

**MINUTES OF THE MANX HORSE COUNCILMEMBER'S MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 18TH MARCH 2025
AT LONAN CHURCH FARM, BALDRINE**

Present:

Vicky Collister	Treasurer & Acting Chair
Michelle Hargreaves	BS, Conrhenny & Calendar
Rhona Bond	Secretary
Suzanne Corlett	Baldrine Stables
Angie Goody	Old Lonan Stables & 1st Aid
Emma Kinrade	EVNPA & Safeguarding
Caroline Millward	RDA
Alice Corrin	Pony Club
Julie Sansbury	Pony Club
Jill Joy	BHS
Hazel Bailey	Pony Club
Paul Fletcher	MCRC & MCE
Lottie Moore	West Coast
Jennie Cryer	EVNPA
Jess Collister	Kennaa RC
Lesley Ingham	Kennaa EC

Apologies:

Libby Priest
Jodie Andrews
Claire Jackson
Margot Dahn

Vicky Collister thanked members for coming

Discussions – moving forward

Vicky Collister reported following feedback received from members discussions had taken place regarding the direction of MHC and how it would move forward.

New meeting format/timings

Communication featured heavily in feedback so Committee have looked at how and when we meet ahead of the AGM. We would also welcome ideas from Clubs between now and the AGM on ways to improve on this.

It was proposed we have bi-monthly meetings with member reps, each meeting will have a focus meaning member Clubs could send different reps depending on the subject, ie Treasurer, Welfare Officer etc. The Council will meet immediately before the Member's meeting.

Venues – again suggestions are welcome, Angie Goody kindly allows MHC to meet at Lonan Church Farm free of charge which helps greatly as MHC's only source of income is through

membership. Membership has dwindled significantly due to Clubs and individuals questioning whether or not they need to be Members.

Membership benefits are access to IOM sport funding for the Club; access to shared calendar assistance securing dates; access to Welfare Officer and Club advice; input into the Island Development Plan and the direction of the development of the sport. Larger membership could help pay towards things that IOM Sport do not fund. Angie Goody suggested some meetings be on-line to help reduce hire costs.

Proposed changes to dates/calendar organisation

The Calendar is on Facebook and the website, we need an additional Committee member to help with keeping these up to date, changes of date made could be shown in a different colour.

Following feedback some Clubs feel they have to fight for their dates whilst other Clubs take priority. Michelle Hargreaves replied the only dates set in stone are British Dressage dates and EVNPA dates if judges are being booked from away as this has to be done a long time in advance. British Showjumping uses on Island judges so not applicable.

Committee has suggested all Clubs submit their list of dates bi-annually to the Calendar Co-ordinator at least one week before the Calendar meeting, this should include 4 priority dates per year which will be considered first then other dates can be added. The 6 month draft Calendar will be reviewed at the Calendar meeting – any gaps can be filled and unresolved clashes discussed so alterations can be made. The Calendar will then be published.

It was also discussed at the meeting that some Clubs only hold competitions in the summer or the winter which reduces their competition season.

New Committee Members

The Committee have re-evaluated the role of the MHC and its Committee, there are a number of roles which they feel can be combined and some gaps have been identified.

Proposed we amalgamate Coaching and Performance – there is currently no one going through Sports Academy, we had a good uptake for the first year but all have dropped the second.

Proposed we have discipline reps eg Dressage, Jumping, Trec etc

|Proposed we have inclusivity rep

Invite new Committee members – 4 have been identified but we would still welcome more interested individuals

Committee re-election – each of the Committee posts are on a rolling 3 year re-election basis so we don't end up with someone in the same role forever unless they get voted in (Members may apply for re-election). If anyone is interested in the roles (including Assistant with a view to taking on a role in the future) please let Rhona Bond know at least a week before the AGM. This extends to the whole equestrian community. The roles up for re-election this year are Calendar, Performance, Treasurer (although Treasurer changed last year when the previous person retired) and we also need a Chair.

MHC Events for 2025/26

The MHC events appear to have been well received by competitors and clubs. However, organising them has caused issues mainly due to lack of communication – we have tried both the venue organising and MHC, both occasions resulted in embarrassing on the day alterations we would like to avoid going forward.

It was also tricky to obtain results from some venues which meant Committee weren't always aware who had qualified.

If Clubs would be interested in running MHC competitions this year feedback would suggest a working party to organise would be the best way forward consisting of reps from MHC, the hosting venue and an official from the discipline. The working party would be responsible for securing sponsorship or making sure the event runs at minimum cost to cover venue hire, prizes etc.

Historically the hosting venue has kept the entry fees.

Last year's competitions were funded entirely by sponsorship from County paving and ornamental, Evoke and Ramsay Crookall. This paid for beautiful rosettes, pre-engraved trophies, the presentation evening, vouchers and prizes. We were under budget by just £300, Vicky Collister suggested the 3 hosting venues – Pony Club, Ballavartyn and Conrhenny – invoice MHC to claim these monies.

Review of the year

Members were asked to move into the other room to look through copies of IOM Sport Guidance, Development Plan pages, last year's P & O's and a summary of claims from the previous year.

Members were asked to write on the Development plans any feedback and ideas and plans for inclusion in the next revision (31/3/25). Also to write on blank sheets and ideas for P&O's. If there is no information from Clubs for the P&O's they will have similar Sports Council will have similar information to last year, which may result in less funding.

Monies to be claimed need to be specific to be put forward to IOM Sport to ensure there is funding.

This year we under spent by £95 which is much better than the previous years.

Coaching and governance are Sports Council priorities, equipment for efficient running for officials/coaches may be claimed, safety equipment, equipment for a new branch of the sport.

Replacement equipment may not be funded but can be put down.

Vicky Collister has a draft of what she thinks each Club may receive, Clubs need to check and get back to her ASAP to receive funds preferably before 31/3/25.

Dates for the diary

17th April Calendar meeting for 1st October to 31st March 2026

24th April AGM

There was no other business

The meeting closed at 9.24, Angie Goody was thanked for her hospitality