

BRC AREA 19 LIAISON GROUP MEETING

25th OCTOBER 2011

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- 1. Apologies:** Lyd Valley, South Devon, Lisa Davey.
- 2. Attendees:** Camel Valley, Cornwall Trec, East Cornwall, Foxworthy Beacon, Holsworthy and District, Mid Devon, Newquay, South Brent, Threewaters.

Caroline Wills, Rhian Roberts, Sue Gurney, Jane Fisher.

- 3. Election of Area Officials:**

Secretary: Rhian Roberts

Treasurer: Sue Gurney

Vice Chair: Lisa Davey

Proposed: Ines Penning Seconded: Jane Gordon

No other officials were elected due to the approved two year rotation.

- 4. Minutes of the last Meeting:**

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as being a true record.

Proposed: Jan Rakshani Seconded: Andy Reeve.

- 5. Matters Arising:**

Website : Now live and populated plus a Facebook page.

No feedback to Andy Reeve's suggestion from the Clubs, therefore it has not been progressed.

Apologies were given as the proposed April meeting did not happen due to other commitments.

Ines asked whether the Holsworthy suggestion of a regional championship could be followed up.

- 6. Treasurers Report:**

Attached as supplied by Sue Gurney. The accounts begin with the Festival of the Hunter Qualifier 2010 and end with the Festival of the Hunter Qualifier 2011. Unfortunately the accounts for 2009/2010 were incomplete and thus the two periods are not truly comparable. However, next year a true comparison will be available.

In summary the last year's accounts showed a surplus of £1119.21 and the Group has £2386-53 in their current account.

Proposed: Andy Reeve Seconded: Janet Owen to adopt the accounts as presented.

Thank you to Sue for producing the accounts.

7. Qualifiers 2011

Winter Dressage @ Duchy College - Well run by East Cornwall, thank you.

Winter Novice Indoor Showjumping @ Duchy College - Run well by the Area.

Summer Dressage @ St Leonards - Well run by the Venue and Tavy Valley, thank you. Competitors should, however, remember that even with 4 rings running and quick scoring there will inevitably be a long wait till results are confirmed due to sheer numbers.

Summer Showjumping @ Chyverton - Run by Threewaters, thank you. Nice courses providing a good preparation for the Championships. It was agreed that running two arenas is organisationally easier and shortens the day for all concerned..

Horse Trials @ Southcott - Well run by the Venue, thank you. There were some initial timing hiccoughs, but all soon ironed themselves out. Comments regarding the course maybe being too lenient this year but as explained the previous year it was a considered too hard by many riders therefore it was felt the balance was much better, all qualifying competitors acquitted themselves well at the Championships. Clubs should remind their helpers and competitors about the presence of horse flies at this venue at this time of year and make sure that they are prepared.

Festival of the Hunter Challenge @ Chyverton - Run by the Area. Disappointingly there were low entries again to this event. The ground conditions were nigh on perfect. Holsworthy asked why this event is always run in October and not earlier. BRC states that it must be held between 1st October and 31st March. The meeting asked that Jane feedback to BRC HQ that it considered the title of "Festival of the Horse Challenge" is misleading. Thank you to Chyverton for their support to run this event.

8. Forthcoming Rule Changes:

Jane briefly reported on the following proposed rule changes (NOTE : care should be taken as these proposals have not yet been ratified by the National Executive Committee and therefore may not become lawful) –

Reserves for Championships – may not have to be named prior to attending.

Junior/Senior – juniors will become senior members on the attainment of their 18th birthday. Eligibility for competing will be age at close of prelim entry. POST MEETING NOTE: this proposal was not adopted therefore the rules remain extant

Clarification of the number of days the course must not be used prior to competition.

Hat tagging is to be rolled out at area qualifiers this year, but may only be done by trained stewards.

Riding Test marking is to be altered to concentrate on collective marks not individual movements.

There are other minor changes, loophole closures and spelling corrections too numerous to mention, but these will be confirmed or not and made available in the next secretaries' update.

