**BSPS AREA 14 LTD AGM MINUTES**

**MEETING 12th November 2016**

**At Lingfield Community Centre, Lingfield, Surrey RH7 6NZ**

**APOLOGIES: Committee:** Ann Lucas, Gay Worrow, Anne Brickell, Katie Iggulden, Charlotte and Jamie Thompson

**APOLOGIES: Non committee:** Gita Jago, Penny Carvosso, Alex Kelly, Ollie and Jo Burchell, Chloe Chubb

**MINUTES:**

Those from 2015 had been circulated. James van Praagh read the AOB, and signed them as an accurate record.

**MATTERS ARISING**

The point of Rachel Turner training pupils over her courses would not be stopped as she was entitled to do what she wanted with her jumps, and she is an approved course builder.

The Nursery Stakes Desert Orchid was smaller in 2016 and all got round.

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

Good Afternoon everybody, I would like to welcome you to the 2016 BSPS Area 14 AGM. It has once again been a great year for our area and we continue to outperform our area size and our larger northern counterparts.

Our winter show was well supported and I would like to thank the winter show team for all their efforts in organising and running this event. All areas struggle with the winter show and some have even stopped holding one but we strongly believe that this show is an asset for our members and are committed to continuing to hold one. The support of the membership at this show will always play a key part in its viability. The show this year will be held at Petley Wood and the schedules are available today so no excuse not to get the date in Saturday 18th February 2017.

The summer show had a change of venue this year, which was forced upon us due to the unprecedented weather conditions that were in force. The committee did an amazing job in completely changing the schedule and venue and making the best of the situation we were faced with. My heartfelt thanks goes out to all of them that went above and beyond in order to make sure that the show went ahead. Jamie Thompson did a great job in the Lorry park faced with some unappreciative people so special thanks to him. We are all aware that then venue wasn’t ideal last year and we had to run a limited schedule which the BSPS office aren’t happy with under normal circumstances. There will be changes for our 2017 show the biggest one being that our date has moved back to 6 May 2017 when hopefully the weather will be more clement. We are also going to be holding the show at the Edenbridge and Oxted showground which is a super flat surface with good ground conditions due to how the land is managed. I do hope that you will be able to support this show which is our flagship and if not competing we are always looking for stewards and helpers on the day.

The area had a great deal of success at the major shows. It was always going to be difficult to out do 2015 when we had an unbelievable year as an area. At our local feature event, the Royal International, there was success for:

Eloise Van Praagh & Blisland Echo 2nd in the Small M&M Junior Riders & Reserve

Georgia Darlington & 6th in 153 SHP with her novice pony

Abby Marshall 5th in Amateur M&M and 6th Intermediate M&M with Nimbus

Kitty Jewson 3rd in the 133cms M&M Workers

Alice Barr and Hisley Silversmith winning the Dartmoor Exmoor and Shetland Class

Lauren Elliott 6th on Tamlin in the Fells Dlaes and Highlands

Emma Lucas 3rd on High Fidelity in the Intermediates

Jessica Solterman was 3rd in the 13.2 show ponies

Team Jago/Carvosso and Blythe Spirit were 3rd in the 14.2s

The stand out though was for Team Burchell Small and the wonderful Seamor Lady Derby ridden by Poppy Steadman owned by Mandy and Led by Ollie winning the show pony lead rein and going on to be champion, continuing a long tradition of our area of having at least won representative in the pony supreme A massive well done to all.

There were some other great placings for our members at this show which are all to be commended for their hard work and dedication.

The end of season finale at Hoys continued with success for the area:

Jill Godden's 13.2 Rhos Envoy was second;

Penny Carvosso and Gita Jago's Crafton Blythe Spirit was fifth in the 14.2;

Scarlet Worrow's Dancing Hero sixth;

Mandy Burchell Small's Lady Derby LR sixth.

Alice McCracken & Anton Blue Rumba were 5th in the Large Intermediate Show Riding Type

Chloe Chubb first on Shilstone Rocks North Westerly in the Dartmor Exmoor and Shetlands and 7th on Popsters Glamorize

Lesley and Chloe Chubbs Section B Flute won the inaugural Junior ridden class with Kinvara Garner

Ollie Burchell third with Thistledown Special Edition and fifth with Rowfantina Royal Occasion in the M&M Lead Rein

Mandy Burchell Small sixth with Broekland Allesandro in the Section A’s

Sam Darlington was 7th with Echo in the Section As

Debbie Barr fourth with Firle Golden Oriole in the M&M lead reins Ella Dalton eighth with Stockham Secret Envoy in the M&M workers and then second in the plaited

Jo Minns eighth with Greenholm Caitlin and Georgia Darlington ninth with Blisland High Flyer in the M&M workers

Sorry if I have missed anyone but well done to all who qualified and took part.

