

CHOBHAM & DISTRICT RIDING CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Monday 13th February 2023
Held at Chobham Parish Pavilion, Station Road, Chobham, Surrey, GU24 8AJ

MINUTES

Attendees: 30 members were present including all the committee.

Apologies: Sam McLaren, Emily Owen, Claudia Corner, Florence Bradford, Sarah Leno

1. Minutes from the previous AGM

Agreed and signed Charlotte Knight approved and Amie Fitzsimons seconded.

2. Chairman's Report

Sara Green presented her report see Appendix A for the report.

3. Treasurer's Report

Nick Valvona (Treasurer) presented his report for the 2022 financial year see Appendix B for the report.

The report was circulated to members with the Notice of AGM ahead of the meeting. Claire Webber proposed the report and Malcom Hunt seconded.

4. Teams Report

See Appendix C

5. Election of committee members

As provided for in the Club Constitution, one third of the committee must stand down each year. This year Claire Valvona, Nick Valvona and Elizabeth Hillier- Sinclair retired and are not standing for re-election.

Four nominations for new members. Emma Bishop, Clare Webber, Samantha Dean and Amie Fitzsimons were voted in by all at the meeting as new committee members. All members who submitted votes were in favour.

6. Any other business

James Parker congratulated Marci Gough on being such a great team manager and pulling in so many members. He asked if CDRC subsidise any of the team entry fees. Response - CDRC pay the pre entry fee for qualifiers.

Aime Fitzsimons asked if members that take part in teams can purchase team numnahs. Response - It is already in motion and hopefully will be ready for arena eventing, Sandra Hewitt is managing on behalf of the club. Charlotte Knight asked that any members who send in vaccination record to enable them to compete on teams make sure the record starts from the very beginning so they can be checked according to BRC requirements.

Nick Valvona encouraged members to put as much details as possible in when

sending online payment. It was suggested that we issue codes in advance for each event that can be used as payment references.

The formal business of the AGM concluded and the meeting moved on to presentation of the trophies for 2022.

7. Trophy winners

CDRC Trophy Winners 2023

Summer Show

Joint winners – Charlotte Knight and Emily Owen - 17 points

Runner up – Marci Gough, 10 points

Dressage Trophy

Joint Winners – Frances Milnes and Marci Gough – 10 points

Runner up Alice Scott – 9 points

Dressage Highest %

Winner – Marci Gough 71.54%

Runners up – Jane Shepherd 71.3 and Lola Rega 71.14

Floyd Trophy for overall points

Winner – Marci Gough 20 points

Runners up – Charlotte Knight and Emily Owen – 17 points

Flatwork Progression - Vicki Smout

Jumping Progression - Stacey Bishop

Foss Trophy - Nominations

Marci Gough

Marci took over as team manager last year and has encouraged all to participate, with huge successes at regional and national competitions. Marci has often stayed on at events to support other members as well as sorting out all the entries and paperwork.

Liz Hillier-Sinclair

For her dedication and commitment to the club organising training, supporting team and most importantly organising and running the camp. This is sometimes a thankless task and often results in personally missing out to help others.

Not only does she organise some great training, she is also a brilliant team player, most notably at Priory in November last year when she left the yard in the dark, in a storm, and competed in the most horrendous weather to help the dressage team come 2nd

Claire & Nick Valvona

Claire and Nick were fundamental in ensuring the club was able to return its current status after a period of decline. Despite moving to the New Forest, Claire and Nick have continued their role on the committee supporting from afar and attending the competitions.

Voting results

Winner – Liz Hillier-Sinclair - 58.3%

Claire & Nick Valvona – 22.2%

Marci Gough – 19.5%

CDRC AGM 13 February 2023

Chair's report

Welcome to the 2023 AGM for Chobham & District Riding Club and thank you for attending.

2022 has been an active year with over 30 training sessions, 3 shows and 4 other events run. We ended the year with 126 members, a very healthy total.

The training sessions have included the ever-popular Flatwork sessions with Suzanne Holt, Polework and Jumping with Tracey Cooper, Showing and Working Hunter/Jumping with Aime Fitzsimons.

Many thanks to those who organised these sessions, Liz, Paul, Amelia and Aime. Also thanks to Celia Macalister who has allowed us to use Larkenshaw as a base for the flatwork sessions, Tracey for use of her facilities and Aime for making Poplar Grove available.

There were also some one-off sessions including the Formation Riding that took place at 12 Oaks, Cross Country at Tweseldown and Groundwork with Ella Louise Mayhead. The unmounted Pilates series taken by Ali Williamson was popular and it is continuing, supplemented by a Fitness "Boot Camp" introduced for this year.

