

MINUTES OF THE MANX HORSE COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING



HELD ON THURSDAY 25th APRIL 2025 AT
KENNAA EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

Present:

Vicky Collister	Treasurer
Suzanne Corlett	Baldrine Stables
Caroline Millward	RDA
Michelle Hargreaves	BS, Conrhenny EC & Calendar
Angie Goody	Old Lonan Stables & 1 st Aid
Jess Collister	Kennaa Riding Club
Claire Jackson	West Coast
Jenny Cryer	EVNPA
Hazel Bailey	Pony Club
Margot Dahn	MCD4D
Libby Priest	Carriage Driving

Apologies:

Ray Cox	Chairman
Jill Joy.	BHS
Lionel Kelly	BSJA
Lesley Ingham	Kennaa RC
Jodie Andrews	Ballavartyn Equestrian Centre
Rhona Bond	Secretary
Emma Kinrade	EVNPA / Welfare
Nina Corrin	IOMPC & Performance
Abby Kimber	MHC
Laura Mylchreest	MCRC

1. Events

A discussion was had regarding the MHC Events for the forthcoming year. With restraints on the Calendar and Committees we need to be practical about what can be achieved in order to enable the Committee to focus on Sport development for the year and not take away from the events already happening. It was suggested to re-introduce the Team events this year. The Team events were great when they were first introduced, it was great to see people just having a go at disciplines they wouldn't normally try, but this enthusiasm began to wain and clubs found it difficult to field teams.

It was agreed that we don't need too many events, and if successful we could change disciplines in future years. The disciples of Dressage, Show Jumping, Arena Eventing and Hunter Trial along with the BHS Quiz and a MHC Treasure Hunt were suggested for 25/26.

Hazel suggested that each club/yard could have a massive pool of riders to pick from, and chose 4 riders to represent the Club/yard at the event. Once your name is in a pool you

can't change to another. It was agreed this was a good idea and will give the whole series a more 'Team' feel, rather than rider's competing for multiple teams.

Suzanne Corlett asked if they would have to be a member of MHC. No, there would be no stipulation to join MHC, but rider's should be a member of the club they are in, where membership is in place. Where no membership is in place, eg a group of friends/yard, that would be ok to take part in the team competitions too.

It was agreed that:

- We need to increase awareness for these events
- Teams of 4 don't have to jump certain heights or perform particular dressage test. Everyone will be able to enter the class they normally would (eg all 4 riders competing in the same class would be fine).
- Where riders are able to compete in more than one class the first ride would normally count for the team, however where there is a different type of class, not eligible for the team, prior to the individual round then so long as it was clear and fair for all then it would be ok to compete in this class before an eligible individual class - on lead rein before off lead rein, pairs before individual. It just needs to be clear to give everyone the same option.
- Off lead rein only for teams
- Scoring - all 4 scores will count
- Team scores totalled over the series
- Teams so not have to enter all competitions
- Clubs can enter more than one team

Shall we go ahead this year with these events – Jenny Cryer YES let's go ahead with the team events!

Team prize and an individual prize – Caroline suggested paying a registration at the start of the year if you want to be eligible for Championship points and prizes. This would enable teams who do not want to be part of the overall series to compete at the Team events.

Ramsey Crookall were very supportive of the last series and it might be worth approaching Joanna Crookall re sponsorship for the Overall Series Team and Individual prizes. **ACTION**

Hazel suggested a potential sponsor although they already have something in the line with Manx Chasers RC, so it was decided not to approach them this year.

Provisional Locations and dates:

XC – Manx Chasers RC - 22nd September

Dressage – Kennaa RC - next meeting 6th May to discuss dressage in possibly August

SJ - Conrhenny – November

Arena Eventing - Approach BV

Treasure hunt - Angie / Suz to organise

Quiz - BHS

Carriage – Libby said this might be a possibility.

2. IOM Sport Funding 25/26

This was covered in AGM, if anyone new (or existing) would like to chat through the process let me know. There were no further questions. Vicky to communicate our allocation once known. **ACTION**

3. Sport Aid Academy

This is a 2 year programme for equestrians in current school years 9 & 10 who show potential and/or dedication to the sport and their progression. It is a pathway to IOM Sport Aid, but equally would be an excellent stand alone pathway. It is a generic course across all sports, focussing on the whole athlete. Athletes are offered access to workshops and educational events which will allow them to gain the knowledge and skills which will help them during the sporting journey.

Vicky explained how following a poor take up of equestrians moving onto year two of the the programme last year (1 out of 11) she has sought feedback and met with Academy organiser Nikki Arthur to discuss how we might be able to organise something to run alongside to improve the outcomes for equestrian athletes. A discussion followed with ideas including the possibility of tying in with BHS exams and education pathway.

The selection process starts in May, with the course commencing in September. We would like to be ahead of the game. Vicky asked for a list of potential riders to be sent to her as soon as possible please. **ACTION**

Michelle Hargreaves would like to put forward Caitlyn Graham.

4. Proposed meeting schedule

The proposed schedule was circulated and discussed. Each meeting of the members would reflect upon the actions of the previous three meetings and set the agenda for the following three. These interim meetings/focus points might involve different people (eg: coaches, treasurer, welfare officer) and will have a specific focus/outcome objective. They may well be very informal, over teams or via other communication pathways rather than a formal meeting.

Suzanne Corlett proposed we give the proposed meeting suggestion a go and review at the end of the year.

5. Any other business

A discussion was had regarding membership benefits. It was agreed to revisit this at a later date ahead of next years AGM.

Angie Goody suggested for the team events that if we are unable to secure sponsorship then say event held at KRC, KRC take the money for MHC teams and then gives a percentage back to MHC? Agreed this was a good idea, but we will try and secure sponsorship first.

Suzanne Corlett vote of thanks for all of Vicky Collister's hard work over the year

Meeting closed 9.40pm

ACTION POINTS FROM THE AGM & MEMBERS MEETING



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Action Points

ALL - Subscriptions are due now

ALL - Updated contact details to Vicky - Who should receive the minutes? Who should receive communication re Funding?

VICKY - update constitution

VICKY - write to Mr Raymond Cox to invite him to take up the position of President

MHC EVENT SERIES 2025

Event dates and venues need to be confirmed.

VICKY to ask Jodie if BV would host Arena Eventing for us

ALL - Hosting venues to confirm dates with Mich as soon as possible

Secure sponsorship

VICKY to work out approximate costs for sponsors:

Series = £1000,

Events = £1000 (Could be split Dr200/SJ200/XC200/AE200/TH100/Q100

Either 2 main sponsors, or one main for the series and up to 6 for the events.

Promote & advertise events and series

Once dates are set a meeting to be called to finalise sponsorship, prizes etc

IOM SPORT AID ACADEMY 2025-2027

ALL - We need names of CURRENT year 9 and 10 equestrians to be put forward for Sports Aid Academy - names to Vicky please