**Present:**

Kate Bouchier, Jane Corbett, Victoria Cross, Jane Emery (Secretary), Dee Hawksworth, Lauren Hewett, Mandy Hewett (Treasurer), Sally-Anne Hicks, Liz Julier, Tina Kavanagh, Sarah Legg (Committee), Wendy McKay, Lynn Morgan (Chair), Helen Nicholls, Nikki O’Neill, Marianne Rabanal (Committee), Sallie Rowles, Tracey Taylor (Committee).

**Apologies for absence:**

Gill Benwell (Committee), Mary Cloake (Committee), Pippa Rickard

**Minutes of 2017 AGM** - were approved

**Matters arising from the Minutes** – there were none

**Chairman’s report**

The Chairman tabled and spoke to a full report (see Appendix 1).

In particular she thanked those Committee members who have retired during year the work they had put into the club: Karen Bateman (Committee and former Chair), Sally Rowles (Secretary and Treasurer), Zoe Thrower (Committee and Website), Karen Buckingham (Committee and Leagues), Mary Cloake (Committee) and Charlie Morgan (Safeguarding Officer).

Thanks also went to the club’s regular trainers: Tom Graham and Kelly Turner and venues: Twyford Equestrian, The Juliers, MKEC, Wakes End and Amanda’s in Nash.

**Treasurer’s report and 2017 Accounts**

The Accounts had been notified to members in advance via the website. These were approved.

Income : £18,546 Expenditure : £ 18,789 Balance: ( - £242)

Money in the bank: £3365 Petty Cash: £32

The Chair said that the committee aims for training and competitions to break even, with income from non-members subsidising members. Significant areas of expense are payment processing and hire of Addington and the new committee will be reviewing these.

Noted that membership is gradually increasing following a dip last year.

**Changes to the Constitution**

A revised Constitution had been notified to members in advance via the website. This was approved

**Election of Committee**

Chair: Lynn Morgan

Secretary: Jane Emery

Treasurer: Mandy Hewett

Committee members: Gill Benwell, Kim Bonny, Lauren Hewett, Sarah Legg, Marianne Rabanal

Non Committee, but assisting in the running of the Riding Club: Zoe Thrower (website), Danni Rutter (safeguarding), Liz Julier (training).

Tracey Taylor had indicated a wish to step down as Membership Secretary, but would continue to help with sending emails. The Chair warmly thanked her for her stalwart service.

The Chair indicated she would like to step down when a replacement can be found and that anyone interested in this role or in joining the Committee should speak to her.

**Presentation of Awards & Trophies**

***Summer Dressage League***: 1st – Victoria Cross (Caerphilly Bay Trophy), 2nd Danni Rutter, 3rd Sharon Firmin, 4th Wendy McKay, 5th Liz Julier, 6th Pippa Rickard. (2nd-6th were awarded a small shield and a rosette)

***Rider Participation League***: 1st Sally-Ann Hicks (Rococo Trophy), 2nd Danni Rutter, 3rd Liz Julier, 4th Kate Bouchier, 5th Victoria Corbett, joint 6th Marianne Rabanal and Mary Cloake. (2nd-6th were awarded a small shield and a rosette)

***Team Award***: Sally-Ann Hicks (Team Silver Cup)

***Most Improved Combination:*** Tracey Taylor and Hugo (awarded Annual Shield)

***Outstanding Achievement Award***: Sally-Anne Hicks (awarded Annual Shield )

***Most Outstanding Volunteer***: Sandra Calvert (awarded Annual Shield)

The 3 Annual Shield winners also received a small shield to keep as a memento of their achievement in 2017

**Any other business**

In response to a question re previously proposed club name change, the Chair replied that as the club was now much more active in the Aspley area, a name change was no longer needed.