

Faversham and District Riding Club

Annual General Meeting

9th February 2021

Via Zoom

Minutes

1. Committee Present

Anne, Liz, Emma, Linda, Sue, Sally, Jenny, Heather, and Ali

2. Apologies

Claire Stryzyk, Patrick, and Sue Querander

3. Minutes of 2020 AGM and Matters Arising

The Minutes of the last meeting were signed as a true record Proposed by Liz and seconded by Sue.

4. Chairman's Report

Not sure where to start with 2020, had thought that it was going to be a good year for us, how wrong was I.

By early March everything was cancelled, and we were into our first lockdown.

However, with resolve the club continued with various activities throughout the year within the constraints of government guidelines

Unfortunately, we have lost the Area 10 Combined Training which we hold at Felbridge in 2020 & 2021. Hopefully we will be lucky to hold it in 2022!

We have continued where permissible with training and have had clinics with:

Emma Handebeaux – at her facilities Chestnut Wood Stable for pole & sj clinics

Claire Stryzyk – at Mockbeggar Farm pole work

Liz Roberts organised socially distanced hacks from Mockbeggar Farm which were enjoyed by those who took part.

We have managed to get several members out to represent the club at various events which have managed to go ahead.

In March (just before lockdown) Faye Smith and Jigsaw Jack represented the club at Horsequest Arena Eventing held at Ashton De Walls, where they finished 32nd out of 70 riders from all over the UK. Great effort.

Area 10 Dressage to Music held at Stilebridge, we were represented by Debbie Harris with Max where they finished 5th. Well done.

Winter Show Jumping at Hadlow College - 2 junior members represented the club.
Maddie Stubbs & Matilda Taylor.
Maddie came 6th in the 90cm and Matilda came 2nd in the 80cm.

At the beginning of the year, we set out to hold a weekend camp arranged by Sue Saunders, but unfortunately due to COVID it was eventually cancelled.
However, we managed to hold a one-day camp at Chestnut Wood Stables, where 4 members attended.

Flat lessons were given by Emma Kinsley, & show pole work & show Jumping by Emma Handebeaux.

A substantial lunch was provided & also lemon drizzle cake from Sally.

Hopefully regulations allowing we will be able to hold another camp this year.

In September we had a dog walk with a fish & chip supper afterwards at the Lord Whiskey Tea Rooms, 12 people took part.

We are trying to arrange another dog walk, possible coastal, when we are able to all meet again outside.

During lock down we have held a 'Lockdown Photo Show', we had good entries, and £100 donation was made to Lord Whisky Sanctuary.

COVID 19 treasure hunt.

Sue's Kentish Quiz

Area 10 – held an online dressage completion, where team Faversham 2 came 10th out of 18.

In December we had our first online raffle organised & run very efficiently by Heather Stubbs, where there were some super prizes on offer. This raised £325 towards the club funds.

We are hoping to run an Easter Raffle look out for information on how to purchase your tickets.

We are hoping to run some events during the summer, a show, maybe dressage and a one-day TREC all dependant on the current rules at the time.

We are looking at putting on some more online competitions, and some Zoom meetings the first of which will be on biting and will be given by Vicki Wise – Tuesday 9th March at 8pm, look out for the Zoom invitation.

This has been a difficult year for the club & its members, however, hopefully there is a light at the end of the tunnel in the form of a vaccine, which will hopefully release us to some form of normality.

Also, this winter has to be one of the hardest/longest we have had for some time, but we are still here, still standing!

We wish you all a happy, healthy and successful 2021.

5. Financial Report

From the profit & loss account the Riding Club has made a loss of £509. The aim of the club is to self-fund and run at breakeven status over a period of time. We have made losses in the last 5 years, with large sponsors being lost.

So, if we look in more detail: -

Membership was slightly higher in 2020 income of £1,312 of which £15 per member goes straight to the BRC plus an admin fee.

FDRC put on £880 of Training throughout the year which was a good achievement with all the Covid 19 lockdowns and restrictions. We had Ali Ferry Novice jumping & polework sessions £276, Emma Handebeaux jumping £338, Claire Stryzyk polework £156 & Emma Kinsley flatwork £110. The Club organised over 23 training sessions with 62 horses and riders taking part. All training was run at breakeven after Club Entries charges with Instructors giving the club favourable rates and slight profit for non-member members.

