

EACDG AGM Minutes

22 October 2017

Committee present: Lorna Ingram, Rachel Masters, Wendy Embleton, Sue Budd, Esther Rawlinson, Ginny White, Zoe Morgan

Apologies: Keith & Sue Hargreaves, Tabitha King, Chris, Natalie & Grace Smith, Geraldine Stephenson

Committee

Re-elected: Lorna, Wendy, Sue, Esther, Zoe, Ginny, Rachel (2018 only, new treasurer needed 2019)

Stepped down: Dan Twitchen

New committee member elected: Malcolm Brown (proposed Lorna, seconded Rachel)

Events 2017

Membership static, competitor numbers down across the country.

Total entries similar this year to last year.

Treasurer report

£461 loss this year. Made decision to run some events knowing we might make a loss given that club has enough reserves (Sandringham kindly agreed to reduce our costs due to our low entries but majority of loss came from this event).

3 events cancelled: junior camp (too few entries) , last training & 1 day (weather & also low entries)

Keep membership & entries the same next year. Hope increased entries will cover, if not will have to review end of next year

Events 2018

Braxted Park (Colchester area) – Wendy negotiating with events manager, they are assessing costs to lay on event. Club would need to create obstacles. Consider doing a training and one day event there with limited obstacles. However want event to look professional to venue with plenty of entries. Dates available: 28/29 April, 3 weekends June or 7/8 July (Wendy will request 9/10 June)

Euston – no dates available April/May. Have offered early Sep (Ginny has requested a 1 day event on 2nd Sep)

Blandings : 26/27 May normal event to count to club league. Another 2 day on 14/15 July (at request of paras). Option to include this in club league as well.

Club champs: early date due to other events (during summer holidays)

April 12/13 – Training Days (Ashfields)

April 14/15- 2 day event & Novice Qualifier (Ashfields)

May 26/27- 2 day (Blandings)

June 9/10 – 2 day (*Braxted*) tbc

June 29/30 – 2 day (Sandringham)

July 14/15 – 2 day (Blandings)

July 27/28 – Training Camp

July 29 – 1 day event (Ashfields)

Aug 18/19 – 2 day Club Champs (Ashfields)

Sep 2 – 1 day (Euston) tbc

May 4-6 - National (Ashfields) – club members asked to steward

Sep 14-16 – National Champs (Cirencester)

Rules and Class Progression

Discussed draft document. Hoping to get BC to give much clearer guidance to clubs.

Members to feed back to committee by end November.

After 5 pre novice events, can move to novice however if want to get card signed, would be put straight into novice class (provided assessor is happy they are competent) as prenovice only does section B. Can go straight in with multiples provided assessor is happy they are competent (eg allows entry for experienced pairs driver in another discipline).

Need clarity on who is allowed to assess (UK CC coach, list of club accredited assessors?)

Need to clarify whether assessment carried out just for indoors is acceptable. Must be assessed with same horse they will be competing.

AOB

Club to consider buying 1 or 2 obstacles – not enough room in club trailer.

Fiona/Mike may be able to bring one to events.

Club Champs – need sponsor for backstepper rosettes (approx. cost £60 for 50 plain rosettes).

Add a special tandem class “Ashfields National Tandem Champ” to club champs to encourage more tandems from across the county?

Hold a National Inter Club Team Champs within the Club champs?

Have run 2 events with option of indoor tests but no indoor-only drivers entered – needed more publicity? On social media need to keep repeating.

Lynn Price will provide communications for website and social media.