

# **WORLINGTON RIDING CLUB 46<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT THE RACING CENTRE, NEWMARKET FRIDAY 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 7.00pm**

- 1. Apologies:** Russell Millar, Faye Enefer-Harrison, Liz Turner, Sarah Poulter, Lucy Tuck **Members attending: Committee** 5 + 85 members. **Members apologies:** Helen Edwards, Sarah Lummis, Rebecca Jarvis, Liz & Mia Archer
- 2. Minutes:** Jim Hiner opened the meeting & the Minutes of last year's AGM were approved.
- 3. Matters Arising:** None
- 4. Chairmans Report: JH** thanked Roger & Veronica Turner for allowing us to continue to use their field for our shows, otherwise we would be homeless. It's been a busy and successful year both with events on the showground and area 14 competitions, Toni-ann and Faye will be reporting on these shortly. We had eight showground schooling sessions either evenings, in the week or Saturday mornings. Members were present at all sessions this year 3 attended May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7 on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 3 on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 5 on July 17<sup>th</sup>, 5 on August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2 August 19<sup>th</sup>, 5 on September 13th and 3 on October 12<sup>th</sup>, Barbie will be reporting on the organised training sessions. There have been 6 committee meetings at The Racing Centre and 4 Area 14 zoom meetings which either Faye or Barbie attended. Most people have now got to grips paying their membership on Sport 80, the price of membership has increased to £30 for this year due to a £1 increase to headquarters. Also an additional £1.75 handling fee. I would like to thank our hard working committee for all their work, without them none of this would be possible, a special thank you to Sandra Middleton who although not on the committee does a first class job in organising the 4 showing shows, obtaining wonderful sponsorship and prizes. Thank you to all members who have turned out to help particularly with getting jumps out of storage in the spring and then again putting everything away for the winter, also for clearing the jumps for grass cutting, to follow on could I a remind everyone we will require help to get the equipment out on Sunday 2nd of March at 10:00 a.m. and Saturday 8th of March at 2:00 p.m further reminders will be sent
- 5. WRC Show Secretary's Report 2024, Toni-ann reported:**

We ran the same format of shows in 2024 as we did in 2023, this pattern works for us and is successful. We ran seven Dressage, Combined Training and Show jumping shows in March, April, May, June, July and September with our Championship show in October. We run 4 Open shows including Show jumping, ridden showing ring and an in hand showing ring in April, June, July and September. Our members make up about two thirds of the entries to all our shows now, I think the reason our membership is growing is because people can see the value of reduced class entry costs of being a member. You only need to enter eight classes, for your membership has been covered. Our Dressage, Combined Training and Show jumping shows attract around 50 competitors to each show with the first show of the season being the busiest. We had 37 competitors at both the September show and the championship show. Our Open shows attract about 100 competitors each again with the April show always the busiest with 138 competitors in 2024. We have had only three competitors, riding Dressage tests on lead rein in 2024 but it is good for giving the younger one's confidence to do a dressage test. In June we had 16 in the Intro class and in July 14 in a Prelim class. The Combined Training has been more popular in 2024 with up to 11 in the Novice class and 7 in the Open. We introduced a Pick A Test class in 2024 as we don't really have many people riding Elementary tests, but also had a couple wanting to do advanced to medium so giving them the choice of what they ride and is working although numbers remain at 2 or 3 in this class per show. The show-jumping ticks along and the clear round peaked in June with 16 entries. The assisted 45cm class seems to be a popular addition. Our most popular height to jump seems to be 55cm when we can hit double figures but we very rarely have entries in the 90cm class but it is there for those that occasionally want it and it may encourage others. Our junior competitors are now often beating the Seniors across all disciplines. There are many classes that we could put into our Open shows and some are more popular than others but you can never quite tell. Something that is popular one show may have very few or no entries at another show but we try and rotate and give a good variety so there are always classes for everyone. Most of our judges very kindly give their time to us free of charge and for this we are very grateful but equally we are happy to pay. We must say a huge thank-you to the regular people that help with the shows. The popularity of all our shows seems to be increasing and at times I have struggled to

