

**Minutes of the AGM of Vectis Equestrian Club held on the 21st November 2019  
at the Chequers Rookley Isle of Wight starting at 7.40pm Miss Diane Andrews in  
the Chair**

**Apologies** - Georgina Leavold, Tina Murrant, Barry and Val Penn

The minutes of the previous AGM held were read. There were no matter arising they were therefore proposed by Louise Blow and seconded by Mandy Steen and adopted.

**Chairman's Report**

Welcome to you all & thank you for coming.

Although we have been down a bit on some events, we have had some excellent competition over the year. The Club enjoyed 5 dressage events in our winter series all held at Lake Farm and 3 jumping shows in our summer series at Froghill. The results of which will be revealed after the AGM. It is becoming increasingly difficult to find dates for our events that don't clash with another event. This is probably the reason numbers were down a little on entries in our Annual Dressage Festival. However, there was a very high level of competition with several riders scoring over 70%. We also held an evening dressage at home and another dressage at Froghill plus several spider rides throughout the year. We have just held the first dressage of a new winter series. It was held for the first time at the Island Riding Centre & organised by Mandy who also has sponsored the smart rosettes for this winter's series. The Racehorse to Riding horse competition which runs until the end of December was last year won by Anna Reed's Seigneur des Bois, this year's result will be known after the last competition this year. A huge thank you to all our helpers at these events. None of our events would happen if it were not for our wonderful volunteers.

We entered teams in several Area Events with some very good results concluding with our team winning the Novice Winter Dressage at Sparsholt. Well done to those who took part & well done to those who were brave enough to take part for the first time. Jane will give you more details in her report.

On the subject of teams, the rules on flu vacs will be changing this coming March, so, if you are thinking of joining a team, please take the time to read the explanation of the rules on vacs which Trish has, painstakingly, placed on our web site. You don't want to be turned away because of a silly slip up.

Show Jumping will adopt the BS whip and spurs rules.

We held an innovative pay & play at Linda's yard where members rode a dressage test & were given feedback from Linda, they then rode the test again and all gained higher marks second time round. They could also do a jumping round. Although only about 12 took part, I am sure they all learnt from the day. We, also, ran 2 Spider Rides to Linda's; the first one, we were run ragged with requests for rolls, crisps and drinks and the second, it seemed that everyone was on a diet; I was poised with my butter knife at the ready & the only ones that were eating were the helpers. Thank you to Linda for adding her land to our Club venues.

Carla's mum, Carla ran a very successful spider ride from Froghill and raised £268 for the brainy Bunch Charity.

We entered a team in the exciting County Show Knock-out jumping contest & won with our riders; Gina Stevens, Abi Hawkes, Maddie-Jayne Oakes & Phoebe Nicholls-Taylor.

The Annual Quiz held at the Chequers was won by 'ladies wot lunch' namely Anna, Fliss, Hilary & Chris, beating many times victors- The IW Riding Club.

Winter Training moved to Island Riding Centre and that continues to be a popular evening for members. Summer Time it goes to Froghill & Robert's. As usual, a big thank you to Robert for training in all weathers and with however large or small the numbers. Also, a big thank you to Mandy who organises the riders and handles the last-minute requests from those taking part. In addition, thank you to Mandy who gives us the free use of Froghill for many of our events, organises those events, and

has now taken on the task of organising the dressage at The Island Riding Centre. The first of which was last Sunday.

We are sorry to be losing Jackie who has been on the Committee almost as long as me. (when we communicated by letters & post & Facebook was unheard of)! She has been a member of many of our teams in the past and been present at so many of our events and, of course, is our minutes secretary. We will miss her on the Committee but hope to still see her at some of our events.

I would like to thank all our Committee for all their hard work in running the Club events, it is very much a team effort. Most events take a minimum of 6 or 7 people to run them and without those people we can't run them successfully. Also, thank you to Club Members who also volunteer particularly as an official helper at Area events which we cannot take part in without providing a 1 least one helper.

