



AREA 12 RIDING CLUBS
AGM 7:30pm Mon 17th-November-2025
CLYST ST MARY VILLAGE HALL, S DEVON



MINUTES

Present: Sally Ellis-Gray (Chair), Peter Vaughan (Sec), Lindsay Opperman (Area Rep), Carolyn Price (Website), Charlotte Warman, Anna Ames

Plus representatives from: Blackdown Hills, Brent Knoll, East Mendip, ETSW, Exeter, Kentisbeare, Lamberts Castle, North Devon, Poldens & Bridgwater, Quantock, Shipton, Sid & Otter Valley, South Molton, Taunton, West Somerset, Witheridge

1: Apologies

Helen Pavey (Treas), Roy Delfino-Orme, Martin Boreham, Joanne Pitman, Blackdown Mendip RC, Mid Somerset RC.

2: Minutes of last AGM (14-November-2024)

Accepted (Pr. West Dorset, 2nd ETSW), and signed by Sally.

3: Chairman's Report

Sally welcomed all, and thanked Sid & Otter Valley Riding Club for hosting the AGM and providing refreshments. Area 12 had had a good year, with big thanks to the clubs who organising qualifiers, all of which had run (the Horse Trials having been run by Pontispool on our behalf), and with no postponements. Especial mention to Carolyn Price with West Dorset, co-ordinating the Summer Dressage qualifier with 22 tests.

Sally welcomed Poldens & Bridgwater Riding Club to the Area 12 family (actually returning to BRC Affiliated status after a many-year break).

Sally thanked the Committee for their work, Lindsay as Area Rep, and all the Clubs for being kind to her during her time as Area Chairman – she reiterated this would be her last meeting.

4: Treasurer's report

Helen presented a balance sheet for the past year, showing income £701.84 and expenditure £432.84, thus a small profit. She noted that the year has been horrific in terms of entries at Qualifiers with correspondingly low profits for Clubs – despite that, the accounts have held up owing to there being no purchases this year. Four Clubs are outstanding on their Area capitation fee (40p per member).

Brief accounts for Area Qualifiers are outstanding from: ETSW (Winter Dressage Feb 2024); Quantock (Winter SJ Feb 2024); Brent Knoll (Winter SJ, Feb 2025); Witheridge

(Combined Challenge, July 2025). Basically looking for ½ page summary. Brent Knoll declared they made £67 profit – no money therefore due to Area 12.

Current bank balance is £10,063.73 in the savings account, and £2,676.42 in the current account.

Assets are listed – zero value, however replacement costs, such as for timing equipment, would be significant. All available for use by Clubs but must be collected and brought back (held at Kings Sedgemoor EC).

No questions. Accounts were accepted (Pr. Brent Knoll, 2nd Blackdown Hills).

5: Election of Officers

Chairman: Charlotte Warman to take over from Sally (Pr. West Somerset, 2nd Witheridge). Unopposed.

Secretary: Peter Vaughan, happy to stand again (Pr. Brent Knoll, 2nd Shipton). Unopposed.

Treasurer: Helen Pavey, happy to stand again, although if anyone else would like to look after the Area 12 accounts, she would not stand against them. No takers! Therefore re-elected unopposed (Pr. Sid & Otter Valley, 2nd West Dorset).

Training: Lucy Counsell (not present) had said she would be happy to co-ordinate a couple of training sessions in 2026 – with high-profile trainers (but open to all levels), probably at Millfield School's indoor arena, Street, Somerset, to be weather-independent. Accepted.

Website and others: Carolyn Price is happy to continue with keeping the Website up to date; she, with Adele Pitcher, Anna Ames, Joanna Pitman, Martin Boreham, re-elected en bloc; Roy Delfino-Orme not standing for personal reasons (Pr. Shipton, 2nd West Somerset). Unopposed.

Sally declared the AGM closed at 7:55pm. The Liaison Meeting then followed (chaired by Charlotte Warman).

Approved (Chairman)