keep up with it all in the last year. Sarah Poulter has done a wonderful job of taking the dressage entries and organising the judges for each day but we really must plead with you not to leave your entry until the last minute if at all possible. We do know that sometimes it is unavoidable but most of the time it isn't. When the entries suddenly triple after we are tucked up in bed on the closing day it can make finding an extra judge very difficult and one day we may say we can't fit you in. Joy and Jim are always there hiding in that wooden green box watching carefully to make sure you did get that clear round and Sarah is keeping people in order at the collecting ring gate. My biggest thank-you has to go to Sandra Middleton who does a truly amazing job finding sponsorship for all our showing classes and running around collecting the wonderful prizes you donate but if it were possible do you think you may be able to get your offering to a previous show or let Sandra know you will sponsor at a future show to make her life just a little bit easier. We have noticed occasionally that dress and tack codes are slipping a little and we plan to create some crib sheets to help our ring stewards with what you and your four-legged friends should or should not be wearing. We understand that some of you belong to BD, BE, BS, FEI or Pony clubs but we run under British Riding Club rules for our Dressage and our jumping so please familiarise yourself with those rules and in most cases, they are not different. If in doubt please ask – we may not know the answer but we will find it. We don't want to be the kill joy but we want you and your Neddy to be safe. We love seeing you all come to our shows and you make them what they are – you are all so great so let's have a good 2025 together. The first schedule for 16 March went live last night on Facebook and will go on our website over the weekend. The schedule for the first Open show on Easter show should be available in a couple of weeks.

**6. Faye Enefer Harrison reported on Area 14 teams and results:**

**Joy Broker** read out the result and information of **Area 14 competitions** for 2024, most of these results had been reported in the WRC News Letters and other results will be in the next Newsletter, here is an overview: **ODE Qualifier:** Had 4 teams 2 Individuals, mixed 70 team didn't get a score, Junior 80 finished second, Senior 80 finished 8<sup>th</sup>, Junior 90 team won and qualified for the champs at Sawcliffe, Mia Archer competed in the 100 finishing 7<sup>th</sup>, **Arena Eventing Championships** We fielded 2 teams and 2 individuals after qualifying at our event in Oct 2023: Mixed 70 team we had mixed results across the team but afraid we did not retain the Trophy, Mixed 90 took 3<sup>rd</sup> place and Mia Archer was individual 4<sup>th</sup> place and this was against adults, 100 Mia rode as an individual just outside the placings clear but just a bit too fast. **Area 14 SJ Geldeston:** Zara Heneghan was the only WRC sent and competed in the 70 and 80, she had 2 poles down in each class which left her unplaced. **Area 14 Combined Challenge qualifier at Horseheath:** Competitors for this qualifier were: 2 X 70 Senior teams, 1 X 80 Senior Team, 1 X 90 mixed team, 3 individuals 2 x 70 juniors and a mixed 100. Junior 70 kicked off the day with a win and a 2<sup>nd</sup> both riders were invited to the Championships, Senior 70 the team had good results and secured a place at the Championships, the second team were not so successful, Senior 80 team had a Win and are also off to the Championships, mixed 90 team were 2<sup>nd</sup> and Mia Archer jumped the 100 individual and took 2<sup>nd</sup> place and offered a place at the Champs. Area Eventing qualifier SEC 27/10/24, the club ran this for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year, Toby Bancroft built the course. We will be sending to the Champs at Aston Le walls in May 2025 the following: Both teams in the Senior 70, the Junior 70 and a mixed 100 team. **SJ qualifier TopThorn November 2024:** A team in the 70 section went and finished a very respectable 7<sup>th</sup> with Sandra Middleton finished 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Barbie read the report for the Clinic's:** Barbie thanked everyone who attended one of the many clinics held by the club last year. In 2024 the club held 43 clinics over a variety of seven different events and a couple of our instructors are here tonight, I would like to say a big thank you to all five of them who have kindly helped us throughout last year, John Adams show jumping clinics, Catherine Dutton pole/grid work clinics, Claire Stennett a personal big thank you for use of the arena with lighting along with the back paddock which has been developed into a fabulous XC training field including a bank and ditch. Claire has also covered for instructors and even set up an arena eventing course for members to practise/lessons for a week at a time and finally also made our cross XC schooling session really good fun. Our 4th trainer is Debbie Tate doing flat/dressage test practise sessions. Julia Woods kindly does showing ring craft clinics. We are already in the throes of getting 2025 clinics running with: 6 x John Adams sessions booked until June. (January has already taken place with over 10 members attending). Debbie Tate has 2 clinics through to the end of March, Claire has two weekends of 4 pole work clinics booked, I am organising 2 cross country clinics at Ely EC (one for just our members the 9th March) the other for Area 14 very short

