



MINUTES OF THE MANX HORSE COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 30TH JUNE 2025 AT
BALDHOON FARM, LONAN

Present:

Suzanne Corlett	Chairman
Vicky Collister	Development Rep
Michelle Hargreaves	Calendar
Caroline Millward	Treasurer
Rhona Bond	Secretary
Abby Kimber	Media
Nina Corrin	Performance
Claire Jackson	West Coast

Apologies:

Angie Goody
Libby Priest
Hazel Bailey
Emma Kinrade

Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed

Committee Reports

Treasurer

Caroline Millward reported that money from membership has been received, but not yet from all members.

IOM Sport have allocated MHC £13,125 towards our objectives this year:-

£1300 for Participation

£6675 for Coaching, Officiating and Volunteering

£5150 for Governance

Calendar, First Aid, Coaching and Welfare

Nothing to report

Coaching

Nina Corrin reported that nominations have been sent to Island schools for the Sport Academy. Schools have until Friday 4th July to nominate children from Years 9 and 10 to attend bi-weekly workshops. Vicky Collister suggested on alternative weeks MHC could arrange something specific to riding as the workshops are generic - maybe a lesson or lecture.

Media

Abby Kimber was congratulated on doing an excellent job for Media, posts have increased. She created an extensive Marketing Plan for the next 2 years to:

Raise awareness; grow participation; support clubs and strengthen the identity and impact of equestrian sport across the Isle of Man

Abby Kimber questioned whether she should open an Instagram page, it was agreed she should as videos and photos could be posted more easily. She will also freshen up the content on the website and start rider high lights.

IOM Sport

Vicky Collister stated that individuals competing at higher levels wishing to access funding from IOM Sport do not have to be members of MHC. It was queried what the point of paying for membership is. IOM Sport funding is only available for not for profit organisations. Vicky said we do need to look at membership benefits as a whole, as well as promote the option for individual membership for people to support the development of the sport.

We have been awarded £13125 for this year which is an increase from last year, the bulk will go on coaching e.g Chris Bartle visit; BHS are bringing over the Mounted Police etc.

Claims out have been for Pony Club and Kennaa First Aid training

Claims awaiting are from RDA for Regional Championships, new jumps and Nationals

The Pony Club games trip.

Ballavartyn have invited Ros Canter over to teach, everyone agreed this is an exciting opportunity for the Island and BV should be congratulated in securing this. Vicky has been in contact with Nicole to see if there was an opportunity for MHC to provide some coach training alongside this. IOM Sport may be able to assist with funding this opportunity to support local coaches.

Michelle Hargreaves added that she had asked Ballavartyn if they would swap competition weekends with her as she had one that weekend, she was told the event is being organised privately by Nicole Andrews. A discussion followed regarding calendar clashes with coaching and training events. It was agreed that it isn't the remit of MHC to say when and if training can take place.

Vicky Collister said that last year First Aid money went to claimants straight away, all other money was kept to apportion out.

Michelle Hargreaves questioned whether people going to National or Area competitions are eligible to claim, Suzanne Corlett clarified that any competitions that cannot be achieved on IOM can be claimed towards, the criteria for funding is:

- Representing a Club
- A team event
- Individuals competing above a level that's achievable on Island.

Team Events

Vicky Collister reported that there have been comments made from people about only being able to ride on 1 team as some people are members of more than 1 Club.

She suggested they should be listed under 1 club, they could ride for others but their points would not be counted. Prizes would be for each competition but the overall winning team could get a voucher which could be shared between all riders - as different teams may have different numbers that have competed for them over the year.

Michelle suggested that clubs should be restricted to a maximum of 10 named riders from which they can pick for each event.

Events would have a stand alone prize and league winners a different prize. There is no lead rein. Where possible venues should announce which team the competitor represents.

There were comments made from 4 members that the league seemed quite complicated, Vicky Collister replied that it shouldn't be, it should be easier to manage than last year's events. It was agreed that we need to look at how best we can present the information and maybe Vicky had overcomplicated the explanation. It was suggested that we scrap the league and just run as standalone events. Vicky questioned if this was the case the would it be necessary for MHC to run any events as Clubs already hold their own team events, and we would just be contributing to an already busy calendar for what gain. It was also noted that the league idea was agreed by those attending the AGM. It was agreed that Abby might be able to help presenting the information in a user-friendly manner.

The pairs can consist of any combination mini/mini, mini/major, major/major as this will enable more people to join in, which is one of the overall aims of the event.

There will be a google form on-line to enable people to join the league.

Abby Kimber can profile team members and will approach firms for sponsorship - Joanna Crookall has already offered support.

Policies

Various policies need writing out and/or updating.

These are:

Equality and Diversity - Emma Kinrade

Privacy and Complaints

Safeguarding - Nina Corrin

Anti-doping - Libby Priest

Insurance

Social Media - Abby Kimber

Code of conduct - Vicky Collister

It was suggested that we could adapt existing policies already in operation from the Pony Club

Any other business

Suzanne Corlett reported that she had run into Stella Hampton who had asked if anything could be done about the varying prices charged by the Steam Packet which can differ by £100s. It was agreed that as the voice of the equestrian community it was something we should be looking at this. Vicky Collister said she has discussed this with Louise Corkill already as a way to offer more membership benefits and IOM Sport suggested we ask Steam Packet if MHC can be eligible for the Support Scheme for 6 trips so people wishing to travel can go through us, as they do with Pony Club. She would also like to talk to them to see if there are other options for competition/commercial rates - Abby Kimber has a contact.

Actions arising

- Vicky Collister will put together the sponsor pack for Abby Kimber to tweak
- Abby Kimber will initiate the Steam Packet meeting
- Policies to be initiated
- At the AGM it was agreed that Minutes would be produced within 7 days.
Rhona Bond to send to Abby Kimber to put on the web-site

Matters for the next meeting

- Policies
- Sponsors
- Definite dates for team events - the treasure hunt will be the first

Michelle Hargreaves queries whether she should give date changes to Abby Kimber as well as Joanne Bowen - it was agreed she should as dates go onto FB/web-site on a regular basis.

Date and time of next meeting

The next Members' meeting is due in August, date TBC

2nd October is Calendar meeting

The meeting closed at 21:45 and Suzanne Corlett was thanked for her hospitality