

## ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH RIDING SCHOOLS

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### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Bedford Lodge Hotel, Newmarket  
on Monday 14 October 2013 at 4.40pm

### MINUTES - Amended

James Gray opened the proceedings with a welcome to all those members present.

1. **Apologies for Absence** - listed at end of the Minutes.
2. **Minutes of 2012 AGM** - already circulated.  
Hannah Mays (Barnards Farm Riding Centre) proposed they were a correct record and this was seconded by Chris Lazell (Ragwood Riding Centre) and all agreed that they are adopted.
3. **Matters arising** - there were no matters arising.
4. **'Any Other Business'** - no points were raised.
5. **Chairman's Report** - The Chairman's Report on the past year was circulated to all members. Julian Marczak (ABRS Chairman) outlined a few points and the report is appended to the Minutes. Derick Ward (Brampton Stables) proposed the Report be adopted; Linda Porter-Cohen (Coach House Riding School) seconded and all agreed the report be adopted. James Gray thanked Julian for his extensive report.
6. **Financial Report and Adoption of Balance Sheet** - Paul Reay (Honorary Treasurer) commented on the 2012-2013 Financial Report which had been circulated in advance to all members. There were no questions from the floor and Liz McIlwraith proposed that the Accounts be adopted, Carol Boulton (Russells Equestrian Centre) seconded and all agreed that they should be adopted. James Gray thanked Paul for preparing the accounts and for all the hard work he has put in.
7. **Proposed changes to the Constitution** - There are a number of changes to the Constitution that the Association must make in order to continue to have direct access to government funding therefore James Gray asked all those present if the Executive could work on the Constitution and present to Members the necessary changes at the 2014 AGM. It was unanimously agreed.
8. **Election of Officers** - In accordance with the Constitution, all Officers are elected annually. In accordance with procedure, James stepped down at this stage and Julian took the chair.  
**President** - James Gray has been nominated to continue as President. Julian thanked James for his continuing support and acting as a figurehead for the ABRS. James is honoured to continue in this role and he was unanimously elected.  
James retook the chair and thanked everyone their support and how much he enjoyed being part of the Association and now moving into the 60<sup>th</sup> Year.  
**Chairman** Julian Marczak (Kings Barn Farm), **Vice Chairman** Hannah Mays (Barnards Farm Riding Centre) **Treasurer** Julie Pedley (Follifoot Park Riding Centre) **Hon Treasurer** Paul Reay and **Vice-President** Derick Ward (Brampton Stables) were all elected 'en bloc' as no other nominations had been received.
9. **Election of Committee Members** - To serve three years  
Joan Bomford (Moyfield Equestrian Centre) and David Ralston (Easterton Stables) were due to retire by rotation and were willing to stand again.

Chris Lazell (Ragwood Riding Centre) and Professor Brian Robinson (Horse Haven Equestrian Centre) had been nominated to stand on the Executive Committee and all were duly elected.

10. **To appoint Auditors for 2013** - All those present agreed to continue with the MGroup.
11. **Any Other Business** - There were no topics submitted before the AGM.  
Julian Marczak wished to explain to members that his personal circumstances had changed and a family member has been unwell resulting in the need for him to take on full time work. Subsequently, this has impacted on the amount of time he has been able to give the ABRS Executive Committee, Hannah Mays has kindly taken on the role of VC and so assists with the role, and regular contact is maintained – on a daily basis if required.

Linda Porter-Cohen asked who the Executive Committee Members and these are all listed on the ABRS website.

**Golden Spur** winner was Jennifer Hesketh (Wimbledon Village Stables) and runner up was Joao Cavaco (Contessa Equestrian Centre).

**Honorary Life Vice-President** was awarded to Sheila Layton for her past and continuing service to the ABRS.

The Chairman closed by thanking in particular the Jeffress Scholarship Trust and Leopard Risk Management Ltd for their ongoing and generous support over the year.

11. The meeting closed at 5.15pm.

*Item 7 added January 2014 as omitted on original Minutes.*

TO BE ATTACHED  
Chairman's Report  
Apologies

#### Apologies Received

Baroness Masham of Ilton	Masham Riding Centre
Harry Greenway	
Duncan Brown	Lynch Farm Riding Ltd
Jackie Garnham	Beechwood Riding School
Peter Linder	Rednil Equestrian Centre
John & Charlotte Lassetter	Molecomb Stud
David Ralston & Rosemary Brown	Easterton Stables
Emma Whittaker	Wellgrove Farm Equestrian LLP
Lynn Henry	Think Like a Pony
Mr J Hardy & Mrs T Hardy MBE	Pakefield Riding School
Mrs I Jameson	
Shirley Renowden	Hon. Life Vice-President
Wendy Hawkes	
Hazel Smith	Marros Farm
Andrew Stennett	Grove House Stables