

Agenda

WARC AGM Sunday 17th January 2021

1. **Opened:** 10:01am
2. **Present:** Sue Croonen, Pixie Stott, Katherine Sturges, Kelly Smith, Ashleigh Bolt, Carrie Roberts, Meredith Kessell, Michelle Barwick, Catherine Macey, Kerry Burns, Karen Nelson, Meaghan Tilley, Evie Molson, Rosemary Paterson, Daniella Kirk, Sara Vroom, Meg Botha, Kelly Kent, Kylie Delaney, Leonie Bradford, Sabrina Kemp, Tina Larcombe-Day, Carole Indriolo, Belinda Moreton, Stacey Summers, Freya Gardi, Kathy Brennan, Angela Cunningham, Allan Hamilton, Karina Lodge, Jenny Schultz, Samantha Richards, Nicole Bryant, Jessica Gray
3. **Apologies:** Jill Worth, Shari Lindo, Rosie Atkins, Christine Kelly, Kerry-Ella McAullay, Rosie Atkins, Jade Cobbold
4. **Quorum:** Requires 6 financials members, one of whom is a committee member. Quorum present, meeting can continue.
5. **Previous Minutes:** Copies were emailed to members, and printed copies were available at the meeting. Minutes were moved by Karen Nelson and seconded by Cath Macey.
6. **Business Arising:**
 - a. Ground Improvements – the pony club organised and the adult riding club funded the fencing of the “white sand arena” behind the water jump. Still unfinished – a couple of trees need to be pruned/removed and edging placed to keep the sand in. Has proven very popular with members already. The club has some money set aside to cover the completion of this when the pony club gets the okay from the council.
7. **Committee’s Annual Report:** Read by Meredith Kessell. A copy is attached at the end of these minutes.

8. **Financial Report:** Read and explained by Karen Nelson. A copy is attached at the end of these minutes.

9. **Membership and Rally Fees:** Covered in the financial report. To remain at \$150 membership and \$40 per rally, as during 2020 our rally fees almost completely covered our instructor fees (\$130 shortfall over the year). Financial report and fees decision moved by Kathy Brennan, seconded by Tina Larcombe-Day.

10. **Other Business:**
 - a. Rally day format: Gates open 1 hour and 15 minutes prior to rally starting. Please arrive between 1 hour and 45 minutes before the rally start time. This gives you time to settle your horse, find your group/ride times for the day, and either tack up (if you're riding first) or set up (if you're riding second). Please remove all manure from your float/yard/area prior to leaving. RSVP's are due the Sunday prior to the rally. Please make sure you've emailed and paid by this day, as it makes it easier to organise classes and coaches to keep our group small. When you email the rally organiser (Karen) let her know which groups you would like. Please note minimum riding ability for cross country is to be able to canter and jump 45cms. Safety vests are compulsory for cross country, and EA approved helmets are compulsory for all lessons.
 - b. Rally dates – the October rally is NOT the first Sunday of the month. Every other rally this year is the first Sunday of the month.
 - c. Uniforms – Club uniform is a club polo shirt, club saddle blanket, and white OR cream johdpurs. Club uniform is compulsory when competing in ARC events or as an ARC member, but **is not** compulsory at rallies.
 - d. Insurance – The Wallangarra ARC insurance is public liability **only** . It does not cover you if you fall off at a rally. You will need your own 24/7 accident cover for that. (See previous club emails regarding insurance options). WARC is EA affiliated, so members can take out EA Adult Riding insurance if they wish to.
 - e. ARCA Challenges – there are 3 challenges throughout the year. Dates will be emailed and posted on facebook. All WARC are able to complete at ARCA challenges.

11. Dissolution of committee

Election of 2021 committee and office bearers

- President – Cath Macey
- Vice President – Tina Larcombe-Day
- Treasurer – Karen Nelson
- Secretary – Meredith Kessell
- Rally Organiser – Karen Nelson
- Newsletter – Daina Chester-Dunn
- ARCA reps (x2) – Meredith Kessell and Sara Vroom
- Instructor co-ordinator – Meredith Kessell
- Morning Tea co-ordinator – Pixie Stott
- Grounds open/close – Cath Macey
- Website co-ordinator – Tina Larcombe-Day
- Club house maintenance – Kelly Smith and Belinda Moreton
- Uniform co-ordinator – Kathy Brennan
- Pony club liaison – Kelly Kent
- Christmas lunch rally organiser – Kelly Smith
- General committee – Stacey Summers, Kerry Burns, Katherine Sturges and Sue Croonen
- Instructor morning teas – Sue Croonen

12. Close: 10:40am

Club Report 2020

Wallangarra Adult Riders

2020 started off brilliantly for Wallangarra Adult Riding Club. Our membership was in the mid-40's ready for our first full rally in March, and February's bonus rally actually graced us with mild weather (for February!). Dates were out for all 3 ARCA challenges, and 2 of them were being held south of the river, which hadn't happened for years. Entries were out and filling for the first ARCA Challenge; a hickstead being held just down the road at Oakford equestrian centre. As a club we were excited for the year ahead, and heading onwards and upwards.

