

MHC Members Meeting – 4 September 2025

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Apologies

Name	Rep
Hazel Bailey (HB)	MHC Com
Jill Joy (JJ)	BHS/BD
Jodie Andrews (JA)	Ballavartyn EC
Laura Mylchreest (LM)	Manx Chasers RC
Lesley Ingham (LI)	Kennaa RC
Libby Priest (LP)	MHC Com
Nina Corrin (NC)	MHC Com
Rhona Bond (RB)	MHC Com

In Attendance

Name	Rep
Abby Kimber (AK)	MHC Com
Angie Goody (AG)	MHC Com
Caroline Millward (CM)	MHC Com
Claire Jackson (CJ)	MHC Com
Emma Kinrade (EK)	MHC Com
Jennie Cryer (JC)	EVNPA
Jess Collister (JCo)	Kennaa RC
Michelle Hargreaves (MH)	MHC Com
Paul Fletcher (PF)	Manx Chasers RC
Peter Bond (PB)	IOM Pony Club
Suzanne Corlett (SC)	MHC Com
Vicky Collister (VC)	MHC Com

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- The minutes of the last meeting were accepted

2. Committee Reports

Secretary

- RB has stepped down as Secretary
- Thanks were extended for her service – she will retain the MHC laptop as a token of appreciation
- AK will take over the role of Secretary on an interim basis

Treasurer

- Monies out: – First Aid
- £510.00 Pony Club – First Aid
- Monies in:
 - o £20 donation
 - o £265 Car Treasure Hunt Fundraiser
 - o £90 subs from: Manx Chasers Equestrian, Manx Chasers Riding Club & EVNPA
 - o £5 MHC Challenge

Calendar

- No changes
- **ACTION: AK to continue to keep calendar promoted**

First Aid

- Nothing to report

Welfare

- EK has updated policies and they have been reviewed by SC & MH. VC to review then aim to have on website by next AGM
- **ACTION: VC to complete review**

Coaching

- VC shared LP's plan for coaching info to be included on MHC website

Performance

- Eight riders accepted into IOM Sport Academy
- Two declined to participate due to Year 11 workload
- Gym sessions begin next week; first community event is on 19th September
- One rider has stepped down and another has been approached with an offer of support, no response as yet

Media

- AK gave a short overview of promotional plans for the next six months:

- Continue sharing clinic and event dates monthly across Facebook and Instagram to improve visibility and avoid clashes
- Launch a short-form campaign highlighting key policies (e.g. welfare responsibilities, coach CPD), linking to updated resources on the website
- Start spotlight posts for young riders, volunteers, or achievements — encourage clubs to nominate via DMs or email
- Use posts to break down how MHC sport funding works and highlight the opportunities it unlocks (e.g. team travel, coach support, participation grants)

Development

- VC expressed hope that recent efforts to raise MHC's profile on social media are helping to build broader understanding of the Council's role and purpose
- All policy documents are currently under review, with the aim of adopting the final versions at the next AGM
- Work is underway to strengthen the youth development pathway via the IOM Sport Aid Academy. Discussions have been held about introducing equine-specific sessions on alternate weeks (e.g. BHS exam preparation, equine care)

ACTION: VC to contact relevant individuals to progress equine specific sessions

- Cross-club working is becoming more visible and has been positively received. It was noted that planned team events may help further strengthen these relationships
- Members were invited to share views on current development priorities – what areas do clubs feel still need attention?

ACTION: Clubs to feed back on development priorities and where still needs attention

- The current format of member meetings was also reflected on. While designed to both share information and seek member views, this can be more difficult to achieve where attendance is low or inconsistent and when information is not reliably fed back to individual club committees
- **ACTION: AK to explore use of polls or short online forms to gather input from clubs and improve two-way communication between meetings**

Sport funding

- £13,125 has been awarded for 2025
- £734.40 claimed so far
- £1,800 of pending claims submitted, mostly under participation category (budget: £1,300)
- Reallocation window closes at the end of November
- PB suggested it would be helpful for clubs to better understand what types of activities are eligible under each sport funding category
- **ACTIONS FOR CLUBS: Email VC as soon as possible but by mid-October latest with the following:**
 - **Definite Claims: Activities already booked or completed**
 - **Imminent Claims: Activities due before November.**
 - **Potential Claims: Planned for Dec–March**
 - **New Ideas: Proposals for unsubmitted objectives**
- **ACTIONS for MHC:**
 - **ACTION: VC to send reminder email with an offer to meet clubs to assist with claims and arrange a drop in session at an event**
 - **ACTION: VC to review overspend in Participation category and advise IOM Sport on reallocation**
 - **AK to work with VC on email explainer around types of funding to claim for**

MHC Challenge 2025

- A brief overview of the event was provided
- It was noted that there has been some misunderstanding around the “teams of 10” requirement – teams do not need a full team of 10 to enter – the minimum is 4, 10 is the MAXIMUM, and this can be added to as and when needed. This will be clarified in future communications
- PB raised a point around club membership fees in relation to participation in the Challenge – it was noted by attendees that majority of participants are already members of the relevant Riding Clubs

- PB raised concern about pressure on the calendar from the MHC Challenge. Committee clarified that the Challenge is designed to use existing event dates that have been repurposed, not to add additional commitments for clubs
- Clubs were encouraged to take the discussion back to their committees and share feedback on what support or format changes would be most useful
- A discussion was held around the “first class” rule. It was agreed that this would be changed to a more flexible format: “class specified upon entry”, allowing riders to nominate which class will count towards their Challenge points at the time of entering. This change aims to encourage participation – particularly from riders entering multiple classes or bringing green/inexperienced horses who may be competing earlier in the day. The group agreed that rules should support, not inhibit, involvement in the Challenge

AOB

- PB noted that Pony Club camp dates have changed to 28–31 July due to school holiday adjustments – to be communicated at dates meeting

Next dates meeting: 2 October 2025

Next member meeting: 13 November 2025

- **ACTION – AK:** Share meeting date on social media.

Meeting closed at 20:49