

MINUTES OF THE MANX HORSE COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL 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

1. Apologies for absence were received from:

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

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

Paul Fletcher proposed and Michelle Hargreaves seconded last year's minutes.

3. Annual Report

Vicky read out the Committee's report for the year, which is attached. Paul added qualifiers to xc champs has also been supported by IOM sport.

4. Treasurer's Report

Vicky re-capped the information shared with the clubs ahead of the meeting and went on to read out the Treasurer's Report. The club has made a profit for the year of £740.19 (adjusted to £542.19 after petty cash expenses from previous year's had been accounted for) and has £3309.24 in Club funds.

5. Receiving of the Accounts

These were proposed by Suzanne Corlett and seconded by Michelle Hargreaves. The accounts were signed as an accurate record.

6. Changes to the list of representatives

All Clubs should please ensure the correct people are receiving the minutes and correspondence from MHC. It may be that clubs would like different information to go to different people (e.g: IOM Sport correspondence to Rep & Treasurer).

7. Constitution changes

The following amendments to the Constitution were agreed:

AIMS

Instruction – remove this or reword as guidance.

All other proposed aims were agreed.

Membership

Add individual membership as an option.

There was a discussion that Individuals, who claim for off Island Travel, will also need to be a member, if they are not claiming through a club.

There should also be a different rate for individuals.

Representation

Change to say:

Member organisations are invited to send representatives to the Member's Meetings. This may differ from meeting to meeting depending on the agenda – ie Club Treasurer might attend the funding meetings. Clubs are welcome to send more than one representative to each meeting, but only one will be entitled to vote. Each Club should identify one lead contact, who will receive copies of all correspondence.

Hopefully this will enable more people to attend and ultimately all clubs have a voice and be represented at meetings.

Honorary Officers

Positions to all stay the same

Executive Officers

Increase numbers to enable a committee up to 12, to take into consideration lack of availability.

Yes, add on a minimum number of meetings for committee to attend to fulfil their role

Paul attendance could be virtual - yes, this was suggested by Angie Goody at the last committee meeting and definitely worth exploring - wording to reflect this.

Minutes sent out twice so that points can be actioned and then you have them again just before the next meeting.

Angie – maybe also have a bullet point action email for those who don't have time to read the minutes in full. Michelle Hargreaves proposed, Paul Fletcher seconded.

Finance

Online banking to be added – any funds drawn against to be added

AGM

Paul Fletcher/ Margot Dahn advised how roles were appointed– 1st year draw lots for 3, year 2 lots for remaining 3, last 3 longest serving

VC to change wording to reflect current practice.

Rules

Guidelines rather than rules

1 – Paul Fletcher each club to go under their sport's governing body if they don't have one eg; Chasers then abide by the council.

8. Elections:

The following positions were up for Election:

Chair – Angie Goody proposed Suzanne Corlett seconded by Libby Priest

Calendar – No proposals. Michelle Hargreaves was asked if she would be happy to continue in the position, which she agreed to. Margot Dahn proposed, seconded by Angie Goody

Performance – Nobody expressed an interest in taking on this role. Nina Corrin proposed Hazel Bailey (by proxy), Hazel said she would be interested in learning more about the position, but didn't think that should be this year. Nina had already been asked if she would continue, which she agreed to, Hazel Bailey to have a look for next year. Hazel to be a liaison officer for Nina !!!

Treasurer – Caroline Millward, Vicky Collister proposed and Suzanne Corlett seconded

The following positions were new this year:

Media and Communication – Abby Kimber Vicky Collister proposed and Suzanne Corlett seconded

The aim of this role will be to improve the image of the MHC, improve communication with both Members and the Equestrian Community. Ensuring the right people receive the right information and promoting the work of the MHC through multi media channels.

Development – Vicky Collister – Caroline Millward proposed and Angie Goody seconded

The aim of this role will be to focus on the Development Plan, liaise with IOM Sport as to how they can assist clubs in meeting the development plan objectives through additional funding. Liaise with clubs to see where clubs are heading, identify areas of strength and weakness.

