



Llantwit Major & District Riding Club



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Newsletter December 2020

Seasons Greetings

to all our members past, present and future

This is our second newsletter in 2020. Little did we know when our first was sent out back in March that we would all experience the year we have had!

We kept up the hope of being able to organise a show, but it was not to be.

However, we did manage to organise a few show jump and dressage arena hire days within the guidelines, which were popular and seemed to be enjoyed by all who took part.

The AGM being cancelled due to COVID does mean we need to organise some constitutional activities, which we are proposing to cover by proxy vote.

Please read on for more info.



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Please keep an eye on our Facebook page & web site for extra schooling hire or training dates or changes in programme

<http://llantwitmajorridingclub.wordpress.com>

Annual General Meeting

Unfortunately, as you were all aware we had to cancel our annual general meeting, that was due to be held at the end of March 2020, due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

We had hoped to re-arrange this AGM during the summer or autumn, but that was not to be as the restrictions continued. Our next option was to go virtual, but as we are now into December, we felt that time was against us to set this up with Christmas around the corner.

Therefore, the committee is proposing three actions:

- 1) This newsletter detailing the committee's proposals, but giving you the opportunity to make alternative proposals, and make nominations followed by
- 2) Publication on web site of financial statements, Last AGM Minutes and proposals (by end of December) followed by:
- 2) A proxy vote, by post, or e-mail which will be sent at the end of December but with a deadline to vote by 21st January 2021. This will cover the proposals, the financial statements and previous AGM minutes, which will be available to view online after Christmas.

Please take a moment to read the proposals and if you disagree with the process and/or wish to put forward alternative proposals please do so in writing to the Secretary Helen McNabb by 24th December 2020 email: lmrc@btinternet.com or mcnabbhm@gmail.com

All current 2020 members or parents/guardians of junior members are entitled to vote at AGM. However, if you are a 2019 member we will take into consideration any alternative proposals that you wish to suggest.

AGM—Proposals to be voted on by proxy vote:

As you are aware we always strive to keep participation costs down. Therefore it is with regret that we need to put forward some increase in fees for 2021 (note this is the same as was proposed for 2020 in March 2020 newsletter):

1) **MEMBERSHIPS—** This is due to the BRC (British Riding Clubs) fees being increased yet again, so for every member we now have to give the BRC £16.00 (-his went up again this year. There was also an additional 30% increase in the Club insurance. We have held our fees down for a number of years, but we are sure you can see this is no longer sustainable. Therefore our proposal is:

Membership both Junior & Senior to be £25.00 (£20.00 if before 1st June)

2) **ENTRY FEES:** Entry fees for Members-only shows: Show Jumping/Showing (from £2.50) to £3.00, Games/Clear Round (from £1.50) to £2.00 (Note: this excludes special events such as jump X and open shows/events)



3) COMMITTEE - Every 3 years, members of the Committee stand down by rotation but can be re-elected.

Current Committee: Jonathan Hopkins—Chairman

Lisa Lindsay — Membership Secretary: Helen McNabb — Secretary

Ann Barnaby — Treasurer

Sue Llewellyn

Elaine Smith

Paul Lindsay

Russell Capeling

Lizzie Synon

Those forward for re-election this time, include Sue, Elaine, Lisa and Liz.

We have some exciting years ahead with the new arena and would really welcome some new members onto the Committee.

If anyone is willing to stand for election to the Committee, or if you would like to nominate someone (with their permission), please could you inform our Chairman Jonathan Hopkins or Secretary Helen McNabb by the 20th December 2020, so that we can add names onto the voting forms.



After 20 years waiting we are nearly there! Our All Weather Riding Arena is just waiting for the final top fibre and we are ready to go!

We hope to start in January and while we will be open to non-members we will be able to offer members great discounts for hiring the arena, plus we will be planning some course jump days, grid work and regular training sessions.

Find us on Facebook to keep up-to-date for more activities: Not on our Facebook group? Please ring Lisa on 07732 054521 or e-mail: lmrc@btinternet.com

Annual Awards Season 2019

During the season we record attendance and competition points at all our members-only events. The AGM would normally be the time to hand out our lovely challenge trophies and look forward to the new season.



However, as it was impossible this year we decided to announce the winners, and will organise the usual replica trophies to be awarded instead.

2019	Winner	Runner Up
Attendance	Hattie Carwright	
	Annabel Maidment	
	Eirinn McGrory	
	Scarlett Turnball	
	Eleri Harris	
Best Turned Out	Phoebe Rimmer	Francis Lewis
Lead Rein	Scarlett Turnball	Laylah Jones
12 Yrs & Under	Tanwen Huntley	Laylah Maidment
Junior	Megan Thomas	Megan Taylor
Senior	Francis Lewis	Hattie Cartwright
12 Yrs & Under Jumping	Layla Maidment	Maddison Lindsay
Junior Jumping	Megan Thomas	Mena De Gama Creber
Senior Jumping	Hattie Cartwright	Molly Williams

Challenge Trophy Returns 2018 Winners -Please ensure you return your challenge trophy to a committee member asap so we can have them ready for the next awards night.

Drop in to Chocolate Box LM, or contact Ann Barnaby, or Lisa Lindsay to organise the return. Replicas for you to keep will be handed out at this years AGM.

2018 winners Phoebe Rimmer, Annabel Maidment, Tanwen Huntely, Megan Taylor, Maddison Lindsay and Megan Thomas

NEW RULES—We would like to highlight some new BRC rules for 2020. While these rules will not necessarily apply to our Club shows this year they will be more widely rolled out at many other events. In particular, **Flu Vaccination** rules often depend on the venue, so we do advise members to be familiar with them. Flu Vaccination — some activities/venues now require a booster to have been administered 'within' 6 months of the date of event. **Whip rule** — new padded whips are becoming required for BSJA and some other events. **Microchips**—from 12th February 2021 these will be compulsory in Wales following England where these became compulsory last year and will be a requirement at BRC/other events held over the border. For more info visit web site.

Don't forget to review the current BRC rules regarding Protective Headwear and Body Protectors — please check yours!