While not wishing to name a long list of names for fear of missing one out, I must mention Jane, our main cheerleader & Club Ambassador who is known to everyone, and goes out of her way to welcome members and to encourage them to take part in Club Events. She ensures that no-one is neglected & makes sure I know what's going on!

The other Committee Member I have to mention is Trish, who is always in the background doing a lot of the paperwork for us. She runs the web site, scores at dressage events, judges when needed, keeps track of the points for annual awards, does the times for dressage competitions, & is the one we all turn to for knowledge of the rules for each discipline and does it all in an efficient and quiet manner.

Anyway, thank you everyone for doing their bit whether large or small. It is much appreciated.

### **Treasurers Report**

Louise Blow reported that the club had a £520 deficit from income over expenditure, but still has a healthy bank balance of £2,670. The main expense had once again been area teams and although we had stated last year that riders would have to fund extra tests that they wanted to do, we had been able to cover this after all. This policy will need to be reviewed again next year, as it will be dependent on available funds. The main source of income was our dressage events, netting £2,017 and subscriptions £1,679. There were no questions from the floor regarding the report.

### **Team Report**

WE STARTED THE RC YEAR LAST OCTOBER 2018 WITH THE WINTER DRESSAGE AT SPARSHOLT. IT WAS PROBABLY THE WETTEST DAY OF THE YEAR! THOSE MEMBERS TAKING PART WILL KNOW JUST HOW WET IT WAS! WE SENT THREE TEAMS & NO TEAM QUALIFIED BUT SEVERAL INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS, WITH PENNY AND PHOEBE WINING THEIR CLASSES - IN FACT PENNY WON BOTH HER TESTS. PENNY AND PHOEBE BOTH WENT TO THE CHAMPIONSHIPS AT ARENA UK IN GRANTHAM. THE LONG JOURNEY WAS WORTH IT AS PHOEBE WON HER CLASS AND PENNY 2<sup>ND</sup> IN HER TEST - VERY WELL DONE GIRLS. NOVEMBER SAW THE ARENA EVENTING - THE FIRST TIME RC HAVE HELD THIS AREA EVENT. WE HAD TWO SENIOR TEAMS: PIP SMITH, SAM CRANSHAW, CHARLIE DUNN, LOUISE HAWKINS, GRACE LININGTON, GEORGIA RUSSELL AND JADE DAVIES, TEAM PLACED 5<sup>TH</sup>.

(MIGHT HAVE BEEN HIGHER BUT SOMEONE MISSED A FLAG!)

IN MARCH, IT WAS THE INTERMEDIATE DRESSAGE HELD AT CROFTON. WE SENT TWO SENIOR TEAMS: CARLA, RACHEL, JOSIE, ALEX, HELEN, GEORGINA AND PENNY- NO TEAM PLACING BUT SEVERAL INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS WITH PENNY WINNING HER CLASS.

PENNY QUALIFIED FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD AT BURY FARM BUT SADLY FOR PENNY WHEN SHE ARRIVED AT THE FERRY TERMINAL STAFF NOTICED THERE WAS A PROBLEM WITH HER LORRY TYRES SO SHE WAS UNABLE TO GO.

APRIL WAS THE FESTIVAL OF THE HORSE HELD AT MORETON. WE SENT ONE SENIOR TEAM: CHARLIE DUNN, SAM CRANSHAW GEORGINA LEAVOLD &

PENNY EDWARDS. TWO JUNIOR INDIVIDUALS MADDIE-JAYNE & PHOEBE. ALL DID WELL BUT NO ONE QUALIFIED

MAY WAS THE HORSE TRIALS HELD AT MORETON. NO TEAMS, BUT PENNY EDWARDS WENT AS AN INDIVIDUAL AND GAINED A 6<sup>th</sup> PLACE. OUR TWO JUNIORS, PHOEBE & MADDIE, JOINED FORCES WITH THE IOW RC TO MAKE AN ISLAND COMBINED TEAM AND THEY WON THE JUNIOR SECTION, THEY THEN WENT ON TO TAKE 6<sup>TH</sup> PLACE AT THE CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD AT SWALCLIFFE. SUMMER SHOW JUMPING - SADLY NO TEAMS BUT MADDIE-JAYNE AGAIN JOINED UP WITH THE IOW JUNIORS TO MAKE A COMBINED ISLAND TEAM. THEY WON AND QUALIFIED FOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD AT LINCOLN PLACED 7<sup>TH</sup> (WELL DONE MADDIE)