And then along came March. Although it had been lurking and hinting in the months beforehand, March also brought COVID-19 to Australia. In a few weeks the newest corona virus went from being a small problem in other parts of the world far from us, to meaning Western Australia went into a serious lockdown over a period of a few weeks. The WA government also reduced the number of people who were permitted to gather, with different restrictions applying to indoor versus outdoor events, but in the end, based on government rules and advice, the committee felt it was in the best interest of our members and their health and safety to cancel the April and May rallies. Competitions were also all cancelled or put on hold, including the first ARCA challenge.

I think it's safe to say horses and riders handled lockdown differently. Some people suddenly found themselves working from home, and had more time to spend riding and practicing old and new skills or working on their fitness. Some members tried out virtual coaching, using zoom, what's app or pivo. Some people ended up with less time to ride, or agisted and had limitations in place for when they could see their horse. So some of us got fitter and were all ready and raring to go when restrictions lifted, and others of us discovered both horse and rider were demonstrating "the Covid kilos".

To make up for our cancelled rallies we added a second rally in June. Our first June rally gave us beautiful sunshine, wonderful lessons, one fall, and 8 stitches for Katherine after she tried to use her face to move a jump wing in mid-air! Our second June rally quickly turned into a short theory session and an early day, as it poured non-stop the whole time! July and beyond saw us all spoilt for choice, as events were back on and clubs were running events that were originally scheduled for earlier in the year. If you wanted to be out competing locally every weekend, you could be. Wanneroo ARC graciously offered to host an ARCA challenge to make up for the two that were cancelled during lockdown, as they couldn't be postponed later in the year due to ground hire clashes. Somewhat tongue-in-cheek, they named it "The COVID-19 Challenge! It was a hacking and showjumping day run at Horseman's grounds, attended by Karen, Ashleigh and Kelly. A SCUBA mask and flippers wouldn't have looked out of place, but well done to our three riders who continued despite the less-than-ideal weather, all three walking away soaked to the skin but with a fistful of ribbons each.

Our August rally was the first rally we had after the fencing of the 'white sand area' behind the water jump. This has been a long time coming, with council approval drawing it out for several years, but we finally have another fenced arena for use at rallies. The poles jumping classes have really benefited from the security of knowing even if their horses get a little too enthusiastic there's a nice solid barrier between them and the cross country course! The pony club also upgraded some of the cross country jumps, with some of our riders and horses finding the new jumps a bit challenging in the first couple of lessons.

Members were out and about doing various kinds of competitions, and we had riders out hacking, dressage, eventing, and showjumping.

The final challenge of the year was the dressage challenge, hosted by Brookleigh this year. WARC was represented by Karen, myself, Daina and Jade, with Tina and Kerry-Ella also competing. It was a great day out, with some lovely movements shown, some less-than-lovely movements, and only one fall. Had anyone else been riding Daina's horse that day it would've been more than 1 fall! Huge thanks to Pixie who come down to do our club helper duty and cheer us on.

The last thing anyone would've predicted at the November rally was getting rained out, but that's what happened. Our rally plan ended up turning into an impromptu theory session, with all three coaches tag teaming as they discussed a variety of topics ranging from how to get more (easy) marks in a dressage test, the kind of canter you need to jump height, to school figures. Thanks to our coaches for sharing their knowledge and experience.

Our final rally and Christmas lunch went off without a hitch. Huge thanks to Kelly and Ashleigh for organising a wonderful lunch and secret santa game. Safe to say I think we had a great day and ate too much.

A huge thank you to the 2020 committee. In a year that did not stick to anyone's plan, I'd like to thank everyone who paid bills and received payments, booked coaches, organised rallies, updated facebook, reminded people about events, ordered uniforms, organised morning tea, opened and shut the grounds, liaised with the pony club, tidied the clubhouse, sent out newsletters and encouraged members at all levels. Big thanks also to our members – for coming to rallies, setting up and packing away, getting out and pushing yourselves, and being really understanding with the covid-19 cancellations. It was a very weird year, but despite that I think everyone had fun and progressed forward. Well done, and here's to a slightly more normal 2021!

Financial Report WARC
1 Jan 2020 – 31 Dec 2020

Opening Balance Jan 1 2020		33993.60
Income		
Rallies	9370	
Membership	7650	
Gear Sales	582	
Total	17602	
Expenditure		
ARCA	190	
EWA	250	
Gear	199.75	
Quad Bike	1925	
Insurance	1127.50	
Arena Fence	6968	
ODE Sponsorship	100	
Gear	88	
Christmas rally	146	
Instructors	9500	
Total	20494.25	
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Forward payments for 2021	680	
Bank Balance at 31/12/2020		31781.25