notice the 9th of February. I have also been in touch with Suffolk hunt pony club who are based at Ickworth Park ground permitting opens in April. Two things for the forthcoming year: if you are interested in booking a slot for any clinics could I please ask you text the number which is advertised on our WRC Facebook page as both Claire and Julia kindly help with organising the timings of some of these clinics. Secondly, I am afraid that as of this year all clinics even if you have to cancel will have to be paid for and I am in the process of working out how this will work. Confirmed dates John Adams SJ clinics: 13<sup>th</sup> February 13th March, 10th April, 16th May and 20th June. Debbie Tate flat: 29<sup>th</sup> January 4<sup>th</sup> February PM, 7th February PM, 26th February and 19<sup>th</sup> March, Claire pole work: 25th and 6th of January, 8th and 9th of February. Finally if you wish us to put on a clinic that could benefit our club members then let a committee we can try and organise something if it is possible.

7. **Club Affiliations: Toni-ann reported:** We have secured all affiliations from 2024 for 2025. A full report was given confirming we have ROR for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year running, **Veteran Horse Society** for classes in our June show. **Sunshine Tour**, our 4<sup>th</sup> year in this event and qualifying is until the end of July (but not all classes) The finals are at Hickstead 11-15 September 2025. **Stars Champion of Champions Show** we have managed to successfully affiliate again this year with stiff opposition. We have learned many lessons for this event, but it has been such a success across the board of all the events. **New for this year British Connemara Pony Society:** We will be hosting Eastern Area Qualifiers for Dressage and Combined Training as part of our show on 25<sup>th</sup> May, we are also looking at running Pairs Dressage. The Finals will be held at Morton Morrell 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025. We are hoping on the same day to include qualifiers for the National Pony Society but are waiting to hear if they are going to come in line with 2024 dressage tests. Julia Woods has sponsored rosettes for the best Connemara in classes at the Open Shows this season. Note Dressage tests changed last year and we will only be using the new 2024 tests this year. The Club has a complete set, if members need sight of one, please email and one will be sent as we are not allowed to publicly publish them. There are 4 into-walk & trot test, 3 Prelim, 3 Novice test that can be done in a 20 X 40 arena, we know we can fit a 20 X 60 dressage arena in but we need to investigate if the Judges car will fit without being in the show jumping collecting ring. At this point rosettes were given to all the members who were placed in Stars Championships at Aintree.
8. **Treasurer's Report:** The report was distributed to members ; this showed a healthy balance of £14,316.03. All items from 2023-2024 were listed and ongoing income and expenditure would continue throughout the year 2025 and reported at meetings.
9. **Club Membership:** We have to date 168 members throughout the year members will renew their membership and these figures will be reported in future Committee meetings.
10. **Election of Committee members:** Committee will be re-elected and are Jim Hiner, Toni-ann Hammond, Russell Millar, Faye Enefer-Harrison, Barbie Hurrell, Sue Smith, Joy Broker, Lucy Tuck, Sarah Poulter and Emma Kitteridge. A proposed new member Jay Soer was put forward, all were Proposed by Sandra Middleton and seconded by Helen Rice.
11. **AOB:** Linda Porter Cohen WRC President wanted to thank Shirley Reeder for allowing us to use her premises at Worlington and starting the Club over 50 years ago. This is where the club name came from, unfortunately Shirley passed away last year but is still remembered and thanked. Sandra Middleton asked for members to offer their help at the Open Shows, these have large entries and take a lot of organising with sponsorships, stewards, judges and runners, this was a heartfelt ask as she can no longer do all of this on her own, we need to support her as much as possible.
12. **It was time for the Quiz and Pizzas** Each table became a team and tucked into some lovely Pizzas, Toni-ann did a great job reading out the questions and as usual the quiz brought a lot of laughter and fun. A tie breaker question was needed to resolve 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> and rosettes were awarded to the winners.
13. **AGM Trophies (Trophy and rosette)**

#### **Dressage**

**King Edward Memorial Dressage Cup: Senior**, Won by Helen Rice with Cloigen Cameron(aka Bob) with 107 points.

**Everybody's Talking Cup: Junior**, won by Isabelle Waller with Obershade Firefighter (aka Doodles) with 35 points.

**Inuna Mkubwa Trophy: Best Performance over the first Preliminary Dressage test at each show during the year:** won by Isabelle Waller & Doodles.

