

Event Horse Owners Association Annual General Meeting

12.30 p.m., 8th July 2019

at Burghley Horse Trials EHOA Hospitality

Present: Board Members: Huw Lloyd (Chair), Jonathan Clarke (Treasurer), Tor Rickcord, Jane Clarke and Linda Allan, together with more than 50 members of the association.

Apologies: Apologies were received from all other Board members and also from Mr and Mrs Lloyd. The Treasurer noted that no proxy votes had been received,

1. Statement of the Affairs of the Company

Huw Lloyd welcomed members to the meetings and noted that the Board appreciated their active support of the organisation.

The Chairman recorded his formal thanks for the work of Cathy Butler over the past seven years, during which time she has made invaluable contributions to the furtherance of the organisation and to the sport of eventing in general. Those present agreed that Cathy's work to promote the interests of owners and that of their horses and riders and in working effectively with other equestrian bodies has left a considerable legacy and the sport in a much better place.

The work of the many volunteers who give their time and expertise at events and behind the scenes to support owners and event organisers was also recognised and the Chair asked that his profuse thanks to them on behalf of the EHOA be recorded and passed on.

2. Directors' Report and Financial Statements for the Period to 31 December 2018

Jonathan Clarke circulated the attached (unaudited) Directors' Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2018, noting that the Board had formally approved them. Attention was drawn to significant items in the documentation, as follows:

- i. With reference to the Profit and Loss Account, fluctuations in income and expenditure are, in the main, the result of the 2018 Badminton dinner not occurring in 2017. It was noted that income remains healthy and the cost of sales is essentially the same as in the previous year, after taking into account the Badminton dinner. Sponsorship income has risen and the work of those promoting the organisation to sponsors was gratefully acknowledged. Administrative costs have risen as a result of the engagement of consultants to provide hospitality, membership, website and PR services. Their contributions are widely recognised as being in the best interests of the organisation.
- ii. With reference to the Notes to the Financial Statement, the Treasurer noted that the balance of the loan to the ERM regarding Eventing Live has been written off as there is presently no prospect of it being repaid.

3. Ordinary Resolutions

- i. Alex Wakeley was reappointed as a Director
Proposer: Jane Clarke Seconder: Tara Glen
- ii. Linda Allan was reappointed as a Director
Proposer: John Johnston Seconder: Brenda Watson
- iii. Brenda Watson was appointed as a Director
Proposer: Tor Rickcord Seconder: Jane Clarke
- iv. Sarah Cohen was appointed as a Director
Proposer: Jeremy Newton Seconder: John Johnston
- v. The resignations of Harry Meade and of Cathy Butler were noted and sincere thanks expressed to them for their excellent work on behalf of the organisation.

4. Any other business

The Chair invited members to make suggestions or to express any concerns regarding the running of the organisation or about the sport in general.

- i. It was proposed that provision of EHOA photocopying facilities at major events would reduce dependency on event organisers for the provision of information about running orders and results during competitions.
Action: This will be investigated with regard to availability of equipment and power supplies.
- ii. The owner of a yard asked for support in promoting easier access for owners to their horses and riders at certain events, where security is often tight and stable and parking passes are restricted. The member believed this is to the detriment of the sport as it diminishes owners' enjoyment of and engagement during competitions, and can result in discussions about performance and other matters best dealt with quickly being delayed.
Action: These difficulties have been addressed previously and will be discussed again with the Event Organisers Association and British Eventing.
- iii. The levels of prize money awarded and of the interval following a competition during which time prize monies can be claimed (usually 28 days) was brought up by several attendees.
Actions: The request that winner's prize money at lower levels should at least cover both the entry and start fees was noted and will be raised with the appropriate bodies. The formal guidance from British Eventing to organisers regarding whether there is a rule covering the accounting period for payment of prize money will also be investigated on behalf of members.
- iv. A member noted that the communications from EHOA consultants Tor Rickcord and Alex van Tuyll and Cathy Butler whilst Chair are of excellent quality and are greatly appreciated. All those present agreed enthusiastically.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.50