 80cm and 100cm.

### **Dressage and Jumping Teams Report for 2024 from Claire**

#### **BRC National Dressage to Music Champs - Friday 8th March at Bury Farm...**

Claire Lewis competed in the Elementary Music on Friday doing a lovely test coming 16th with 68.65% out of 32.

Pair Hilary Bowerman & Becca Smith did fantastic coming 10th with 66.07%

Claire Lewis competed on Saturday in the Novice with Points, was first to go and got a fab score of 70% coming 3rd just 2 marks behind 1st out of 28.

#### **BRC Intermediate Championships at Arena UK in April.**

We had numerous seniors competing who all did well especially Eva Carrier coming a fantastic 3rd in Elementary 42.

Juniors Libby Donger and Ruby Martin in rather atrocious conditions both did really well considering the arenas had lakes running through them.

#### **RLRC also took part in:**

##### **Summer Dressage Qualifiers at Epworth**

##### **Combined Training Qualifier at Caythorpe**

#### **BRC National Championships at Lincoln Showground - 31st August...**

It was a long and great day at the champs

Hannah Parr was a fantastic 3rd in her Novice test and getting her wish with a mounted presentation at the Championships. Pairs Becca Smith and Hilary Bowerman came joint 9th after doing a great test!

#### **BRC Intro Qualifier at Elms Farm Caythorpe - 15th September...**

A super day for the team of Alice Springett-Smith, Rachel Frew & Becca Smith who did a brilliant job and WON!

Dressage to Music Pair Hilary Bowerman & Becca Smith have also qualified for the Music Finals.

#### **Winter Dressage Qualifier at Epworth**

A rather wet and windy qualifier but all our members made the journey to Epworth and did a fantastic job. Great to have some new senior members taking part a shame there were no juniors having a go.

Individual tests - [Hannah Parr](#) with Boss WON her Prelim arena

Intermediate Teams - Roses - [Becca Smith](#), Gillian Hasberry and Will, Sue Buxton & Hannah Parr (Colin). WON.

Tulips Team - Heather Elston, [Hannah Dury](#), Hannah Parr (Boss), Gillian Hasberry (Grainne) were 2ND on the same score as the Roses - 3 scores count BUT when level on points the 4th member score counts.

[Hannah Parr](#) and Boss WON Prelim 3 as well and will be through the Champs, Hannah also WON Novice 2 with Colin, Sue Buxton WON the Elementary, Heather Elston 7th, Gillian Hasberry then WON Novice 3 with Grainne with Hannah P 2nd. Sue Buxton also WON the Medium Class.

### **Some new rules next year**

Riding Test and Style Jumping are being removed and will be replaced by 60cm SJ and Intro Dressage

Senior Open Dressage will be changed to Mixed Open Dressage.

All Combined Training classes will become mixed.

Prelim & Novice with jumping 60cm, 70cm, 80 and 90cm.

## 7. Election of the Committee

There have been 3 resignations this year. Jules Johnson, Celia Dyson, and Anette Whitehouse.

12 committee members are standing for re-election. The Constitution allows for 16

These committee members were voted on as a block. Sue said that new members would be welcomed and that there is space for more. Claire Lowbridge said that she was new and would recommend it as fun thing to be a part of.

Proposed - Carol Davis

Seconded –Rachel Higginbotham

## 8. AOB

Nick Staines (our President) commented on perhaps having more show jumping training on grass. Training on arenas can give problems at Championships at Lincoln where the classes are all on grass. He recommended studs in front being important. He also said that a lot of the fun seems to have been taken out of Show Jumping and perhaps as a Club we could look at adding different classes. He would be happy to help with a show and a jump off. Also consider a Top score or a joker fence or Pairs class.



Kerry Donger asked if the Club shows could include could we have two intro tests. Carol Davis said that the later copies of the new dressage tests have been revised so it's important to read them very carefully.

The meeting closed. 7.55pm

The evening continued with Awards and Presentations.