The BSPS Championship show again had a great deal of success for our area. There were many wins and placings for our area members and a good time had by all. WHP Team were 4th in the premier league teams a Huge thanks to all of you & to Mick Clark.

Terry and Janice Baldwin, from near Lewes, owners of the supreme show pony champion LANDEMANN PEONY, ridden by their granddaughter Jessica Soltermann.

I know that the BSPS summer show committee are already working on next year’s show and trying to improve it year on year. If there is anything specific in relation to this the office is more than happy to receive any feedback or equally you can contact me and I can raise it at the Area Chairmans meeting.

The season has not finished for some and our Area has done well with qualifiers for Olympia this year so good luck to:

Chloe Chubb and Shilstone Rocks North Westerly

Alice Barr and Hisley Silversmith

Mandy Burchell Small with Brookland Allesandro

And also to

Chloe & Lesley Chubb and Popsters Loaded Weapon in the Veterans

The BSPS Champs also held success for the area even before the classes had begun with our young judges. Under the tutelage of Anne Lucas, our young team did very well and formed a super building block for the competition going forward. Well done to our individual competitor Cheryl Hillman who came second with some superb feedback and comments from the judges. Good luck with your judging career going forward. Thank you also to Anne for taking on this thankless task and all those that assisted either via training days / shopping trips or on the day itself.

We have arranged a Teach Ins for the New Year with Mathew Lawrence who was a huge success when he has been down before and proved very popular. He has kindly agreed to come down again and he will be on 11th February at Chelwood Equestrian,

We are continually trying to improve our communication with the membership and have been sending out regular e-mails and updating the Area Facebook page and website with information as it is received by us. We want to share the news of the membership as well but can only do this if we are supplied with it. Please can you supply us with any news or success that you have.

Once again we have separated out our AGM and Points Awards. We will be holding a Points Party kindly hosted by the Thompson family on Saturday 3rd December. This will be a Christmas themed party and we hope to have as many area members, particularly children as we can attend. Santa may even be in attendance, following his successful appearance last year so I hope to convince him to make the time. It is a good opportunity for us all to get together and celebrate or commiserate out seasons and chat about what we have to look forward to for the coming season. If you have not submitted your Points forms to Tamara please do so.

It is with regret that I have to advise that Sarah Powell and Michelle Syred have stepped down from the committee due to time commitments. I would like to thank both of them for all their hard work and endeavour during their time on the committee and their running of the winter show for many years. Luckily they are still in the area and have agreed to help where they can. At the same time it is with delight that I welcome Sophie Light on to the committee. Sophie has a wealth of experience in showing and coupled with her enthusiasm I am sure she will be a huge asset. Welcome aboard.

To finish, I would like to thank the committee for all their hard work over the last year in making the Area the success it is and personally I would like to thank Anne Brickell for being at the end of the phone to answer questions, which there have been many, and her sound advice and wise council.

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**DIRECTORS**

Directors are Nonie, Lala, James. Angela Holliday was proposed by Tamara Strapp and seconded by Lala Micallef.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**:

The report was circulated. A new website cost increased costs, and the agm of 2015 was more expensive. Insurance and affiliation fees were down. There was a £111 deficit for the year, and £15,985 in the bank.

The report was approved.

**A.O.B**

Sophie Davidson and Mandy Burchell Small volunteered to collect sponsorship at the Christmas Party. This will be £20 for a single class, £50 for a group of three.

Lesley Chubb asked if the BSPS was likely to take action, as with TSR and Grandstand Media, about overweight/large people riding ponies. James van Praagh said there were no plans for the BSPS to write a rule. Lala Micallef commented that if a jockey was too big it spoilt the picture and a judge would mark them down.

**Date of next Meeting**:

November 2017

**Roger Stack talk**

Roger Stack, retiring director of showing at RIHS, talked about trends and concerns in showing – see website for full report.