

## Bucklow Trafford Riding Club AGM 2022

Flixton Golf Club Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022 1930hrs

Committee Member Attendees

Elaine Weir – EW

Nic Hudson – NH

Nick Hayler – NH1

Amanda Holloway – AH

Sorayah Holloway – SH

Sophie Rodgers – SR

Sarah Paley – SP

Ben Paley – BP

Bree Lanyon – BL

Gary Livingston – GL

Anne Crier – AC

### 1. Welcome to AGM

NH / EW welcomed attendees to the meeting and thanked all for their support to the club over a difficult past two seasons.

### 2. Finance Report

NH1 gave a summary of accounts;

2020 – we had just three shows due to Covid but still made a small profit of over £500

2021 – shows a loss of £1200 which is misleading as we had larger expenses over the year due to spending £4800 on a new storage trailer and £1200 on jump improvements. We now have assets to show for the spend through the year.

### 3. Matters Arising

#### **EW – Committee Members Election**

Committee Member Role	Nomination	Proposer	Seconder
President	EW	NH	AC
Chair	EW	NH	EC

Vice Chair	NH	EW	NH1
Club Secretary	SP	AC	NH
Treasurer & Membership	NH1	EW	AH
Club Points / Qualifiers Secretary	SR	EW	NH
Show Day Secretary	AH	NH	EW
Social Media	SP / AC / SR / AC	EW	BP
Rosettes and Trophies	AC	NH	NH1
Website / Schedule	NH / NH1	BP	EW
Sponsorship	NH / JW	AH	SP
Show Day Set Up Arrangements	BP / GL	SP / SL	AC / NH1
Other Committee Members	JW	NH	BL

New committee member Jenny Wellens voted onto the committee to undertake the role of sponsorship.

### **Membership Fees**

NH – suggested membership fees to remain the same as 2021.

Entry prices for entries on the day to increase in price in order to encourage people to do pre-entries online as it makes the Show Day Secretary's role a lot easier on the day.

The committee agreed that it should only be members eligible to compete in the championships. However competitors can become a member on the day of the show however this must be before their eligible class.

NH – confirmed that we have sponsors for most things for 2022 already other than a sponsor for the prize money for supreme champion at the end of the season. If a sponsor cannot be found for this it may be funded by the club.

NH – entries on the day has changed so that the rider is given a slip by the SHS which they have to take to the ring steward to get added to the sheet.

### **Any Other Business**

AH – proposed that we should look at back numbers for the dog show. This was agreed by committee.

SR – asked if there was someone else who could take over the ordering / purchasing / distributing of clubs clothing merchandise. SP agreed to take this on.

**Action 1 – NH** – to arrange the purchase of back numbers for the dog show.

AH – said that a larger area should be considered for the dog show and this was agreed.

**Action 2 – BP / GL** – on pre-show set up / equipment check at the show field to look at a larger area for the dog show.

GL – suggested a pre-show work party to be arranged to check equipment and undertake any repairs / adjustments before first show.

**Action 3 – all committee** – arranged for Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March from 1030hrs.

GL – suggested a board for on top of the pallets would be helpful for storage / to prevent injury.

**Action 4 – NH1 / NH** – have something suitable at their yard and will bring.

BL – suggested that although it is not mandatory for members to assist with a show set up / take down we should be asking members to commit to one of these a year to assist the committee. This was agreed and that it should be posted on social media prior to every show to encourage assistance.

**Action 5 – BL / SP / SR / AC** – to create a post prior to each show to ask for volunteers and create a WhatsApp group with relevant numbers.

NH – discussed moving the old entries caravan to make way for the new storage trailer and the old caravan to be sold (for scrap if no other interest). Rachel from Dairyhouse agreed that she would find somewhere to store the old caravan temporarily until it could be sold.

BP – asked if the field could be rolled prior to the first show. Rachel from Dairyhouse confirmed that there hadn't been any horses turned out on the field over the winter so it shouldn't need rolling.

BL – asked if we were able to have the whole field for the show. This is to be discussed with Rachel.

SH – raised the fact that having horses turned out on show days was dangerous as they were upsetting horses in the ring. Rachel said that she would ensure that liveries did not turn out on there 0900-1500hrs on show days.

BL – enquired as to whether we should look at doing some more clinics. NH said that the last one was not very well attended however other attendees at the AGM were keen on this therefore it was suggested that a poll be added to Facebook and see if people are interested and if so in what.

**Action 6 – BL / SP / SR / AC** – put a poll on Facebook in order to gauge the above.

GL – asked if the club could purchase more jump poles to replace some old / broken ones. BL also raised that the existing ones need cutting down to the same size to make set up easier. NH also said that the planks needed renewing and more rope / rope posts were required.

**Action 7 – NH** – to purchase some new poles / planks / rope / rope posts.

**Action 8 – GL** – to cut down the poles to the same size on pre-show set up day.

It was raised by attending interested parties about some of the show dates for this year clashing with some of the championship shows which we put on qualifiers for. SR / NH pointed out that it was difficult to find dates that didn't clash with either Urmston or Dairyhouse Dressage unless we looked at moving the odd show to a Saturday (specifically the September show). Committee agreed that this could be a consideration and a poll to be put on Facebook to see what members wanted.

**Action 9 – SR / BL / SP / AC** – put a poll on Facebook to see whether members would be happy with the odd show taking place on a Saturday (in September) to avoid the above.

It was raised by attending interested parties about the Open Working Hunter class being open to M & M's also. The committee agreed that this could be opened up to M & M's but not as a qualifier class (eg they would not be eligible for STARS etc). NH also raised that in order to encourage amateur competitors the heights of the WH jumps should be increased and fillers added as the season progresses – ie simple at the start of the season progressing to fuller / higher.

**Action 10 - NH / NH1** – to reword the schedule in relation to this class.

NH – confirmed that the plan is to start the rings earlier this year to prevent the show going on too late.

BL – raised that we do not have any identifiable first aiders on show days and that the fee that all competitors pay does not appear to contribute towards anything. Ideally all the committee should be trained first aiders and the nominated first aiders for each show should be easily identifiable by an arm band or similar, and should preferably not be competitors.

**Action 11 – NH** – to look into and organise First Aid training for all of the committee.

**Action 12 – BL** – to source and purchase “First Aider” armbands for show day.

NH – confirmed that bibs have been ordered for ring / ground stewards so that they are easily identifiable.

AH – raised that someone should be in charge of organising the stewards. SH volunteered for this and will ensure that the WhatsApp group is up to date.

**Action 13 – SH** – to ensure that stewards WhatsApp group is up to date and organise stewards for each show.

**Action 14 – BL / SR / SP / AC** – to put out a post on Facebook asking for any other volunteers for stewarding to PM their mobile numbers to get added to the group.

BL – suggested that there should be a sign up in the Collecting Ring to direct riders to pass left shoulder to left shoulder and no children to be left unsupervised.

**Action 15 – GL** – to sort a sign as above.

2030hrs – no other business. Meeting closed by EW.