The following members all agreed to continue in their roles:

First aid – Angie Goody – Suzanne Corlett proposed and seconded by Vicky Collister

Coaching - Libby Priest – Michelle Hargreaves proposed and Margot Dahn seconded

Welfare – Emma Kinrade – Margot Dahn proposed and Michelle Hargreaves seconded

Secretary - Rhona Bond – Michelle Hargreaves proposed Vicky Collister seconded

New committee members

Hazel Bailey – Suzanne Corlett proposed, and Michelle Hargreaves seconded

Claire Jackson - Michelle Hargreaves proposed and Vicky Collister seconded

Mrs Gilbey resigned from her position as President during the year in order to move to the UK. Vicky Collister proposed we invite Raymond Cox to be our President going forward. This was resoundingly agreed by all.

9. Committee award

This award is presented to someone who has gone above and beyond for the Council. More often than not it recognises the work of a committee member, but this year it went to someone who, due to other club commitments, stood down from the committee last year. However, despite taking on Club Presidencies & new business ventures, she was the glue that kept the committee going this year – Suzanne Corlett.

10. Any other AGM business

No change in Membership fees - to remain at £30 per club/organisation/allied body/individual. It was agreed that claims for Individuals looking for support with training/off Island travel should be either made through the Club or as an individual member of the Council.

Meeting closed at 8.47pm

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IOM Sport - 24/25 Funding Summary

We were allocated a total of £9900 of this we were able to claim £9804.43, there was a figure of £95.57 remaining in coaching that we were unable to claim as we had no further receipts in this category.

We said at the funding meeting after the AGM last year that we would allocate funds at the end of the year if the claims were in excess of the amount allocated. However, this wasn't necessary and all clubs, with the exception of RDA, received the 50% funding on their approved claims. RDA's claims were predominantly in Participation, where we just didn't have the funds to support the full amount, fortunately they were successful in securing some funding from the Lottery Trust.

	Allocation	Re-allocation	Revised Allocation	Claims	Under Spend
Participation	1250	+2000	3250	3250	0
Coaching	3650	-215.05	3434.95	3339.38	95.57
Governance	5000	-1784.95	3215.05	3215.05	0

Last year we were awarded set figures for the category, as opposed to each club being awarded a set amount per objective. For me this worked really well as it meant that Clubs were offered greater flexibility to claim for things they hadn't thought of and made better use of the money. In the past, where clubs had requested say £1000 towards a specific course, but the claims only came to £600, we would have lost the remaining £400, unless we asked for it to be re-allocated in November (which is all good if the figures are known by then). Last year, by just having an amount spread across a number of objectives allowed greater flexibility, and maximised our claims. However, I do appreciate that this may pose difficulties for clubs not knowing how much will be received.

Inviting clubs to submit invoices as and when as opposed to set times throughout the year also worked really well. Moving forward I would like to propose we make this even easier by having the option to upload to a google docs file. I do not need clubs to submit the claim form, although this is a good idea for your own records. If you have a different way of recording, then please don't feel the need to duplicate - If I have any questions, I'll just ask.

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IOM Sport - 25/26

The updated development plan and our new objectives from the clubs have been collated and submitted to IOM Sport. Thank you to the clubs who had an input into both of these documents. Without a Development Plan, we cannot access funding. It needs to be a working document, so any feedback, items for inclusion etc, please let me know. Both of these are in the Google Docs file.

We should hear in the next few weeks what our final allocation is. Feedback from Louise was:

Looking at all the objectives, there's nothing IOM Sport are likely to say no to; however, long-term we'd encourage the qualifier and additional training events listed in objective P2 to try to become self-sustaining, where possible, so that these just become part of normal activity, although we appreciate this may take time.

Last year worked really well and we had claims going in most months, not only did this make things more manageable but made the year end easier.

Re-allocations - this happens up to 31st November, where we can do two things:

- Ask for money already been allocated to be moved to a different objective
- Put in for a new objective (cannot have already taken place or been paid for) - so if you have a new idea through the year which isn't on the P&O, please get in touch.

These requests are then considered by the committee and either approved or not.

Claims should be submitted via email, or dropped into the Club folder in Google Docs. Electronic copies are far easier to keep track of than paper ones!

Please remember it's the individual club's responsibility to ensure:

- Club invoices are made out in the Club's name wherever possible (Travel etc might be in the coach/judges name and that's ok)
- Invoices should be electronically generated, on headed paper, wherever possible
- Invoices must be for something that has been approved within the wording of the objective
- Invoices should be dated between 1st April 2025 and 31st March 2026
- Clubs are responsible for keeping track of their own claims

My advice remains the same, send in claims early, plan ahead and focus on Coaching and Governance (although this may change once we know how much we will receive this year).

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