

## **Event Horse Owners Association Annual General Meeting**

**1700, 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

**Via zoom**

**Present: Board Members:** Linda Allan (Chairman), Jonathan Clarke (Treasurer), Jane Clarke, Alex Van Tuyl, Becky Elvin,

**Members:** Diana Bown, Claire Dubowski, Vee Johnson, Tanya Johnson, Terri Miller, Fiona Scott-Mawell, Judy Kunkler, Liz Williams, Kimberley Mawdesley, Michael Smedley, Christopher Clementi

**Apologies:** Apologies were received from Adrian Taylor, Tor Rickcord, Sarah Cohen, Mark Corbett

### **1. Welcome**

Linda Allan, Chairman, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Thanks were conveyed on behalf to the many people who have supported the EHOA over the last year.

### **Directors' Report and Financial Statements for the Period to 31 December 2020**

Jonathan Clarke had previously circulated the attached (unaudited) Directors' Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020, noting that the Board had formally approved them.

Jonathan reported on the recent Board membership changes.

COVID had a big impact on the sport this season and as a result of the subscription holiday the income is well down. As there had been no hosting of the annual events the income from that sources is reduced but equally costs of delivering events are also down. Sponsors continued to support us through this difficult year.

The association made a 12k profit and a small amount of tax is payable. The surplus funds have strengthened the Association's reserves.

Liz Williams asked about contingency funding and plans for 2022 season. JC expressed the view that the 2022 season would revert to something like normal and the EHOA budget would be set at a break-even point for next year.

It was suggested the Board ask for ideas of how to engage more with members going forward. (After note: a questionnaire had been used to canvass views earlier this year).

Terry Miller expressed grateful thanks for the EHOA facilities at events and observed that any food offering is always welcomed and expansion of this facility should be considered. Health and hygiene considerations needed to be factored in going forward if the food offering is to be provided by volunteers in the tent.

### **2. Ordinary Resolutions**

It was certified that a quorum was in place.

The following directors due to retire by rotation were unanimously re-elected as follows, having been proposed by Vee Johnson and seconded by Chris Clementi.

Adrian Taylor

Carole Turner

Mark Corbet

Rebecca Elvin

Victoria Rickord

### **3. Questions from members**

LA asked for questions from the members present.

- Judy asked about the dinner at Blenheim. Liz Williams reported that it was a sell out event which had been a huge success. It would be continued for the next 4 years.
- Further details will be sent by the Jockey Club about Friends of Blenheim in the near future.
- TM reported on the recent success of Blenheim.

### **4. Any other business**

Members were asked to help at the hospitality marquee at the forthcoming Bicton event.

Members expressed willingness to revert back to the full subscription rate next season.

Good wishes were extended to Carole Turner who is temporarily on leave from Board activities.

Jonathan and Jane Clarke will retire from the Board at the end of this season and were thanked profusely for their more than a decade of work on behalf of the Association. Brenda Watson was also thanked for her contribution whilst a Director.

The BE AGM will be held on 24 November, 2022.

The Chair ended the meeting by thanking the board and members for their continuing support.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1740.