



SUTHERLAND RIDING CLUB

Minutes of AGM held at Trentham Hotel, Dornoch on Wednesday 22nd November 2023 at 7.30pm

Present: Shirley McLauchlan, Alanna Skinner, Ava Skinner, Diane Mackay, Abby Holiday, Fiona Holliday, Grace Cockburn, Lynz Carswell, Kelly Skinner, Kayla Macdonald, Rhyian Skinner, Morag Macgregor, Anne Henderson, Tieve Morrison, Jeni Birks, Ursula Akerman, Stephen Akerman, Morag Sutherland, Clare Bevan, Lucy Blackhall, Mia Blackhall, Lynn Cairns, Tanya Buchanan.

Apologies: Molly Sutherland, Gwen Mackay Thompson, Elisa and Morag Miller.

A thank you email to the Riding Club from Elisa Miller was read out by Anne Henderson.

Minutes of last years AGM were approved by Kelly Skinner and Clare Bevan

Our Chairperson Anne Henderson welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming. Anne thanked all committee members and volunteers for all their hard work during the year. Anne also thanked Kelly Skinner and Diane Mackay for providing such great facilities for our Riding Club.

Chairman's report – please see attached.

Treasurer's report – please see attached.

Diane Mackay read out her report and it was agreed from everyone that there should be a cap on funding for the Scottish Championships. Stabling fees will be limited to £30 - £40 per horse. One horse per person.

Election of Office Bearers:

Chairperson: **Anne Henderson** to continue on as Chairperson

Treasurer: **Diane Mackay**. No one else volunteered so Diane Mackay will continue.

Secretary: **Clare Bevan**

Membership Secretary: **Shirley Mclauchlan.**

Kay Skinner has stepped down from Membership Secretary. Anne Henderson thanked Kay for all her hard work and huge contribution to the running of the riding club.

Training Officer: **Diane Mackay and Kelly Skinner**

Safe Guarding Officer: Kelly Skinner

Committee: Rhian Skinner, Abbi Holliday (junior), Grace Cockburn (junior), Tieve Morrison (junior), Alanna Skinner

There followed a discussion about subscription fees and it was agreed that they would go up to £35.00 for seniors, £30.00 for juniors.

British Riding Club Discussion

Anne explained to all members present the new BRC online membership platform that is being introduced.

Anne and Diane attended a very lengthy 2 hour online meeting for all riding clubs to voice their opinions. Anne has written an email explaining all the pros and cons about the new BRC Online Platform and will be sent out all members explaining what is going on.

Jeni Birks read out what insurance would cost the club if we did not affiliate with BRC. The cost is approximately £1000.

The new BRC online platform is now going live on the 27th November. The committee asked members just to hold off joining for the moment while we iron out any issues and try to answer any question that members have.

It was thought that it's best to stay with BRC for the next year and see if any other developments arise during the year.

Scottish RC Event Series

Any members wishing to take part in the new Event Series must send their names and BRC number to Kelly Skinner indicating what class they would like to take part in.

All members were reminded to check that their hats and body protectors are up to date.

Anne asked the members present if there were any clinics that they would like to see on the calendar for next year. Stephen Ackerman would like to see some clinics that are dedicated towards training for the young horse. Elaine Taylor's name was put forward as she has a huge amount of experience with young horses.

Next Committee Meeting

It was agreed that we need a meeting in December to discuss the new BRC platform.

The next meeting will be on Monday 18th December 7.00 at The Trentham.