

ELISABETH CURTIS CENTRE RIDING FOR THE DISABLED

Minutes of the Coaching Committee 6.30pm Monday 2nd August 2021 Microsoft Teams

Present: Kyle Palmer (**KP**) (Chairman), Charlotte Dunham (**CDu**) (Secretary), Gina Dunn (**GD**) (PWO), Pearl Farr (**PF**)

1. Apologies for absence: Victoria Liston (**VL**)

2. Minutes of last meeting: Approved.

3. Update and Matters arising since last meeting: **KP**

1. None

4. Management update: **KP**

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2. Two new Trustees have joined, Debbie Pay (**DP**) and Sarah Armstrong (**SA**). **KP** has had a meeting with Al Barnes from the local community who is interested in Maintenance and Fundraising. He is a potential Trustee and will need to be voted in at the next MC meeting.

3. **PF** will be arranging a first Aid Course for volunteers in September. **Action:** **PF**

5. Pony Welfare Officer Report: 01/08/2021

The ponies are working really well in ET sessions, and they have been amazing in their return to working with our participants. Bobby has been ridden or led during sessions to allow him to familiarise himself with the work we do, he has been calm and well behaved. Over the next few weeks, we will gently introduce Bobby to being ridden by some participants. He will need to be used by balanced riders and his weight limit is 9st/57kgs. Huggy's breathing seems to be more under control, he has worked well and happily. Lolly has been lunged to give her additional work and her weight has been decreasing.

21/06/21 Bobby, Ellie, Muscadeu, Conker had routine vaccines, Bobby had his hormone injection, and Huggy and Rupert had their 6 monthly blood tests, both tests were fine.

25/06/21 The osteopath treated the ponies and advised on exercises/treatments for each pony. He also advised having Ellie's hocks X-rayed.

03/07/21 Conker went on short term loan to Hannah Dunn.

08/07/21 Vet examined Ellie, decided against hock X-rays, he was more concerned with near fore lameness and tenderness in Ellie's back. Vet advised for Ellie to be given bute for 10 days and be rested for 2 weeks, after which he wanted to review her and see her ridden to assess her back. The vet offered long term treatment options for Ellie's left knee. MC decided on the option of long term bute. The vet was due to return 20/07/21 but Ellie was lame, vet advised to put her back on bute and he would see her in a week's time.

22/07/21 Huggy, Ellie, Dixie, Sam, Rupert and Bobby were treated for worms. Dixie and Sam need to have worm counts again as they had a high worm load.

23/07/21 Farrier visit. Ellie had front shoes fitted to help with sensitive soles. Muscadeu has a small hole in near hind hoof, farrier advised treatment. Rupert's off fore hoof is growing, his other feet are not in great condition, farrier advised treatment.

28/07/21 Vet assessed Ellie; her knee is responding well to bute. Ellie's back was still sore. Vet advised to rest her from ridden work for a few weeks, to try physio (massage, neck and leg stretches), and in-hand pole work 2/3 times per week, and update vet on Ellie's progress. He suggested that we consider plans for suitability to this work in the long term. Vet assessed Huggy as his droppings have been loose since he moved to field 4. Vet prescribed treatment and advised Huggy has his grass intake reduced, replacing with hay, and update vet for a review. Huggy was moved to field 3 with Rupert and the mares to reduce grazing.

02/08/21 Ellie is booked for a massage. Her future will need to be considered due to ongoing health issues.

Gina Dunn – PWO

KP has digitised the Pony Register which will enable all to see pony usage statistically. Thanks to **KP**.

Many thanks to both **KC** and **GD** for all their extra work on-site, such as exercising the ponies and being in attendance when the vet, farrier etc. are at the centre.

6. Re-opening: will be in line with Government and RDA NO guidelines and subject to change.

1. Sessions during the Holidays:

Monday: a small number of participants and volunteers have enjoyed being back doing Quiet Pony and Riding sessions.

Tuesday pm: low on volunteers but riding going ahead successfully

Wednesday pm: some participants did not turn up to their allotted sessions

Wednesday am: starting 18th August to include some Tuesday morning riders

Saturday: 2 sessions, all good with a nice mix of volunteers

7. AOB: None

Meeting finished at 18.08pm

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 1st September 2021 via Microsoft Teams