Our Charity Show in June was well attended and we were able to make donations of £1,650 to Quest RDA and £500 to Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance. That show needs a lot of helpers, so thank you to everyone who came along, whether for a few hours or all day, your help is much appreciated. Special mention must go to Paul, who masterminded the show organisation, and Amelia, the Show Secretary.

The May dressage show made a small loss, but we were back in profit again for the October dressage. It was good to see members competing in all classes at the latter show, and we had the most number of teams since we've been running these shows, with 11 coming forward for this friendly competition. Thank you to Malcolm who was responsible for getting judges and helpers and keeping us fed during the day.

Due to Claire & Nick's departure to the New Forest, and Langshot no longer being available for parking, we were unable to run formal Orienteering. We did coordinate 2 sessions around Woolgars Farm before it closed last September, which were enjoyed by those who attended. I'm pleased to say that we have two volunteers who will set courses at different locations this year, so Orienteering will be back.

Finally, one of our flagship events in the last few years has been the Summer Camp. This year it moved to Rosehill, near Henley on Thames, and I have it on good authority that attendees thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Many thanks to Liz, Caroline and Amelia who spent many hours putting this together. With Liz stepping down from the Committee we were thinking of giving Camp a break this year, but enthusiasm from the membership has lead to volunteers coming forward to put in the work.

None of this would be possible without the continuing hard work of your Committee – Amelia, Caroline, Claire, Liz, Malcolm, Nick, Paul and Sophie. I'd like to give all of them formal thanks on your behalf.



Treasurer's Report 2022

I'm happy to report that in addition to the £2,150 Donations your Club has made in 2022, a profit of £495 has been returned as a result of 3 Shows, 4 smaller Events, and a whopping 49 Team and Training Events. We derive no income from the Teams and Training Events but the sheer number that have been organised is worth a mention and an acknowledgement of the hard work done by the committee members who make this possible. This £495 is overstated by £82 due to invoices not being presented in time.

Club Costs

Were less than the previous year and reflect the final cost of the Club re-branding, the purchase of the Foss Trophy and some small gifts for those who have freely given their time to the club for lectures etc. Sadly, no committee members were recipients of these gifts!

HSBC continue to charge a minimum of £5 per month and this year's charges were £61. The NWB account costs nothing to run, so at the moment there are no plans to change the banking arrangements.

Website costs have not gone up in 5 years at £38. Obviously Talk Talk have not heard of Ukraine and Covid, unlike the BHS.

Accruals

We have accrued £2,730 for the 2022 Insurance and Affiliation Fees as this will be paid during the 2023 Financial Year, the £240 Venue Hire for Merrist Wood for 2023 Dressage Shows, the £1,388 Subscriptions received in advance for 2022, £627 for Pre Paid Training, £62 in Team Entries, £200 Unpaid invoice, and the £281 for the "stock" of Rosettes and Dressage Sheets.

Audit

The attached CDRC Accounts for the Year 2022 have been Audited & Signed Off as Correct by Mr. Mike Godfree for which we are again very grateful.

Membership

Sadly the Committee have decided to increase Membership Rates for 2023 by the extra £5 imposed by BHS. As I wrote last year, I understand our are amongst the lowest rates in the BHS network, and only your continued support can allow us to keep them this low, so I would like to give a big "Thank You" to the Membership for your continued support.

Nick Valvona
Treasurer

Appendix C

Team Report AGM 2023

It's been a great year for our teams and individuals competing at riding club competitions. I won't go through all the individual competitions as there have been so many, but I have had a look at a few statistics so here goes. We competed at at least 12 different competitions these included virtually all the different types of competitions available, including dressage, dressage to music, pairs dressage, riding test, showjumping, combined training, combined challenge, arena eventing and horse trials. We qualified for six finals including dressage, dressage to music, pairs dressage and arena eventing. 28 senior members and seven junior members have been in teams or competed as individuals that's almost a third of a membership which I think is fantastic and it would be great to get even more people involved this year. For anyone wishing to complete this year, please remember to send updated horse vaccination details to Charlotte night. Also there are new hat rules in this year so all hats will need to be tagged with the new pink tag. There are competitions at most levels, so if you are interested please just let me know. Thank you.

Camp 2023

I'd just like to say a few words about a possible camp this year. We've had some fantastic camps over recent years and a number of people have asked if there will be a camp this year. As we know, it takes a huge amount of effort to organise camp, and Liz has done a fantastic job over the past couple of years, along with Amelia and Caroline. With Liz stepping down it will be a hard act to follow! However, we are delighted that Donna still, Emma Bishopp and Leanne Alexander have agreed to join Amelia and Caroline in organising camp this year. If there is anyone else who would like to be involved then please let us know. We hope that a good number of people will be interested in attending camp this year, and we will try to get a date and then you sorted out as soon as possible so that you can get it in your diaries.