SUMMER DRESSAGE HELD AT HURN IN JULY - WE SENT ONE SENIOR TEAM: ALEX & JOSIE TOOGOOD, GRACE LININGTON & JULIE HOSYKINS, TEAM WERE PLACED 4<sup>TH</sup> WITH SEVERAL INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS AS WELL. ALEX WON HER TEST AND QUALIFIED FOR THE NATIONAL CHAMPS AT LINCOLN. (WELL DONE ALEX AND OSCAR).

IN AUGUST IT WAS THE DRESSAGE TO MUSIC - THREE OF OUR MEMBERS, KELLY, HELEN & PHOEBE, WENT TO THIS EVENT - HELEN WAS PLACED 4<sup>TH</sup> IN HER NOVICE TEST WITH KELLY WINING THE ADV MED AND PHOEBE WINNING BOTH HER PRELIM & NOVICE CLASSES.

BOTH PHOEBE & KELLY WENT TO THE CHAMPS AT BURY FARM AND PLACED 6<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> IN THE LINE UP (WELL DONE GIRLS)

I THINK YOU WOULD ALL AGREE THE CLUB HAD GREAT RESULTS FROM ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO TRAVELED TO THESE RIDING CLUB COMPETITIONS OVER THE PAST YEAR AND REPRESENTED VECTIS SO WELL.

IN ALL THERE WERE 10 AREA COMPETITIONS, TEAMS/INDIVIDUALS WENT TO 7, MEMBERS QUALIFIED IN 5.

\*SO THAT BRINGS US TO THE START OF 2019/20 RIDING CLUB COMPETITIONS. FESTIVAL OF THE HORSE - THIS WAS HELD ON SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> AT MORETON THERE WAS NOT A LOT OF INTEREST IN THIS EVENT, PERHAPS TO SOON AFTER THE SUMMER.

SO, AGAIN, ONLY TWO JUNIORS - MADDIE & PHOEBE, SO VECTIS JONED UP WITH IOW JUNIORS TO MAKE A COMBINED TEAM AND THEY WON! THEY WILL QUALIFY FOR THE CHAMPS HELD NEXT APRIL.

WINTER NOVICE DRESSAGE HELD AT SPARSHOLT IN OCTOBER - TWO SENIOR TEAMS: GOLD TEAM OF RACHEL CAPPER, JULIE TOOGOOD, NATASHA COVENTRY, JOSIE TOOGOOD AND RED TEAM OF PENNY EDWARDS, GEORGINA LEAVOLD & ALEX TOOGOOD. THE RED TEAM WON AND QUALIFIED FOR THE CHAMPS IN MAY: TAMMY NICCOLLS JOINED THE IOW JUNIORS TO MAKE A COMBINED TEAM.

ARENA EVENTING HELD AT MORETON IN OCTOBER, A VERY WET DAY! MADDIE-JAYNE OUR ONLY MEMBER TO GO RODE AS AN INDIVIDUAL, VERY WELL DONE TO HER FINISHING 3<sup>RD</sup> OVERALL. (HOPE YOU AND YOUR SUPPORTERS HAVE DRIED OUT).

