



## Notes from the British Riding Club Development Forum held on 27 October 2016

### Matters Arising from January Development Forum

- Safeguarding information – more help
  - Re-sent more info to all Clubs - chasing
- BRC Centres - lack of engagement and participation
  - Lincoln class, Quadrille
- Volunteer recognition, use at events and retaining
  - Bulk buy of gifts, chocolate for Clubs / Areas
  - Gifts for all – including Team Volunteers
  - Prize draw each day at each Championship
  - Tried to improve deployment at Championships – better instructions and info
- Scoring at qualifiers
  - Datasheet and example scoring spread sheets available on data stick
  - Chris Walton (Scoring and Database Officer) is developing a programme. With committee to test.
- Area Training
  - Increased grants this year to £1000
  - Participation Field Officer support
- Locating a club on BRC website
  - Two members of staff currently working through this
- Succession planning for new Area Representatives?
  - No development plan in place currently
- Prohibited substances – review list of drugs
  - Bound by BEFAR / FEI rules on this
- New clubs affiliating when in close proximity to other clubs
  - No further problems this year
- Admin burden of the Official Steward
  - Electronic paperwork if wanted – need to ask
- Vet at club level cross country
  - No changes
- Communication of safeguarding issues
  - Where possible – privacy laws
- Distance to Championships and clashing with other disciplines
  - Consult with other disciplines where possible
  - New venues always considered – i.e. PC Champs
- Hat tagging – insurance implications
  - Reasonable measures
- More lower level competitions
  - 70cm SJ, walk / trot at Lincoln , grassroots league

- DTM prelim entry fees
  - On-going – liaising with BD re the duplication
- Increasing interest in becoming Official Stewards and running qualifiers
  - No development
- Leo Harris Award
  - 2016 Margaret Pitman
- Clubs persistently not paying liaison fees / Only affiliated for insurance
  - Individual basis
- Education of Junior riders – pace of riding
  - No development
- More example text like the suggested constitutions
  - Datasheet in progress – text for schedules
- Social Media policy
  - Datasheet
- Working Equitation
  - No development
- Regional Grass Roots League
  - National League new for 2017
  - Inter-Area Championships
- More for top level competitors – wildcards to Open SJ etc.
  - New SJ class at Lincoln between Intermediate and Open
  - New 1.00m / 1.10m class at Intermediate Winters??
- Qualifying for Championships but not attending
  - Tougher rule in 2017 rule book
- Area Awards
  - No development
- First Aid cover at club level
  - No changes
- Training initiatives – Officials training
  - Re-vamped OS training 2017
- 100+ still in demand, increase participation
  - New 1.05m classes?
- Multi discipline – Teams with a different horse and rider completing different phases (Equiathlon)
  - No development
- Cost of entry fees
  - Reviewed
- BRC Finances
  - Will be published in next Rider magazine
  - Session later
- Lack of Riding Test and Style Judging opportunities and progression up the judging level
  - League
  - Instructors / BD Judges
- Late entry fees
  - Keep as it is
  - Late stabling fees

### **Dealing with Disputes**

In this session several points were raised:

- Link to rulebook in membership letter with key rules such as hats, flu vaccinations etc.
- The BRC complaints procedure form can be sent to clubs to adapt to suit their needs

- A data sheet will be produced relating to Code of Conduct and when a member should escalate to the BRC office staff
- BE Social Media wording will be amended for BRC purposes and put into Rulebook

### **Rule Changes**

At this point of the day rule changes were presented to the group who were then asked to Vote on the following:

Consultation with Areas

- i. Advisory vote on BRC HT 80 rider restriction: Option 1 - Leave restriction as it is, so riders cannot have completed a BRC HT100, BRC CH100 or BE100 in the current or previous calendar year or Option 2 - remove 'previous' restriction
- ii. Advisory vote on National Championship class names – The names for these classes could be either: Option 1 - 70, 80, 90, 100 and 110 or Option 2 - Intro, Novice, Intermediate, Advanced and Open

For the rider restriction, the areas voted 11 – 10 in favour of option 2

SJ heights, the areas voted 18 – 3 in favour of option 1

These changes will be put into the 2017 Rulebook.

### **Q&A**

It was agreed that a comparison will be done for finances with the previous year and a broken down surplus of the finances will be implemented.

Query over insurance as members don't realise third party is only at a BRC event. BRC will look at ways to improve this communication.

It was discussed about how to improve communication overall and was agreed that where possible Area Chairs will be included in Area Rep correspondence for updates and rule changes etc.

Development Forum closed at 1600.