

**MINUTES OF BRC AREA 21 SPRING MEETING HELD AT QUINS RFC  
CARMARTHEN on 10th MARCH 2011**

**Present:**

Cardigan Bay Jess Muir  
Clydach Jessica Crees & Hannah Lewis  
Cwm Amman Adrienne Howes  
Cwm Derwen Cheryl Hughes  
Cwm Llŵchwr Tim Lucas  
Gower Sarah Punnett & Michelle King  
Tivyside Judith Allen, Muriel Gill, Petra James & Chia James  
Towy Valley Joan Allcock & Verna Linton  
Vale Of Aeron Jackie Jones  
West Wales Catherine White

**Apologies:**

Cardigan Bay Wendy Price-Jones  
Ceffulau Cadfarch  
Cwm Derwen Sally Allen, Quita Bull & Gill Evans  
Dyffryn Clettwr Ricky Rowsell  
Dyffryn Paith Wendy Davies  
Tivyside Mary Watkins  
Vale Of Aeron Marina Boyes & Tina Jones  
West Wales Angela Jones & Laura Jones

The Minutes of the 2010 Spring Meeting were read and signed.  
Proposed by Joan Allcock (TV) and seconded by Muriel Gill (T)

**Matters Arising:**

**Flu vac wheel**

Judith Allen informed the clubs that although she had been asked to get a flu vac wheel, she had been unsuccessful. Catherine White (WW) could tell all that the wheel had been discontinued.

**E Newsletter**

Judith could report that the BRC E newsletter was now available to all club members. Most in the room had not received this via email and Judith said she would look in to why.

JA

**Correspondence:**

Judith reported that there had been some correspondence in the form of e-mails in reference to the Area competitions and the Training Grant. It was decided by the room to discuss these emails under the appropriate headings.

Emails from:

Angela Jones (WW) – Area competitions and Area Training  
Verna Linton (TV) – Area competitions  
Quita Bull (CD) – Area Training

## **Chairman's Report**

*'A warm welcome to you all and I shall start by thanking the Area officers, namely Tim Lucas for his work as Area Treasurer and our very own 'Wonder Woman' Judith Allen who keeps us all on the straight and narrow, and well informed through email and other communication.*

*So again we start a new season of events in the Riding Club calendar.*

*The year 2011 came in with snow on the ground and freezing temperatures which made doing anything with horses twice as hard.*

*Undeterred and by the end of February, Towy Valley Riding Club were hosts to the Winter Indoor Dressage at Pibwrlwyd. We saw a massive 15 Senior and two Junior teams compete for the honour of being Area 21 representatives at the final at Hartpury in April. Victorious in the Seniors were West Wales who beat Towy Valley and Cwmaman in to 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places respectively. The Junior competition was won by the Cwmanan.*

*Two weeks later, we all gathered again at Moor Farm where the West Wales Riding Club were hosts to the Novice Indoor Show Jumping. This time 9 Senior teams came forward and 1 Junior, and in a close run competition West Wales Leopards were outright winners with Towy Valley coming a close second with just 1 penalty point against them. Junior winners were again Cwmaman. Good luck to all these competitors as they go on to the Championships at Hartpury next month.*

*Many thanks go to the two host clubs and their army of volunteers, without whom these competitions would not be able to run.*

*Looking forward now to the summer season qualifiers, starting with the Horse Trials on the 26<sup>th</sup> of June and keeping the momentum going for the combined Area dressage and Show Jumping on the 10<sup>th</sup> of July.*

*Good luck to all competitors and organisers and let's hope for a successful and sunny summer.*

## **Treasurers Report:**

The Accounts were accepted and proposed by Muriel Gill (T) and seconded by Chia James (T).

## **Officer Vacancies:**

There were no vacancies at this time.

## **Training Grants:**

- Cwm Derwen to hold the 'Horses Inside Out' lecture demo and rides at a West Wales location in the Autumn
- Stephen Hadley will hold group Riding Club jumping training days at Robert Luke's yard in Clarboston Road organised by the West Wales.
- Pat Burgess will hold jumping a jumping clinic/s with the Gower.
- It was decided that each rider will be subsidised to the amount of £10 each.
- Each of the organising clubs will send invitations to all clubs in Area 21.

**Cwm D**

**West  
Wales**

**Gower**

**CD/WW &**

### Area Qualifying Competitions:

- **Horse Trials** – held at Trecoed on 26<sup>th</sup> June host club Tivyside  
In an effort to encourage entries, entry fees have been reduced to Team £160, Ind £40 and £5 per rider First Aid. It was also agreed that in having open classes that fence judges from each team would have to stay all day to make the day viable otherwise it would not be able to take place.
- **Combined Dressage & Show Jumping** – held at Cothi Bridge on 10<sup>th</sup> July hosted by Area 21.  
Help agreed for Dressage & Show Jumping.

