

Area Newsletter 21 November 2016

Dear Chairman

This email is being sent to every Club Official contact currently listed with Area 22. We are also sending the email to all individual club members who have asked for this information to be sent to them. Have put in brackets the club official who is responsible for dealing with individual sections.

Leigh McEwan from Stonehaven Riding Club has now been officially appointed as our Area 22 Rep. We welcome Leigh on board the Committee and we look forward to working with Leigh as our "go between" with the Area and BRC. If you require to get in touch with Leigh her email address: leighmcewan@btinternet.com

The Committee gave a presentation to Carol Kyle our outgoing Area 22 Rep and thanked her for her help during her term of office.

FORMS ATTACHED WHICH REQUIRE ACTION:

1. Office Bearers form which requires to be completed as soon as you have held your AGM. Even if there are no changes in your office bearers, could you please complete the form and return to me as soon as possible. This allows me to check that the information we currently hold for you is up to date. (Club Secretary)
2. Area affiliation fees form. Clubs have up to 30 April to pay their Area fees. If Area fees are not paid then your Club is not eligible to take part in any of the official Area competitions/training and this includes camp. You will see that information about the break down of your membership is requested. This information is very important as when we apply for funding we are asked for this information and we want to be as accurate as we possibly can. (Club Treasurer)
3. Training grant application form. The decision was made at the AGM that the Area Committee will no longer put on training sessions due to the number of training events that have had to be cancelled. However, training grants are still available and every club can apply for a grant prior to any training they organise. Grants are available for you to subsidise training to your members and provided that the correct application is put in on time and the report after the event is submitted then you will receive the grant. To help with understanding the application for grant:
 - a. Calculate the costs of the trainer + venue + travel costs + accommodation costs
 - b. Decide number of people taking part in training
 - c. Deduct the £150 grant
 - d. Final calculation: Cost divided by number attending - £150 grant = final cost of training. This final figure is then divided by number attending again and gives you the cost to charge for each training session, ie if 20 people attend the training then there is a £7.50 saving to each member based on receiving a grant of £150.

Any club wishing to apply for a grant and would like help in putting their application together please contact me and I will help as much as I can. (Club Secretary or Training Officer)

ALL OF THE ABOVE FORMS WILL BE PUT ON THE AREA WEB SITE.

At our AGM yesterday one of the topics discussed was communication. It is appreciated that all of you are inundated with emails but at present our only means of communication with the Clubs is with you as a Club office bearer via email and we do have to rely on you to pass the information on to your individual members. We also relay the information to individual members (members who have specifically asked me to do this). Information is added to our facebook page as and when we have anything to tell you. Forms etc. are available on the web page.

Could I ask please that when you do your next mailing to your members that you could perhaps suggest to them that they

1. like the Area fb page - <https://www.facebook.com/BRCArea22/>
2. check the Area web page for current information - <http://www.brcarea22.co.uk/>
3. ask your members to email me with their own email address so that I can send the information direct to individual riders as well as to the club officials. To gain access to individual members' details, it has to be done this way as due to data protection I am not allowed to hold individual members' information unless they give it directly to me - cgladwyn@btinternet.com

AREA QUALIFIERS

1. Dressage, Riding Test (20 May), Show Jumping and Style Jumping (21 May)
Stonehaven Riding Club will again host the Area Q's for the above at Brechin Equestrian on 20/21 May.

2. Dressage to Music.
Ladyleys Riding Club will host the dressage to music. Date to be confirmed.

3. Horse Trials.
Again no individual club offered to host the Horse Trials. Suggestion was made that perhaps THEE Clubs could work together to allow the Horse Trials to take place with each club being responsible for a discipline -

1. XC, 2. Dressage and 3. Show Jumping. I will look at the possibility of venue and dates and get back to you to see if we can move this forward as obviously the Clubs involved would be those clubs in the area of the venue to be used.

AREA 22 AWARDS

Area 22 have introduced annual awards and the 2016 recipients of these awards are:

Area 22 Riding Club of the Year / Orkney

Area 22 Volunteer of the year / Donna Webster (Strathmore)

Area 22 Performer of the year / Tracy van Someren (Deeside & District)

Further information about the 2017 awards will be given at a later date.

Full minutes of the AGM and meeting held after the AGM will be circulated in due course.

In the meantime if there are any matters you wish to discuss or suggestions for the coming year, please let me know.

Kind Regards

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