

**Minutes of AQHA-UK Council Meeting
Held on Saturday 28th February 2015
Horse Creek Farm, March, Cambs PE15 0BS**

Present:

Joyce Markham, David Deptford, Sheila Fitzpatrick, Julian Howard, Lucy Adams, Mike Roberts

1 **Apologies for absence**

Carin Herrick.

2 **Council Co-options.**

Agreed that Lucy Adams is co-opted onto Council.

3 **Consider and Approve minutes of 19th October.**

Agreed

4 **Matters Arising not considered elsewhere on agenda.**

There were no matters arising

5 **Youth World Cup.**

a) **Open Day review.** (Mary Larcom, Team Manager attended for this discussion).

There was a long discussion about the Youth Open Day which had taken place on the same day. it was agreed that the 9 participants showed a good standard of riding and that all of them should go forward to the general clinics. It was noted that four riders had expressed their apologies and not attended and that one rider had not found out about the Open Day until too late. Fourteen riders are to be invited to the general clinics. The first clinic is to be held on 16 & 17 May and DD is to approach Lee Rutter to see if Oakridge could host & Lee assist with coaching (fall back dates 30 & 31 May). It was agreed that the second clinic would take place at Bodiam in August. **The dates of the European Championships were checked after the meeting and these dates were amended to 26/27 July.** The final general clinic will take place at Horse Creek Farm 7 and 8 November (**this was later changed to 12 and 13 September to prepare youth for Breed Show**). DD to arrange all of these with venues.

b) A letter from Francesca Sternberg was considered and a response agreed.

c) **YWC 16 Budget** This was discussed and agreed.

6 **Breed Show**

a) **Show Team**

It was confirmed that Sylvia Jaeckle, Ricky Bordignon and Dagmar Zenker had been confirmed as judges. Still awaiting appointment of USA judge. Show manager was confirmed as Juergen Von Bistram, but show secretary remained vacant (**subsequently confirmed as Monica Widh supported by Jane Roberts**). Ring stewards Mick Carder and Judy Jones, collecting ring steward Jane Mead.

b) **Breed Show and Championships draft schedule**

This was discussed and it was agreed that a more detailed discussion would take place with Jane Wallace present on 25 April. It was agreed that we would investigate offering a reduced stabling rate for AQHA UK members. £25 was agreed as the entry fee for each AQHA double judged class. It was further agreed to reinstate 2 or 3 BR classes and NRHA classes. It was agreed that the All Ages Ranch Horse Riding should feature in the Gala and it was suggested that the Youth Riders could feature in the demonstration slot. It was agreed to hold trail classes outside (weather permitting). The show to start 7.30 everyday. It was agreed that all maturity classes would be for eligible horses 5 years old and over. Clinics to be run on 17 September prior to the show. DD to run one (**subsequently agreed that Juergen Von Bistram would run the other**) and these would be targeted at L1 riders entering the Championship classes for the first time.

7 **Growth Accelerator Grant**

It was agreed after some discussion that this grant would not be taken up.

8 **Journal**

It was agreed that further costings were needed from Quiet Storm

9 **Next Meeting.**

25 April Breed and Championship Show planning meeting, 14.00 Horse Creek Farm

26 April Council meeting 09.30 Holiday Inn M6 Jct2 Coventry.