Tivyside

Area 21

CLUB	AM	PM
Cardigan Bay	Pole pickers	
Cwmaman		4 x dressage stewards
Cwm Derwen	Dressage stewards	
Clydach	Set up rings & rope night before, Generator & temporary toilet for lorry park	
Gower	Show Jumping scorers all day	
Tivyside	Chia James SJ writer & get judge. Muriel Gill SJ steward 1 x SJ steward	
Towy Valley	Put up dressage arenas night before and dressage score sheet collectors	
Vale of Aeron		2 x SJ steward
West Wales		Pole picking
Vet	Petra James	
Doctor	Judith Allen	

- **Entries, flu vacs, cheques and injured horses**  
As Area Rep and OS Judith had asked host clubs for the area competitions already having taken place for feed back with regard to flu vacs, entries and cheques. The correspondence revealed:
  - Cheques were not being sent with entries but separately.
  - Incorrect flu vacs were being sent and not checked by Team Managers, and in some cases not sent at all.
  - Some entries were arriving from different destinations.

All clubs

It was discussed that this is NOT acceptable as it increases the work load on the secretary involved and that in future entries received without the correct cheque and correct flu vacs would be returned to the club involved.

On the matter of the injured horse at the Winter Dressage Judith made it clear that under no circumstances was she to be presented with a horse in the same or similar condition ever again.

## **Dyffryn Paith**

The issue of Dyffryn Paith's non attendance at the 2010 AGM and this meeting was discussed and it was decided from the floor that it would enforce the ruling decided on at the 2009 AGM.

JA

*It was decided from the floor that subs would have to be paid by a certain cut off date, and that to attend Area competitions the fee must be paid and each club must send a representative of their club to both of the Area meetings in order to compete at Area. It was pointed out that there are 852 members in Area 21, so there should not be a problem.*

Therefore it was requested a letter be sent to Dyffryn Paith secretary informing them of the decision by Area 21 to exclude Dyffryn Paith members until such time as a representative of the club attends meetings.

## **AOB**

- **Flu Vac list**

Muirel Gill (T) requested an Area flu vac list be drawn up which notes the dates of flu vacs against horses competing to save organisers time and effort, and seeing at a glance whether the horse has a current flu vac or not. This could be passed between clubs. Judith Allen (T) stated that one of the other Area Reps had such a template and would request it.

JA

- **Area Championships**

Discussions were held over the possibility of running an Area Championships in each discipline with qualifiers taking place at club level and Championships at Area qualifiers to encourage every club member to take part in Area competitions. There would not be a preliminary fee paid to HQ and those riders entered in Area qualifiers for National Championships would be exempt from taking part. It was decided to take this back to clubs for discussion about possible inclusion in 2012.

All clubs

- **Area Winter qualifiers**

It had been noted that at both the Winter dressage and NISJ and several competitors had requested that these qualifiers be held in October/November instead of Feb/March. It was agreed that Area 21 would trial this to gauge the success.

- Winter Dressage – Cel Aeron date TBD – Cardigan Bay
- NISJ – Moor Farm date TBD – West Wales

Cardigan Bay  
West Wales

Meeting Closed at 10.am

Next Spring Meeting : March 8<sup>th</sup> 2012- Room booked at Quins RFC Carmarthen

AREA 21 OF BRITISH RIDING CLUBS

Funds Statement for the period 14/10/10 - 10/03/11

		2011	
		£	£
14/10/2010	<b><u>Opening Cash &amp; Bank Balances</u></b>		
	Cash		0.00
	Current Account		2360.17
	Savings Account		<u>6699.35</u>
			9059.52
 <b><u>GENERAL FUNDS</u></b>  			
	<b><u>Receipts</u></b>		
	Subscriptions from Member Clubs	2010-11	175.00
	<b><u>Total Receipts</u></b>		<u>175.00</u>
	<b><u>Payments</u></b>		
	Training bursary		100.00
	<b><u>Total Payments</u></b>		<u>100.00</u>
	<b>Net Movement in general funds</b>		<u>75.00</u>
	Appendix 1 Training funds		<u>0.00</u>
	Appendix 2 Area Dressage & Showjumping Qualifier		<u>0.00</u>
	<b>10/03/2011 Total Funds</b>		<u>9134.52</u>
	<b>10/03/2011 Closing Cash &amp; Bank Balances</b>		
	Cash		0.00
	Current Account		2435.17
	Savings Account		<u>6699.35</u>
			<u>9134.52</u>
	<b>Training funds</b>		2375.73
	<b>General funds</b>		4082.23
	<b>A Lyne funds</b>		<u>2676.56</u>
			<u>9134.52</u>