

**MINUTES OF VECTIS EQUESTRIAN CLUB AGM HELD
WEDNESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2009 AT THE EIGHT BELLS
NEWPORT ISLE OF WIGHT**

Starting 8.05pm – Di Andrews in the Chair

APOLOGIES – Wendy and Peter Warren, Kelly Blow, Trudi Gattrell, Sue Morris

MINUTES OF 2008 AGM read and adopted – proposed by Louise Blow, seconded by Bev Snudden

MATTERS ARISING – None

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The past year had been our busiest yet, with the Club running a lot of events. Carla Maskell and Helen Wood proposed to have more jumping competitions and despite the Chairman's reservations these went ahead with great success. The Chairman thanked both Carla and Helen (who also built the courses) and Helens boyfriend Steve for the huge amount of work they had done to make the events such a success. She also thanked both Mandy Steen and Dawn Webster for the support they gave the Club by letting us use their fantastic facilities at Froghill Farm and Little Kennerly. We hoped next year that a few more people would be willing to try jumping the bigger courses.

The Club's dressage competitions were the best supported events, and the Chairman thanked Jane Frost for her tireless efforts in organising the informal unaffiliated ones and Laura Windle for running the affiliated competitions. Laura had had a meeting with Sue Lightbown from the Riding Club to try to come to a suitable arrangement with regard to how many were run and there would now be an affiliated competition every month run alternately by us and the Rising Club.

The Come Prancing evening held in the spring was the best yet, with every entry making a huge effort with costumes and choreography, and compere Ruth Poorsight aka Linda Jurd, rising to the occasion (literally on 6 inch heels!) and keeping everyone entertained.

We had held 2 Endurance Rides for the first time, organised by Anna Lek and had attracted 5 riders on the first ride and 9 on the second. It was hoped more people would get into doing them and we would run a winter series. The Chairman thanked Anna and partner David and also Andy Hicks who acted as timekeeper. The next ride was planned on the 29th November from the Old Smithy car park in Godshill.

We had held a Showing Show at the Pony Club field in early October as part of the Vectis Horse of the Year series. Although we received poor entries there were some very nice ponies which attracted nice comments from the judges, and everyone enjoyed themselves. It has been suggested that we hold this next year in the summer at Di Andrews's field to hopefully attract more entries.

The Club had been extremely lucky with the weather for all of its events this year, with nothing having to be postponed or cancelled. The Chairman also thanked Carol Taylor for her endless supply of wonderful cakes which she baked for our events for

nothing. She had donated the takings from them at the last event to Naomi House, who had been very appreciative.

We hadn't sent many teams for Area competitions this year. We had sent a junior team and 1 senior individual to the dressage and had a day of 4th places which was good. We had also had success at the Dressage to Music with junior Polly Kitcher qualifying at Area and going on to finishing 3rd at the Championships. The junior show jumping team although having a bit of a nightmare with ponies going lame and misbehaving, gained invaluable experience and had a thoroughly enjoyable day. The Chairman thanked Sally McIntosh for the website which was very good, and hoped that everyone would have access to it as it was kept updated with all the news, results and forthcoming events.

The Club had run a new competition this year – The Vectis Horse of the Year supported by Froghill. It involved 4 different disciplines, dressage, show jumping, showing and endurance riding, with the best 2 scores counting in each. The final event, the endurance ride, was the decider and the Chairman was the only person who knew the result and had carefully guarded the secret. Huge thanks to Mandy who was donating the prizes down to 10th place and for her continued solid support for the Club.

The Chairman also thanked Robert Booth for his support with the training sessions, the weather never putting him off with the outdoor ones. The winter ones so far this year had not been quite so well supported, but they would continue on through to the spring. The Club was pleased that Brickfields was carrying on as usual despite the very sad death of Phil Legge in the summer. We were very lucky to have the 2 indoor facilities of both Brickfields and Lake Farm.

The annual quiz had been resurrected and held at Brickfields very successfully in the spring, and the Christmas party at the New Holmwood had also been brilliant although a few people doubtfully had much recollection of it! This year's party was on the 4th December and tickets were available at the meeting or from committee members.

TREASURERS REPORT

The majority of our income came from the dressage competitions which had brought in £1742.00. The Club had made a small income over expenditure of £166 with the current bank balance standing at £1,381.00. There were no queries regarding the accounts. The Chairman thanked Peter Warren for auditing the accounts, and asked for a proposal to adopt the accounts. Proposed Laura Windle seconded Jenny Morris.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR – Peter Warren – adopted by the Meeting.

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Jane Frost passed round a form for people to put their names on if they were interested in Area teams next year, and also invited any new ideas for club events.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

Lind Jurd pointed out To the Chairman that she had missed this out. Committee members standing for re-election were Di Andrews, Helen Wood, and Bev Snudden and co-opted member Anna Lek. All returned proposed by Trish Collins and seconded by Jane Frost.

ANNUAL AWARDS

Unaffiliated Prelim – Marty Davidson
Unaffiliated Novice – Sue Morris
Unaffiliated Junior – Natasha Coventry
Affiliated Prelim/Novice – Peter Warren
Affiliated Elem/Med – Carla Maskell
Man That Does Trophy – Mandy Steen

VECTIS HORSE OF THE YEAR

1st Shamlords Sunrise – Natasha Coventry
2nd The Stig – Hilary Box
3rd Forest Gump – Abigail Denham
4th Merry Mainstream - Abigail Denham/Karen Denham
5th Khandi Dee – Melissa Pinfield-Wells
6th Mosshill Miley – Julie Wannop-Corney
7th Kalistar – Sammi Henton
8th Daisy – Mandy Steen
9th Corinth – Jodie Janes
10th Christies Leading Lady – Sue Morris
The Island Life Magazine would be running 2 page spread about the competition.

Meeting closed 9.45pm.