

## **MIDLANDS CARRIAGEDRIVING COMPETITORS CONFERENCE Nov 12th 2017**

### **Chairmans report:**

D West reported on the ups and downs of the competition season.

He announced events for 2018

The final event at **Catton** in April will be a Nov qualifier.

**Onley** will have Regional status for our first visit and will host our Club Champs in Sept.

The season includes a new venue – **Osberton** with J Binns as Organiser.

The weekend of July 14/15 th will be a training event with details to follow.

He offered thanks to Committee and stewards for their help.

### **PR report:**

Wendy Nix gave a brief review of what had been published and where and thanked S Hayes and G Marston for supplying photos.

### **Winter events/training:**

Angela Flanagan announced 3 key dates in 2018;

Jan 27<sup>th</sup> – **Club dressage judges and club writers clinic** @ Arena UK near Grantham

Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>- **Stewards clinic** for both new and experienced stewards with lunch @ Bennington Carriages, Long Bennington, Newark

Feb 10<sup>th</sup>- **Backstepper training** – – beginners and improvers at Benningtons

### **A.O.B:**

Cones timing equipment – working well

DW reported the Rule changes expected for 2108 that MC will adopt

- Penalties in obstacles would now be 0.3 per second
- Dressage – groom speaking = 10pens rather than Elimination
- Cones - restriction on groom speaking removed entirely.

New membership includes public liability insurance when competing at another affiliated club's events.

Class structure – this was raised by G Kirby and was discussed at great length along with choice of tests amongst the members present. The suggestion is to abandon the Intermediate class and to have the national intermediate test as the standard test for the open class. The option to drive the national open or advanced single test in this class would remain.

The idea of running the one day /starter class over the two days was discussed with the majority in favour.

The committee will review further these two items ready for the coming season.

Wendy Nix suggested individual thank you letters from members to Kate and Robin Neilson, for the years we have been enjoying our events at Catton.

All thought this was a nice gesture and DW said that they would be invited to the evening meal at the final Catton.

Ruth Auton asked was the Constitution in need of an update – she feels things have drifted over the years, so now perhaps time for an update.

George Spencer felt we should try to publicise the club events at Indoor events to try to attract more – perhaps some could make a special visit to chat to people and distribute flyers with events/ training dates for the season.

The Presentation of Rosettes and Trophies followed the full list of the winners is on the web-site.

The Chairman's Trophy was awarded to David Hitchcock for being a stalwart steward – with thanks to him and his family.

Mike Hawley presented a plant to Lesley and a bottle to Dave with thanks from Midlands Carriagedriving.

The meeting closed @ 3.53pm