AREA COMPETITIONS CONTINUE IN THE NEW YEAR WITH SHOW JUMPING IN FEBRUARY AND DRESSAGE IN MARCH. ALL DATES AND VENUES CAN BE FOUND ON VECTIS WEBSITE AND RC AREA 17 AND DON'T FORGET ALL THESE COMPETITIONS ARE OPEN TO ALL

I WOULD LIKE TO SAY A BIG THANKYOU TO THE MEMBERS WHO HAVE TRAVELLED WITH THE TEAMS AS HELPERS - WE CAN'T ENTER WITHOUT SENDING TEAM HELPERS. FINDING ENOUGH HELPERS DOES GET DIFFICULT. A SPECIAL MENTION HERE TO ALEX PUGH-PANTHER FOR BEING OUR TEAM HELPER FOR QUITE A FEW EVENTS.

### **Riding Club Year Ending**

The Chairman explained that there had been a change to our year which would now run from January 1st to December 31st. This was following a directive from Head Office to bring all the clubs into line. It meant that subscriptions would last for 15 months as ours were due now. The change of year end was subsequently approved by all present and all members had been notified by email.

## **Election of Committee**

Those members standing for re-election were Linda Allen, Carla Maskell, and Louise Blow. Both Jackie Woodford and Louise Rate had decided to step down and therefore there were two spaces on the committee. There had been two proposals - Penny Dyer and Sandie Evans (who is our current first aider) There were no proposals from the floor and therefore they were duly elected along with the three members re-standing.

## **Annual Awards**

### **Dressage Series Points**

#### **\*SENIOR\***

##### **INTRO**

3<sup>RD</sup> JOINT

MANDY STEEN & ANASTSIA SALLEE

2<sup>ND</sup>

JOSIE TOOGOOD

1<sup>ST</sup>

**CLAIR PROCTOR \*\*\*BRAITHWAITE CUP\*\*\***

##### **PRELIM**

4<sup>TH</sup>

HILARY BOX

3<sup>RD</sup>

CLAIR PROCTOR

2<sup>ND</sup>

CARLA MASKELL (RIDING BOUNTY)

1<sup>ST</sup>

**JEN ATTRILL \*\*\*BELLS AGAIN CUP\*\*\***

##### **NOVICE**

4<sup>TH</sup>

ALEX TOOGOOD

3<sup>RD</sup>

MARTINE HARBOUR

2<sup>ND</sup>

HELEN BULL

1<sup>ST</sup>

**TINA READ \*\*\*SILVER HORSE\*\*\***

##### **ELEMENTARY/MED**

4<sup>TH</sup>

CARLA MASKELL

2<sup>ND</sup> JOINT

PAUL DORMAN AD ALEX TOOGOOD

1<sup>ST</sup>

**HELEN BULL \*\*\* MOONBEAM CUP\*\*\***

#### **\*JUNIOR\***

##### **INTRO**

3<sup>RD</sup>

MOLLIE SHEATH

1<sup>ST</sup> JOINT

**OLIVIA HEADLEY (BOB)**

**GEORGIA ELLSWORTH (ASHLEY FASCINATION)**

**\*\*\*SMALL SILVER CUP\*\*\***

##### **PRELIM**

4<sup>TH</sup>

CHARLIE ADKINS

3<sup>RD</sup>

TAMMY NICCOLLS

2<sup>ND</sup>

OLIVIA HEADEY (GUY)

1<sup>ST</sup>

**GEORGIA ELLSWORTH (BOB) \*\*\*XMAS CUP\*\*\***

##### **NOVICE**

1<sup>ST</sup> JOINT

**PHOEBE NICHOLLS-TAYLOR & CHARLIE ADKINS**

**\*\*\*CORNDOLLY CUP\*\*\***

### **SHOW JUMPING SERIES WINNERS**

#### **SENIOR**

VAL PENN

**\*\*WILL GAIRN CUP\*\***

#### **JUNIOR**

MADDIE-JAYNE OAKS

**\*\*DERBY DAY CUP\*\***

**THE MAN THAT DOES - \*\*HORSE HEAD\*\***

FLISS CROUCH

**HIGHEST PERCENTAGE SCORE AT THE SUMMER FESTIVAL**

NICOLE ADHYARU

**\*\*BE FINE CUP\*\***

