

ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH RIDING SCHOOLS

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Marriott Hotel, Peterborough Business Park, Lynch Wood, Cambridgeshire, PE2 6GB
on Monday 12 October 2015 at 16.30Hrs

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 2014 AGM** - already circulated.
Paula Leverton (Four Winds Equestrian Centre) proposed they were a correct record and this was seconded by Chris Lazell (Ragwood Riding Centre) and all those present 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 member's present. Julian Marczak (ABRS Chairman) outlined a few points and the report is appended to the Minutes. Hannah Mays thanked Julian for his extensive and interesting report.
6. **Financial Report** - Paul Reay (Treasurer) commented on the 2014-2015 Financial Report which had been circulated in advance to all members.

As a Charity the Trustees appoint the Accountants and is no longer goes to a Members vote. A question was raised regarding the level of fees incurred for website maintenance. The figures included within the accounts under Website Maintenance also include costs in relation to Computer Maintenance Charges and Computer Software. The actual Website Maintenance costs for 2015 totalled £5,836 and the balance of £1,810 related to Computer Software and Computer Maintenance. In 2014, Website Maintenance costs were £6,318 and Computer Software and Maintenance costs were only £181. Therefore, the increase shown within the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015 relates to additional Computer Software and Maintenance costs. Hannah 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, James Gray MP, has now served as President for the full term stipulated within the Association's Memorandum and Articles and took the sad decision to step down. James asked for the following statement to be read out at the meeting "please tell those present how very much I have enjoyed (and been honoured to be) your President for a great many year now. ABRS is an outstanding organisation providing essential services and support to so many riding schools. I hope to be able to keep closely in touch with ABRS, and am delighted that Julian has been nominated to be your President". His support will be greatly missed and thanks were extended to him for serving such a long term of office. Julian Marczak will be retiring as a director and Chairman due to personal circumstances but he has agreed to stand as President for the following year. Liz White (Moor Farm Stables) proposed that Julian should be elected as President and seconded by Carol Boulton (Russells Equestrian Centre) and all those present agreed.
8. **Resignation of Julian Marczak, David Ralston and Derick Ward as directors** – Julian Marczak, David Ralston and Derick Ward have resigned as directors. Hannah Mays expressed the thanks of all the trustees for their unstinting support and loyal service given during their term of office, they will all be greatly missed.

9. **Retirement by rotation of director-trustees and election/re-election of director-trustees**

The current director-trustees are: Carol Boulton, Chris Lazell, Paula Leverton, Julian Marczak, Hannah Mays, Liz McIlwraith, Julie Pedley, David Ralston, Paul Reay, Brian Robinson, Derick Ward and Liz White.

In accordance with Article 34 Chris Lazell, Liz McIlwraith and Brian Robinson are retiring by rotation. All are willing to stand again and were all re-elected as no other nominations had been received.

10. **Any Other Business** - There were no topics submitted before the AGM.

Golden Spur winner was Joanna Dobson (Midgeland Riding School Ltd) and Runner Up was Natasha Hay (Pembrokeshire Riding Centre).

The meeting closed at 16.52hrs.

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.

APOLOGIES RECEIVED

Lt Col (Ret'd) K Gordon Wesley	ABRS Vice President
James Gray	Retiring President
Derick Ward	ABRS Trustee
Jenny Ward	Brampton Stables LLP
Baroness Masham of Ilton	Masham Riding Centre
Dr Harry Greenway	ABRS Hon. Member
Duncan Brown	Lynch Farm Riding Ltd
Shirley Renowden	ABRS Vice-President
Brenda Gilligan	ABRS Hon. Advisor
Anne Pointing	Hon. Member
Verity Saul	Witham Villa Riding Centre Ltd
Gloria Taylor	High Beech Riding School
Dora Pilkington	Coldblow Equestrian Training Centre
Susan Mordey	Finchale View Riding School
Tess Hardy MBE	Pakefield Riding School
Elizabeth Comrie	Houston Farm Riding School
Laura Garden	Busby Equitation Centre
Sylvia Stanier LVO	Hon. Member
Rosemary Brown	Easterton Stables