

Minutes of MC Competitors Conference held on November 24th 2019

Chairman's Report

Membership would remain the same but entry fees would increase by £5 to cover the increase in paramedic costs and lorry hire. Entry fees will be £80 for members £100 for non-members.

DW gave a brief resume of the year, its ups and downs, and went on to preview the events of 2020.

Anslow - would be a one day event

Thoresby - Arena and Cones likely to be in front of the house

Locko – Access into the lorry park will be easier in 2020. Also gates will be locked to improve safety and security

Frickley – will be a joint event with the North East. AC said that the course would be similar to this year.

Onley Regional – will have BYD's who will design and lay out the cones course. DW thought another permanent obstacle may not be possible due to lack of funds. The consensus was that it was worth doing as we will be retuning there in September for our Club Championship.

DW then thanked all who had helped the club in many different ways

Rule changes were highlighted; in particular BC adopting the FEI rule the flu vaccination requirement of the last vac being not more than 6 months before the event date. This may change if there is another flu outbreak. There will be a new Novice test for next season.

Vehicle spacing should be at least 3m apart to prevent the spread of fire should there be such an incident.

Training:

AF summarised clinics which had taken place to aid enhancement of our workforce and announced a Workshop for Feb 29th 2020 at Oakridge Equestrian centre near Newark for anyone who might consider judging, scoring, organising or course designing. Potential Stewards, Writers and Drivers are welcome at £15 per person. All of the larger Clubs have been asked to send minimum of 8 people. This is being subsidised from the BEF Grant.

PR:

WN gave a Publicity report - she had managed to get articles in a number of magazines and journals, three members of MC (Elisabeth Greensmith, Emma Burton, and Stephen Trebble) had attended the Carriage Driving Awards evening in Birmingham on 1st November, all of whom were highly commended in their categories. Thanks were given to Elisabeth and the team that put on a demonstration of our sport at the Southwell Ploughing match which produced a lot of positive reaction.

The Pre-Novice class was discussed as there had been no entries in 2019 this class will not be offered at our 2020 events.

The meeting finished with the Presentation of Rosettes and Trophies for the League and Championships. The Chairman's award was presented to Steven Trebble for his work organising Thoresby twice as well as scoring at events. The meeting closed with our President, George Spencer, making a presentation to David and Lesley, thanking them on behalf of the members for all of their hard work.