

ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH RIDING SCHOOLS

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Docklands Equestrian Centre, 2 Clapsgates Lane, Beckton, London, E6 6JF
on Monday 13 October 2014 at 3.00pm

MINUTES

Julian Marczak opened the proceedings with a welcome to all those members present.

1. **Apologies for Absence** - listed at end of the Minutes.
2. **Minutes of 2013 AGM** - already circulated.
Paula Leverton (Four Winds Equestrian Centre) proposed they were a correct record and this was seconded by Sheila Meggison (Ragwood Riding Centre) and all agreed that they are adopted.
3. **Matters arising** - there were no matters arising.
4. **Notification of items to be raised under 'Any Other Business'** - no points were raised.
5. **Chairman's Report** - The Chairman's Report on the past year was circulated to all members present. Julian Marczak (ABRS Chairman) outlined a few points and the report is appended to the Minutes. Hannah Mays (Barnards Farm Riding Centre) proposed the Report be adopted; Liz McIlwraith seconded and all agreed the report be adopted. Hannah Mays thanked Julian for his work over the past year and his leadership qualities as he knows all too well the trials and pleasures involved within this unique industry.
6. **Financial Report and Adoption of Balance Sheet** - Paul Reay (Treasurer) commented on the 2013-2014 Financial Report which had been circulated in advance to all members. There were no questions from the floor and Carol Boulton (Russells Equestrian Centre) proposed that the Accounts be adopted, Joan Bomford (Moyfield Riding School) seconded and all agreed that they should be adopted.
Julian thanked Paul for preparing the accounts and for his continued support and hard work.
7. **Election of the President** – In accordance with Article 28 the President is elected annually. Our Current President is James Gray MP and he is willing to stand again; he was duly re-elected unanimously as President with sincere thanks for continuing with this role again for another year.
8. **Election of a Vice President** – Joan Bomford has resigned as a director. In accordance with Article 29 the directors have decided to elect her as a Vice-President in recognition of all that she has contributed to ABRS. All those present were in favour of this election.
9. **Election of Directors** – The current directors are: Carol Boulton, Chris Lazell, Paula Leverton, Julian Marczak (Chairman), Hannah Mays (Vice Chairman) Liz McIlwraith, Julie Pedley, David Ralston, Paul Reay (Treasurer), Brian Robinson, Derick Ward and Liz White.
In accordance with Article 34 Liz White, Carol Boulton and Paula Leverton are retiring by rotation. All are willing to stand again and were all re-elected as no other nominations had been received.
10. **To appoint Auditors for 2014** – Following our conversion to a Charity, the audit requirements of the ABRS have changed significantly and will be considerably more expensive than in previous years. Having used the M-Group for 10+ years the Treasurer recommended the ABRS obtain alternative quotes and a report will then be prepared for the Trustees to make a decision as to who is appointed as Auditors. All those present agreed to continue with the MGroup at present but for Trustees to review situation.
11. **Any Other Business** - There were no topics submitted before the AGM.
Julian Marczak thanked Hannah Mays for her support with continuing to chair the quarterly Executive meetings in his absence but regular contact is still maintained.

Golden Spur winner was Joao Cavaco (Contessa Equestrian Centre) and runner up was Christopher Tothill (Kingsmead Equestrian Centre).

A **Certificate of Long Service** was awarded to Sheila Meggison in recognition of her long standing commitment and distinguished service to the ABRS.

The Chairman closed the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and expressed sincere thanks to the Jeffress Scholarship Trust and Leopard Risk Management Ltd for their ongoing and generous support over the year.

11. The meeting closed at 3.15pm.

APOLOGIES RECEIVED

James Gray MP	President
Derick Ward	ABRS Trustee
Jenny Ward	Member
Professor Brian Robinson	ABRS Trustee
Baroness Masham of Ilton	Masham Riding Centre
Dr Harry Greenway	Member
Duncan Brown	Lynch Farm Riding Ltd
Shirley Renowden	ABRS Vice-President
Meg Scotting	Hon. Member
Andrew Stennett	Grove House Stables
Andrea Foden	Cheshire Riding School
Susan Mordey	Finchale View Riding School
Deborah Hall	Chigwell Riding School
Brenda Gilligan	ABRS Hon. Advisor
Verity Saul	Witham Villa Riding Centre Ltd
Vikki Hayton	College Farm Equestrian Centre
Rachel Fardon	Hon. Member
Anne Everall	Acrecliffe Equestrian Centre
Sandy Sandon	Caldecote Riding School
John & Alison Window	Mount Mascal Stables
Julie Pedley	ABRS Trustee
Tess Hardy MBE	Pakefield Riding School
Ruaridh Ormiston	Newtonmore Riding Centre
David Ralston	ABRS Trustee
Rosemary Brown	Easterton Stables
Kay Horner	Longacres Riding School
Lt Col (Ret'd) K Gordon Wesley	ABRS Vice President
Peter & Rachel Dudley	Truermans Heath Riding School
Jayne Hayes	ABRS Inspector
Jackie Packer	Hon. Member
John & Charlotte Lassetter	Hon. Member
John Romer & Caroline Catling	Turpins Lodge Riding School
Richard & Debbie Nicholls	Ickleford Equestrian Centre