

ELISABETH CURTIS CENTRE RIDING FOR THE DISABLED

Minutes of the Coaching Committee 6.30pm Monday 13th December 2021 Microsoft Teams

Present: Kyle Palmer (**KP**) (Chairman); Charlotte Dunham (**CD**) (Secretary); Gina Dunn (**GD**) (PWO); Pearl Farr (**PF**) Session Organiser, Trustee; Debbie Saunders (**DS**); Alex Greene (**AG**) Coach in Training; Sarah Armstrong (**SA**) Coach in Training, Trustee

1. Apologies for absence: Victoria Liston (**VL**). **KP** extended a welcome to **AG** who is a Coach in Training and volunteers on Saturday mornings. She has two more training modules to complete. **KP** will organise an ECC email address. **Action: KP**

2. Minutes of last meeting: Approved

3. Update and Matters arising since last meeting:

- 1. Dressage Competition, ECC Sunday 12th December 2021.** **KP** thanked all (including volunteers) for their help at the event which had good support from participants. Feedback from participants and parents has been overwhelmingly positive. **SA**, who judged, felt it was challenging, boosted the confidence of participants and they learnt a lot. She suggested that there could be a 'live' scoreboard with explanations for all and that in future, a quicker method of getting ponies in and ready for their riders would be helpful. It would also be helpful to explain to leaders how to lead on straight lines and on 20/10m circles. Parents/carers would benefit from understanding the concept of 'What is a Dressage Test?'. The ponies were well behaved and worked well for their riders. **GD** thought participants/families enjoyed the day and it was good to see the competition back again. **KP** thought the digital application forms worked well and it is good to have feedback from others. **CD** also agreed that there should be a scoreboard, someone to welcome parents/participants and explain the activities or have information on a noticeboard, introduce the judge, participants and suggested that the Chair or County Chairman should formally thank everyone at the end.
- 2. Rio – Trial extended, update at the next CC meeting and decision by Spring half-term.**

19.27 **SA** left the meeting

4. Management update: KP

1. Coffee Morning on 5/12/21 raised an excellent £450.50. Thanks to the groom's poo picking efforts, the 'Muck Market' has raised £200 in 3 months with £50 donation online.
2. Midnight Blue Equestrian Groom has completed some tractor driving training to support with levelling the school.
3. The skip is being regularly emptied: thanks to **RW** and **KC** for support.
4. Funding for lighting in stable yard ongoing **Action: AB (Trustee)**
5. Fees: it is planned to start invoicing participants via Xero in 2022. **KP** will send all an excel document with participants names and emails addresses to confirm. **VL** has made trackers to track fees simplifying the paperwork. **PF** has managed to get all fees from the Monday sessions paid. **Action: All**
6. **PF** actioned **CD** feedback after event at ECC on 28/11/21 and will update 'Conditions of Use' for hiring out the school.
7. **KP** asked that all coaches try to incorporate more riders from the Waiting List where it is safe to do so. **Action: All**

5. Pony Welfare Officer Report:

PONY WELFARE REPORT 13/12/2021

22/11/21 Rupert resumed his hormone treatment to reduce his stress around Rio.

23 & 24/11/21 Dixie displayed excessive salivation, no other symptoms. 25/11/21 Rio displayed same symptom. Vet confirmed the Slobbers. Symptoms disappeared within 24 hours of being removed from affected pasture.

26/11/21 Farrier attended.

10/12/21 Rio joined the main herd. As Rupert requires a second injection before he can be introduced to Rio, Rupert was removed from the main herd to allow Rio to join the herd. Rupert is currently turned out with Dixie. Rio is currently finding his place in the herd.

Rio has generally been doing well in sessions, now being ridden by volunteers who are not experienced riders.
11/12/21 Lolly had mild colic in the evening.
12/12/21 Bobby behaved very well in his first experience of an in-house competition.
21/12/21 Vet due for routine vaccinations, blood tests, and Rupert's second hormone injection.
07/01/22 Farrier due.

Thank you to our grooms for all their hard work, and thank you to the volunteers who help exercise the ponies.

Gina Dunn - PWO

13/12/21 SA/CD reported Bobby was very fidgety this morning, lots of tail swishing and stamping of off hind. **GD** thinks he could have tweaked a muscle and will look into it. Both Bobby and Muscadeu will have shorter girths
Action: GD

6. Session Updates:

Monday: all OK. 3 sessions; 2, 3, 3 riders, 13/14 volunteers

Tuesday: 3 sessions; 5, 5, 4, riders. 1 re-starting in January after a break. Would like more volunteers.

Wednesday am: 'Sense' starting in January, 1 ride with 3 former Tuesday morning riders. **KP** to find out if St Johns are starting. Volunteer numbers are improving.

Wednesday pm: 2 sessions; Good volunteer numbers. Availability for places. Find out from Waiting List
Action: CD

Thursday: DS thanks to **PF, RW** and **GD** for their help. 4 riders attending and 9 volunteers

Saturday: 7 ½ riders (1 alternate weeks) 8/9 volunteers. 1 on HC but will need to relinquish place to make more ridden places available so that there are 3 sessions. Potential Physio session on 4/1/22

7. AOB:

1. **DS asked** when riding commences in the New Year as she is available for 2 weeks then is away for 3 weeks. (Sessions start w/c10/1/22)
2. **KP ECC** needs a Ragwort pulling session. There are lots ragwort pullers in the hay barn. **TBC**
3. **PF** has had an enquiry from a previous rider who would like to start riding again but there are no records of her name. **Action: KP**

Meeting finished at 20.22pm

Date of next meeting: Monday 24th January 2022 6.30pm via Microsoft Teams