

ELISABETH CURTIS CENTRE RIDING FOR THE DISABLED
Minutes of the Hundred and Eleventh Meeting of the Private Limited Company No 7302917
Management Committee Meeting
Monday, 18th January 2021, 6.30pm, by Teams

Present – V Liston (Chair), P Farr (Secretary), R Ward, K Palmer

1. **Apologies for absence:** None
2. **Minutes of Last Meeting.** Approved.
3. **Groom Cover.** VL updated the meeting re. her prolonged efforts over the weekend searching for freelance groom cover for KC and AG's leave as the groom who had been booked had to cancel as she was unwell. For Monday, 17th Jan., CDu stepped in with the help of 2 x volunteers. VL has found another freelance groom to cover AG's leave and also contacted a company, Midnight Blue Equestrian, offering equine services. Cost unknown, but offer 30% discount to Charities. MC agreed we should investigate this option further and arrange for them to visit the Centre and provide a quote. KP suggested we could explore giving someone a contract to provide groom cover on an ongoing basis, but we will need to investigate this idea further. Our thanks to CDu and our volunteers for stepping in to support with cover. **Action: VL. Ongoing.**
4. **AB Riding.** MC agreed that given the situation regarding Covid case levels hadn't improved since the last meeting, AB riding will not restart. To be reviewed at next MC.
5. **Riding Fees.** Agreed to discuss this at the next MC meeting, having reviewed our current levels of income and expenditure. We need to decide whether to set different fees for riding and non-riding. KP to get feedback from other RDAs. We also need to factor in the additional costs relating to cleaning and other Covid-19 measures. KP suggested we could explore using Go Fund Me as another route to generate income. **Action:MC. Ongoing.**
6. **Field Maintenance.** KP reported that, after recent rain, there is standing water at the top of Field 2. Also, we need to consider providing shelter for horses in the fields as this isn't available in all fields. This could either be field shelters or planting of additional trees to provide natural shelter. **Action: KP to contact Josh Morgan-Pell.** RW reported that 'David' from Bromham, who works in Field Maintenance, would advise on what he feels we need, free of charge. **Action: RW to contact and arrange visit (preferably Sat/Sun).**
7. **Drains.** Anglian Water to visit Centre, Monday, 25th January to advise who is responsible for drains and next steps in regard to fixing the drains. **Action: RW/PF to cover visit.**
8. **Maintenance Jobs.**
 - Electrical.** 2nd quote required for lights in stable block. Quote also required for additional lighting. **Action: KP to inform RW re, extra lighting requirements. RW to contact Wady's.**
 - Fencing.** Invoice not yet received from Sam Helliwell. RW contacted Sam.
 - Tractor Service.** Due Feb/March.
9. **Fundraising.**
 - **Recycle Print Cartridges.** KP to sign up for collecting used print cartridges at the Centre. £1 per cartridge paid.
 - **Bromham Broadsheet.** RW to put article in next issue (March 2021). KP to insert QR code.
 - **Collecting Tins.** Will be distributed when Covid situation is improved, with new labels including QR code.

- **Santander Virtual Marathon.** £240 (inc. Gift Aid) already raised. Santander to match. Put on website as PR and to encourage volunteers to raise money with similar activities.
- Suggested donation for bags of manure - £2 per bag
- **Website.** Clothing to be added at a later date.

10. **AOB**

- a PF enquired re. old ECC printer. KP to return it to Centre to be used for labels, etc. Suggest it is stored in Store Cupboard. **Action: KP**
- b Groom's 1-2-1 Form created and on Teams. MC agreed content.
- c PF provided details of Courtenay, who the Centre uses if a horse has to be put down.
- d VL to order photographs for 'Sponser a Pony.' MC agreed that Anna's name should be displayed on photos, where Anna has taken the photo.

Meeting closed 7.30pm.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, 28th January 2021 at 6.30pm by Teams.