

ELISABETH CURTIS CENTRE RIDING FOR THE DISABLED

Minutes of the Coaching Committee 6.30pm Monday 13th June 2022 Microsoft Teams

Present: Kyle Palmer (**KP**) (Chairman); Charlotte Dunham (**CD**) (Secretary); Gina Dunn (**GD**) (PWO); Pearl Farr (**PF**) Session Organiser, Trustee; Debbie Saunders (**DS**);

1. Apologies for absence: Alex Greene (**AG**)

2. Minutes of last meeting: Read and approved

3. Update and Matters arising since last meeting:

1. Regionals: **KP** thanked volunteers and coaches for all their help with preparation and support at the Regionals on Sunday 8th May. There were positive comments from both parents/carers and participants. All enjoyed the day; the ponies were a credit to the ECC and behaved impeccably. 13 participants attended taking part in qualifying and non-qualifying rounds and 2 participants qualified for the Nationals in July.

4. Management update: KP

1. Carriage Driving will be going ahead. Midnight Blue will be doing the groundwork in the back field for an ISO container for their equipment which will be paid for by the Waverley group. Waverley have also given ECC an inventory of equipment they have and asked ECC if there is anything that they would like to keep. The WhatsApp Horse Searcher group are looking for a ride and drive pony which would be half funded by Waverley.
2. Electrical work around the ECC has been finished.
3. **PF** requested that the Tree Surgeons look at the trees in the Sensory Ride. **GD** has also requested that a large branch which is hanging off the oak tree in the back field be looked at and actioned accordingly.
4. ECC is awaiting quotes for replacing lights in the Tack Room/Office with sensor lights and PAT testing.
5. All fields (except 3 + 4) have been sprayed for weeds, ragwort and sycamore by a Council contractor at no cost.
6. The Rocking Horse belonging to the late Ros Ward has been sold for £1,000. **SA** will share ideas for purchasing equipment with the proceeds.
7. Broken padlocks on gates are being replaced.

5. Pony Welfare Officer Report:

GD has reported that Rio has behaved very well after 2 weeks of no riding. A reminder that if Rupert is used in a session, he should be re-presented at the mounting block if he walks through it.

PONY WELFARE REPORT 11/06/2022

The ponies did us proud at the Regional Qualifier, many thanks to all volunteers who helped with preparations, and on the day. It was worth all the hard work to see how much the riders enjoyed the occasion, and great to see 2 of our riders qualify for the Nationals.

28/04/22 Lolly was started on Regumate. So far, we've been unable to fully assess the efficacy of Regumate due to Lolly being out of work and away from the herd, but there are positive signs.

30/04/22 Lolly went suddenly lame near hind, after a session. Vet attended, suspected injury of anular ligament. Advised box rest, bute and ultrasound scan. Sam kept in as Lolly's companion.

09/05/22 Lolly scanned, inflammation of anular ligament confirmed. Vet advised on treatment options. Lolly is currently combining box rest with some turn out in small paddock. Vet is due to review Lolly 13/06/22.

13/05/22 Farrier attended

01/06/22 Fields 1 and 2 were sprayed.

21/06/22 Licence inspection due

24/06/22 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

6. Session Updates:

Session	Participants	Volunteers that attend	Volunteers on books	Volunteers needed
Monday morning	7	8-14	14	10

Tuesday evening	14/15	5-15	14-15	12+ would like some volunteers who can stay the whole evening
Wednesday morning	9	7 School staff also attend	7	8+
Wednesday afternoon	6	10-12	12	12
Thursday morning	4	5/6	10	12 Greys have asked for a possible new ride in September
Saturday	6	5-8	15/17	12

7. Holiday Activities:

ECC had a request for a day of horse care and riding for several disabled children who are in care. **SA, PF** and **CD** met to discuss what could be offered and passed the information to MC. Whilst waiting for a response from MC, the requester had contacted ECC to say that an alternative had been found so he no longer required our services. The committee has suggested that the information discussed is put into a package and presented to MC. **Action: SA, PF, CD.** **KP** will update the CC Strategy as this type of activity is something the Coaches would like to offer. **Action: KP**

8. AOB:

1. **CD** asked that the Weight Conversion charts she had produced be left by the Pony Weight Limit Chart as it is useful to refer to when weighing participants.
2. **CD** asked that if hats are changed it is communicated to all.
3. **CD** asked if there could be a phone in the stable yard and if a phone with a larger display in the office.
4. **PF** is chasing DBS forms and explained how difficult it is to get forms from volunteers who only attend a few times each term.
5. Cleaning of the ECC was briefly discussed. Some sessions are able to use volunteers to sweep up and Hoover but cleaning toilets, emptying of bins and re-filling of soap dispensers, sanitiser etc. and paper towels also need doing. It was noted that as the ECC are now having to use paper towels, there is excess waste and the ECC does not have enough bin space to dispose of it. A 'paid for' weekly clean was suggested which needs discussing at MC. **Action: KP**
6. **KP** asked that an email could go out to those on the Waiting List to see if they wish to remain on it. **Action: CD**

Meeting finished at 20.10pm

Date of next meeting: Monday 18th July 2022 6.30pm via Microsoft Teams