Team Events were limited with Faye going to the Championship in March, Debbie competing in the Dressage to Music, with Tilda & Maddie competing for the Juniors in Show Jumping

Unfortunately, all physical competition was cancelled. We had a good response to the Photo Show where we donated £100 to the Lord Whiskey Sanctuary. We had advertised in Pegasus for a few months before the lockdown took hold which is included in the Competition costs with a refunded entry for the Combined Training.

Social events included AGM, the One Day Camp at Emma's, Social Hacks, Fish & Chip Dog Walk. Our main fund raiser was the Christmas Raffle organized by Heather and family with the majority of the prizes being donated by local businesses.

Rosettes were only the AGM and year awards. We had no Regalia, Equipment costs or Depreciation for 2020. Printing and stationery include Website costs. £53 charges for online entry system and Miscellaneous costs include the Clubs equipment insurance.

Moving on to the Balance Sheet

There were no additional Fixed Assets and the clubs' assets are now fully charged with no depreciation charge to the P&L.

Rosette's stock remained at £499. The prepayment was money waiting from Club Entries for the Fish & Chip Dog Walk and the Christmas Raffle.

The Clubs Bank Balance reduced to £6,251 and cash at £155. The Sundry Creditors included £150 Accountancy fee, Training sessions cancelled in November to be held for 2021 and extended membership fees received before year end.

For 2021 the Area 10 Combined Training competition in April has already been cancelled with BRC cancelling the Winter Championships. We are one of the only Riding Clubs

which still pay for Prelim and show entry fees, competitors will need to contribution £10 per class, as BRC Prelim entries are also on the increase.

Faversham Riding Club - British Riding Club Fees

	2019		2020		2021 pre reduction		2021 with reduction			
	£	p/member	£	p/member	£	p/member	£	p/member		
Insurance	£	140	£	140	£	175	£	175		
Affiliation per member	£	925	12.50	£	1,020	15.00	£	804	12.00	
Area 10 Liasion	£	30	£	25	£	30	£	30		
Total BRC Costs	£	1,095	14.80	£	1,185	17.43	£	1,277	19.06	
							£	1.63	-£	2.37
Increase / decrease from 2020										

Although the BRC have reduced 2021 fee by £4 (i.e., 9 mth charge) this in reality only a saving of £2.37 per member as they have increased the insurance charge by 25%

Last year we only had 46 paying members due to the club having several Honorary & Committee members, therefore the members saving is £108.87

With the ever-increasing BRC Fees the Committee, who give their services and time for free will pay the Affiliation fee part of the membership from 2021
Our proposal to the members is to either make a donation £50 to the Kent Air Ambulance or hold a socially distanced BBQ for the members when Government restrictions allow.

6. Adoption of Financial Statement

The report was proposed by Anne and seconded by Sue.

7. Adoption of Auditor for 2020-2021

Emma proposed Wiggins which was seconded by Anne.

8. Election of Committee members

2 members of the committee must stand down.

Anne and Sally stood down and were re-elected back on.

Anne – Proposed by Emma and seconded by Jenny.

Sally – Proposed by Lindsey and seconded by Veronica.

Sue stood down as Club Secretary and Ali was proposed by Liz and seconded by Anne.

Heather was made an official Committee Member and was proposed by Ali and seconded by Lindsey.

9. Any other Business

AWARDS

Club Awards were presented to: -

Junior member of the year Tilda Handebeaux
Helper of the year Tony Stubbs

Red Horse Dressage League Results

1st Debbie Harris 37pts
2nd Diane Gower 20pts
3rd Jean Smith 9pts

Due to the National Lockdown the club are looking at holding a virtual Prix Caprille and have a biting talk with Vicki Wise on 9th March via Zoom.

There has been an increasing problem with motorbikes and quads on right of ways. Charing Racecourse was recently targeted. Report all incidents to the Police on 101. The more incidents reported, the more Police may take action. Get to know your Rural Crimes Police Officer. Set up a Whatsapp group or similar with fellow riders in your area, so there is an awareness.

Wendy Neath kindly offered to help with Trec, either running or helping. Also offered to run an orientation training day.

Still waiting to hear about using the Kent Showground at Detling for a Trec Competition, but with this year's county show cancelled, the Kent Showground Committee are very favourable to running horse events.

Members would like to see cross country training and trips to gallops, when restrictions are lifted.

Indra suggested using Perry Wood for a hack with a stop at the Rose and Crown.

Zoom talks Liz is trying to organise a talk on chronic lymphoedema.

It was suggested about running a low-key dressage test riding talk, using videos of members and what the judges see and how marks can be lost and improved.

Meeting Closed at 20.48

16 Members attended