New Rule Books will be available and sent out to Clubs in due course.

If any clubs have any suggestions for rule changes please can they direct them to Lindsey at BRC HQ with a copy to Jane.

9. Qualifiers 2012

Winter Dressage - East Cornwall @ Duchy College on 5th February 2012.

Winter Novice Indoor Showjumping - Area @ Duchy College on 26th February 2012.

Summer Dressage - Venue and Tavy Valley @ St. Leonards on 22nd July 2012 – to be confirmed. Ines asked if it would be possible to run another ring as a warm up competition for Prelim competitors. It was agreed that Mid Devon and Tavy Valley should discuss the logistics in the first instance.

Summer Showjumping - Threewaters @ Chyverton on 17th June 2012.

Horse Trials - Southcott @ Winkleigh – tbc POST MEETING NOTE - 24th June 2012 .

Festival of the Hunter Challenge - Area to organise @ Chyverton on 21st October 2012.

10. Additional Competitions/Events:

A discussion was had regarding the holding of an inter-area challenge in dressage and showjumping this year. Potential for the additional ring at the summer dressage qualifier to be the dressage challenge. Alternatively could this be incorporated into the combined training/Royal Windsor qualifier. To be confirmed.

Combined Training and Royal Windsor Qualifier – Colraine 10th March 2011 (Please note, no first or second rounds, dressage test not a riding test, top score jumping with first three qualifying and will form a team for Royal Windsor Qualifier and combined training is team competition; 2 x Prelim + 75cm and 2 x Novice + 80cm with Championships at Aston Le Walls).

11. Area training:

The judge's training day at Cholwell held earlier in the year was a success with all guinea pigs passed and receiving certificates and increasing our examiner's pool.

There was good feedback from the training clinics with Richard Waygood at Chyverton. Unfortunately, due to lack of ticket sales the evening lecture/demo did not go ahead. It was agreed that this is repeated with Area 19 running the lecture/demo and not the venue. The weekend of 2nd/3rd March 2012 has been booked with Chyverton for the training and Barguse for the lecture/demo. Thanks were given to Threewaters who had originally booked that date at Chyverton, but have agreed to give it up in our favour. It is hoped that due to training grants the charges will be kept to a minimum.

We have received grant funding for a riding test and style jumping training day and competition, but no date or venue has been agreed yet.

Offers were invited for any further training that clubs felt would be valuable.

12. AOB:

A watch was left at the Festival of the Horse qualifier and is waiting to be claimed.

Holsworthy invited Area 19 clubs to "Ride the Ruby Country" – 5 different rides around Cookworthy Forestry. Caroline will get the details and pass onto the club reps for feeding to their members.

Holsworthy outlined the problems that they encountered at Hartpury Championships this year where they were given incorrect information by Officials which resulted in them not competing when they could have done. Jane asked that they contact BRC HQ direct, copying her in, with their grievance and she will take the subject up at National Executive level at their next meeting.

Jane stressed that the onus is on the Clubs and their competitors to know the rules of any particular competition and that reliance upon volunteer officials to know the rules isn't acceptable. She offered to visit and go through the rules with any interested clubs to avoid any similar situations.

Ines enquired about arena championships at the Winter Dressage competition.

Caroline Wills proposed with Sue Joy Keeping seconding that affiliation fees for 2011/2012 be waived, all in agreement. Any clubs who have had teams representing them at area qualifiers, but who have not paid their 2010/2011 fees will be asked to forward their cheques.

The BRC club affiliation fees of £135 for <80 and £155 for >80 plus £10 per member will now be on a set 12 months period with membership cards being sent direct to the member from a central mailing house with the end date set as 31st December.

The meeting asked for thanks to be given to the area committee and Jane for their hard work throughout the year.

Thanks were also given to Ines for sorting out the rosettes throughout the year.

13. **DONM:** Early April 2011 – actual date, time and location to be confirmed.
14. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45pm.