

ELISABETH CURTIS CENTRE RIDING FOR THE DISABLED

Minutes of the Coaching Committee 6.30pm Monday 4th October 2021 Microsoft Teams

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

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

2. Minutes of last meeting: Approved

3. Update and Matters arising since last meeting:

1. From Minutes AOB: bridle, neck strap and reins to be put back on Bridle Hook.

4. Management update: KP

1. Debbie Saunders, an RDA 'Green Coach' from Buckinghamshire is potentially able to help out, hopefully on Thursdays. Details of the session/ride time etc to be shared. **Action: KP**
2. Fundraising. An excellent Autumn Fair with plenty of supporters, raised about £950. Many thanks to all involved.
3. Kirsty Brogden (**KB**), a past coach, is possibly going to be an organiser for Saturday sessions.
4. As Virgin Giving has now closed, ECC is in the process of applying for 'CAF Donate'. **Action: KP**
5. A 'Buy a Brick' scheme to support stabling costs is being set up by **AB**. **Action: MC**
6. The ECC clothing line is to be launched online this month, to include Tee-shirts, pillows and clothing in children's sizes.

5. Pony Welfare Officer Report:

04/10/2021

The ponies have settled well into their work routine. Lolly, Ellie and Rupert returned to the main herd 22/09/21.

03/09/21 Farrier attended. Rupert's foot is growing well.

10/09/21 The vet attended Huggy for laboured breathing. The vet prescribed an equihaler for 10 days before returning to usual inhalers. Following the vet's advice, Huggy is to be kept out at all times, and he can have an extra dose of Ventolin inhaler if he needs to be indoors, eg. for the farrier. The vet advised that Huggy may be able to work during the winter months. The Horse Trust have offered a place for Huggy's retirement in the spring.

13/09/21 Viewed Rio as a potential pony on loan. Many thanks to Lisa and Alex for attending the viewing.

23/09/21 and 27/09/21 Lolly was treated by the vet for mild colic. Both incidents occurred during the evening, thanks to Robyn for doing late night checks on Lolly on both occasions.

Ellie continues with in-hand pole work. Retirement options for Ellie are currently being explored.

Bobby's saddle has been slipping with some riders, a gel pad is being used for the time being until the saddler attends.

Muscadeu responded well to extra padding under his saddle as advised by osteopath.

Bobby was unsettled by the Autumn Fair.

09/10/21 Rio is due to arrive on trial.

15/10/21 Farrier due.

19/10/21 Saddler 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

6. Session Updates:

Monday: sessions are running well with nearly all riders back, plus one new rider from Waiting List.

Tuesday: 14 riders, 2 sessions with 5 riders and 1 session with 4 riders, sometimes not enough volunteers

Wednesday: only 1 rider in the morning session due to various reasons, possibility for some new riders

Schools are wanting to come back. **GD** would like an update on Wednesday schools.

Saturday: shortage of volunteers

7. AOB:

1. **SA** asked about the harrowing/levelling of the school. Manufacturers recommend it should be done weekly but as there need to be 2 people on site when the tractor is in use, this is difficult at the moment. **Ongoing. SA** left the meeting at 19.18
2. **CD** asked if a tack sanitising set could be left in the gallery for use between sessions. **KP** suggested using Hat San. from kitchen and put back afterwards. **Action: all**
3. **GD** has asked that the washing machine be turned off when leaving the premises. **Action: all**
4. Dates for End of Term: w/b Monday 13th December, re-start w/b Monday 10th January 2022
5. ECC would like to reward volunteers. Possibility of setting up 'Volunteer Portal' and giving volunteers access to rewards and benefits connected to local businesses. **Ongoing Action: KP**
6. **GD** would like to have a Dressage Competition for ECC participants. **SA** has been booked to judge on Sunday 12th December. Participants will be able to apply for a place online. **Action: KP/GD**

7. ECC volunteers Christmas Dinner: **Ongoing**
8. **PF** asked about cards for thanking volunteers **Ongoing. Action: MC/KP**
9. **PF** would like to use rack in hall for fundraising items **Action: PF**

Meeting finished at 20.08pm

Date of next meeting: Monday 15th November 2021 6.30pm via Microsoft Teams