

**LLANTWIT MAJOR AND DISTRICT RIDING CLUB**  
**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**On Wednesday 28 March 2019 in Llanmaes Village Hall**

Present : 25 members and/or guardians of members

Apologies – Paul Lindsay

Minutes of the last AGM - These were circulated and agreed as a true record

**Matters Arising**

Lease of the farm

There is an offer from the Vale of Glamorgan Council for a renewal of the farm lease with an increase in rent from £3200 pa to £4500. We have asked if this can be increased by stages but that is not possible. However, it is likely we will get another 10 year lease so we will need to look at areas where we can increase income to compensate for the increase in rent.

GDPR – the details of the data protection and privacy policies are on the website.

Helen McNabb offered to help with administration and has helped with the application to Companies House to become a limited by guarantee not for profit organisation. The decision to proceed with this was agreed at the extraordinary meeting and it needs to be finalized before the lease is signed. The lease will then be signed by the Club as a limited company and not by four individuals as previously. The forms have been returned twice by Companies House for minor amendments and are now back with them.

**Chairman's Report**

The Club has grown a lot since 1975 when it was in a field with makeshift jumps. We do need to grow and have more training in the pipeline plus excellent equipment now. We just need to get more people to come to shows.

Arena – at the beginning of a 10 year lease is the right time to build it. We met with officials from Sport Wales, who manage lottery funding. They are very interested, but Cardiff Riding School are also putting in an application. We gave them a pack with full information about the arena, how we intend to use it, the potential for other clubs, including ones not related to horses (eg dog shows, football) could use the arena. We also emphasized that we have a lot of girls as members which is something, they are keen to support. Paul Lindsay has been talking to the contractors of the Northern Access Road and may be able to get them to do the groundwork for us. The planning application has gone to the Council so we now have to wait for the results of both applications.

**Treasurer's Report**

Copies of the financial statements were distributed.

The farm accounts are kept separate from the Club accounts because we wanted to demonstrate that the Club activities were not subsidizing the farm DIY.

Club membership is up from 55 to 62, including an increase in Senior members from 15 to 24. Membership fees have not been raised even though the affiliation fee to British Riding Clubs has been raised from £10.50 to £12.50 per member.

There was a surplus of £1272.36 from club activities last year.

The Farm was full all year and has a surplus of £3870.81

The balance sheet shows reserves of £37,515.32 with £41,117.82 in the bank because some bills have yet to be paid.

**Membership and Entry Fees**

There is no proposed increase in fees this year because we wanted to encourage membership, but may have to increase them next year because of the increase in the affiliation charges which are paid on behalf of members to BHS Riding Clubs.

### **Election of Officers**

In line with our constitution committee members once elected serve for 3 years before coming forward for re-election. In line with this the following members were re-elected.

Jonathan Hopkins was proposed by Lisa Lindsay, seconded by Russell Capeling and passed to remain as Chairman.

Anne Barnaby was proposed by Elaine, seconded by Sue and passed

Paul Lindsay was proposed by Ann Barnaby, seconded by Elaine and passed

Helen McNabb had been coopted onto the Committee to help during the year was put forward for election. Which was proposed by Liz Synon seconded by Russell Capeling and passed.

There were no other nominations put forward by members.

### **Awards**

<b>2018</b>	<b>Runner up</b>	<b>Winner</b>
Attendance		Tanwen Huntley Pheobe Rimmer
Best turned out	Heather Seale & Francis Lewis	Pheobe Rimmer
Lead Rein	Phoebe Rimmer	Annabel Maidment
12yrs and under	Maddison Lindsay	Tanwen Huntley
Junior	Mollie Rowlands	Megan Taylor
Senior	Heather Searle	Francis Lewis and Janice Morgan
12 Yrs and under jumping	Alice Freeman	Maddison Lindsay
Junior jumping	Brooke Sawyer	Megan Thomas
Senior jumping	Molly Williams	Hattie Cartwright

### **Future Programme**

More training is planned

Suggestions included

- show jumping training,
- working hunter classes if done early in the year;
- mini derby
- Jump X open to non members was popular last year
- Schooling session for novices only so they don't feel intimidated by more confident riders
- Giving volunteers a free schooling session in return for help

Pre entry would be needed for some of these to make it financially viable by ensuring that the event would break even.

Use social media more to increase competitors but the Trophy show is only for members.

### **Any Other Business**

Glamorgan Volunteer Service offers help with grant applications, technical support, volunteer training among other things so we have joined.

We could have volunteers who may not ride but who just like horses but don't actually ride.

The meeting finished at 8.20pm