**Winner of the Championship** who all got vouchers for 3 free classes this season for their achievements:

**Preliminary** – won by Emily Reeder with Louis VIII with 72.2%

**Novice** – won by Helen Rice with Bob with 67.2%

**Pick A Test: Elementary /Medium championship-** won by Helen Rice with Bob with 70.2%

#### **Combined Training**

**Senior Needham Dolly Bird Challenge Plate:** Novice combined Training- retained and won again by Sarah Lummis on Mrs Bee with 20 points.

**Junior Needham Dolly Bird Challenge Plate:** won by Zara Heneghan on Dolly Mixture with 27 points.

**Barbary Pirate Challenge Trophy Plate: Senior open,** won by Sarah Lummis on Mrs Bee with 19 points.

**Tack Box Millennium Cup: Junior open,** won by Bessy Waites with Judes Boy.

#### **Show Jumping**

Winners of the Championship classes got vouchers for 3 free classes this season for their achievements are:

**55cm Nursery:** won by Zara Heneghan on Cornish Whisper.

**60cm Small Novice:** won by Sophie McGaffin on Buddy.

**70cm Novice:** won by Lizzie Allen on Rosie.

**75cm Intermediate:** won by Delilah Germeney on Abbywoods Opium

**80cm Small Open and 90cm Open:** both won by Delilah Germeney on Abbywoods Opium

**Kelston Cup: Senior most improved:** won by Helen Halliwell with Cobnut

**Philip Brook Farrier Shield: Junior most improved:** won by Jessica Fuller with Freedoms Little Diamond.

#### **Open Shows**

**Paul Brackley Challenge Cup: Spring Show Senior gaining the most points:** won by Sarah Moorbey on Billy with 26 points.

**Mavis Whitehead Shield: Junior gaining most points:** won by Delilah Germeney on Abbywoods Opium with 30 points.

**KC Snax Cup: The two summer Open shows combined:** won by Isabelle Waller on doodles with 66 points.

**Heaven Sent Memorial Trophy: Autumn Show Senior:** won Jackie Willis on Templedruid Jadiete with 29 points.

**Skittles Trophy: Autumn Show Junior:** won by Isabelle Waller on Doodles with 30 points.

#### **Performance from all 4 2024 Open Shows**

**Punters Anonymous Cup: Senior:** won by Jackie Willis on Templedruid Jadiete with 100 points

**Broardgate Hector Trophy: Junior:** won by Isabelle Waller on Doodles with 119 points.

**Wensum Ridden Connemara Sheild: Points across the Open Shows 2024:** won by Sarah Moorbey on Billy with 69 points.

**ROR Open Shows by Apollo Stables: across the open shows 2024:** won by Trudie Tideswell on Theydon Spirit with 49 points.

#### **Club Trophies given for performances across 2024**

**HD Roe Jewellers Cup: Points Trophy Senior Club Points Trophies:** won by Sarah Moorbey on Billy with 147 points.

**All Square Flooring Cup: Junior Club Points Trophies:** won by Isabelle Waller on Doodles with 186 points.

**ROR Challenge Cup:** won by Trudie Tideswell on Freddie with 90 points.

**Cider Gold Memorial Trophy: Senior who improvement throughout the year at the various training clinics:** won by Barbie Hurrell attending 27 various clinics.

**Skipper Trophy Plate: Junior who improvement throughout the year at the various training clinics:** won by Zoe Zddy.

**All - rounder Trophy: Senior, given to the broadest aspects across the board of the Riding Club:** won by Barbie Hurrell.

**Tancos Cup (in memory of Bert) Junior:** won by Emily Reeder.

**Member who was considered to have made an outstanding contribution to the Riding Club in 2024**

**David Turner Loyalty and Support Trophy presented to the club by Elizabeth Turner:** won by Julia Woods.

Many thanks for attending this evening and we hope you have had a lovely time and that we will see you competing at our shows in the 2025 season. Good night and have a safe journey home.

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Signed: