



The Side Saddle Association Area 14

Minutes of the 2012 Area 14 Annual General Meeting, held on Friday 12th October, at the Worcester Hunt Kennels, Fern hill Heath Worcs at 8.00pm

Present: Mrs P Roberts, Miss C Brown, Miss J Smith, Mrs J Starkey, Miss C Wills – Goldingham, Miss E Harford, Mrs L Mitchell, Mr M Bough

Apologies for absence: Jenny Guille, John and Joyce Mace, Sharon Moss, Georgie Roberts, Rebecca Trower.

Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting: It was noted that there was a presentation given to John Mace for his dedication and hard work during his years as Chairman, by Peta Roberts, on behalf of the Area.

It was proposed by Mrs P Roberts and seconded by Miss J Smith that the minutes were otherwise correct and signed by Chairman.

Matters Arising:

Chairman's Report: from Claire Brown;

Well, we've completed our first year for Area 14, and I think it's been a very successful year.

A huge thank you to our secretary Emma who has not only organised us as regards newsletters, minutes of committee meetings, this AGM, but she has also organised and run our two very successful shows from Talland.

A big Thank you to Pammy and Brian for their support and also all the students at Talland.

Joy has been working hard on the area 14 website. I feel it is beautifully set out and very easy to follow, it is also regularly updated. Thank you very much Joy.

A big thank you again to Claire Wills-Goldingham her continued support to area 14. She is a fantastic steward and her input as a judge is hugely appreciated.

Thanks also to Jean for providing us with her lovely house to have our committee meeting from and also for her ideas for progressing the area.

Thank you also to Emma Coates and Rebecca Trower for their time.

With the enthusiasm and dedication of Peta and Emma the area has been able to offer a 'have a go' evening, which was well supported and everybody had a great time. Thanks again to Talland

The area shows have been exceptionally well supported and for the first time for many years we have been able to put forward teams at the National Show which is a good indication that area 14 is expanding and becoming more active.

Area 14 had an excellent National Show and was well represented. Highlights include Georgie Roberts winning Junior Rider of the Year, and our area winning the team Equitation Jumping. The team consisted of Georgie, Jess Thomas, Jess Downham, and myself and our Chef D'Equipe – Peta!!

The Pattie Curtis memorial Trophy for most caring groom to a junior rider was presented to Alex Bevan, groom to Amelia Bevan, of Area 4 who won the Talland School of Equitation Training Bursary.

Throughout the year we have also been able to raise funds for Area 14 and we appear to be in a better financial state as regards putting this back into the area to progress and expand in 2013.

Financial Report: The treasurer presented the 2011/2012 which has been audited according to SSA regulations and checked to be correct and true by Miss E Harford, and Miss J Smith. Area finances are much improved on last year; the area currently holds a small profit, due to the fundraising activities of the New Committee.

Election of Officers: All current Officers showed their willingness to be re-elected. Nominations were received and carried unanimously.

Election of Committee: All current members have indicated their willingness to continue their support.

Any other business: Claire Brown raised a couple of points that were raised at a recent council meeting:

Location of the National Show 2013 was currently undecided, and sadly after 10 years as Treasurer, Prue Vernon will be standing down shortly.

If anyone has any thoughts on either matter, please pass them to your area secretary and she will forward them to the necessary person.

Peta brought the Area Equitation Jumping trophy to be viewed by all attending, congratulated each of the team members of their achievement and presented a Glass 'Diamond' memento to each of them.

The AGM meeting concluded at 8.55pm, and was followed by the new Area Points awards presentations, and a buffet supper, kindly provided by Jean Smith and Mike Bough