

ELISABETH CURTIS CENTRE RIDING FOR THE DISABLED
Minutes of the Hundred and Twenty-Eighth Meeting of the Private Limited Company No 7302917
Management Committee Meeting

Monday, 29th November 2021, at 6.30pm, by Teams

Present – V Liston (Chair), P Farr (Secretary), R Ward, K Palmer, V Bradley, D Pay, S Armstrong

1. Apologies for absence: A Barnes

2. Minutes of Last Meeting: Approved. KP suggested that Carriage Driving should not be regarded as 'confidential' as MC will explore the viability of the project and undertake a feasibility study.

3. Finance. VL reported that in November, payment of insurances is made. Deficit is currently over £19K and income from riding fees is reduced, as sessions are not operating to full capacity. Grants to be investigated.

Possibility of invoicing riders via Xero in 2022.

The Centre has received over £2K from Virgin Money Giving; this has now closed. CAF Donate online from 30/11/2021.

4. Centre Maintenance.

School Surface. It was noted that the school surface has become compacted; a rota of volunteers/employees required to regularly harrow/level the surface. MC to monitor impact of hiring the school on the surface. SA suggested that the supplier should be contacted for advice.

Train grooms/volunteers. Action: KP.

Lights in Stable Block. Update required on status of funding.

Action: AB.

Asbestos Check.

Action: PF/RW.

Skip. Contact Moore's.

Action: RW.

5. CC and Horses.

Horses. Decision to be made regarding Rio's trial in December.

Sessions. Sense College having a trial visit, with view to coming for Wednesday am session

Thursday – Debbie Saunders is taking Thursday session, with Thurs. volunteers and Grey's riders. RW/PF/VB/Jill Capone providing support. DS away 2-3 weeks in January.

Saturday am session need new volunteers.

Fees. MC discussed payment for sessions missed due to self-isolating and agreed that refunds could be offered.

Covid. MC reviewed procedures and agreed that between rides, main touch points, any hats used, and areas of the tack that riders would have touched should be sanitized and then at the end of the session the tack would be cleaned and sanitized. Track and Trace form to be streamlined.

Action:KP.

Donated Tack in Stable. To be moved to shed for storage. VB suggested this could be undertaken after Dressage Competition.

Dressage Competition. Sunday, 12th December 2021.

Date of Next CC Meeting: Monday, 13th December 2022, 6.30pm by Teams.

6. Fundraising.

FRG meeting – held Wednesday, 1st December 2021.

Christmas Coffee Morning. Sunday, 5th December 2021. 10.30am – 12.30pm.

Advertised in Beds Life and Bromham Broadsheet. 5-6 stalls and Refreshments.

Barn Dance. Mid-May 2022.

Action: RW.

Curry and Quiz Night. Thursday, 24th March 2022. 7.00 for 7.30pm at Indian Summer, Tavistock Street. Arranged by VB. Cost: £17.50 per person. Teams of up to 4 for quiz. Buffet meal (non-curry option available). **Action: VB.**

Huntingdon Races. VB recently took part in FR event and over £600 was collected. VB to arrange a date for us to do similar, early 2022. **Action: VB.**

***Post meeting.** Date: Sunday, 6th March 2022.

Volunteers for FR events. It was suggested that, in order to get volunteers to help, we should revert to putting up a list on notice board.

School Hire. To be discussed when AB present at meeting.

Date of Next FRG Meeting: Wednesday, 12th January 2022, 6.45pm at Audrey's.

7. A.O.B.

Poo-Picking. In reply to a request from volunteers to poo-pick after riding sessions, MC discussed and agreed that volunteers must only go into fields where there are no horses.

Meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Date of Next meeting Wednesday 15th December 6.30pm via Teams.

Meeting to be limited to 1 hour.