

Minutes

Wallangarra Adult Riding Club, Inc, AGM

16th January 2022

Open: 10:08am

Present: Tina Larcombe-Day, Karen Nelson, Meredith Kessel, Angela Cunningham, Michelle Caranza, Caren Earl, Wendy Leach, Kerry Burns, Allan Hamilton, Michelle Barwick, Shelley Cunningham, Keisha Campbell, Lisa Stoddart, Vicki Lynn, Sandee Llewellyn, Johanna Valom, Jordan Faletti, Stacey Summers, Katherine Sturges, Carole Indriolo, Renee Carpenter, Kerry-Ella McAullay, Jane Havilah-Burt, Kelly Kent, Sara Vroom, Taysha Fields, Fiona Douglas, Beck Morgan

Apologies: Charles Croft, Rosemary Paterson, Kelly Smith, Rehka Devagnanam, Caitlin Norton

Quorum:

- Requires 6 financials members, one of whom is a committee member.
- Quorum present, meeting can proceed

Previous Minutes:

- Emailed out to all members in January 2021, and re-emailed with this agenda. Printed copies were available at the AGM.
- Motion that the previous year's AGM minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record. Moved: Karen Nelson, Seconded: Tina Larcombe-Day

Business Arising

- White sand arena. Despite attempting to get another quote for completing the white sand area, to date we have not been successful. Meredith will follow up with the contractor who has inspected the site, but not produced a quote for the work. Members were invited to submit recommendations for contractors.
- Still to be completed: flattening out and grading the surface, adding river sand (some from the main arena, and some to be purchased), and installing boards or logs or similar to retain the sand inside the arena

Committee's Annual report

- Read out by Meredith Kessell. A copy is included at the end of the minutes (see page 7)

Financial report

- Printed copies were available at the AGM. A copy of the report attached at the end of the minutes (see page 5)
- 2021 treasurer Karen Nelson explained the report and was available to answer questions
- The rally payments (in) fell short of instructor fees (out) in 2021. This was due to several factors: due to losing several rallies due to bad weather, we offered 2 extra rallies late in the year, and these were both subsidised (rally fees were 50% of normal rally fees). In 2021 we also started paying one of our coach's mileage, as she is popular with the members and no longer resides in Perth. This was a decision made by the committee at the end of 2020. As the overall loss was relatively small, and our club is in a good financial position, this was not considered a problem.
- We are not raising membership or rally fees in 2022. We will evaluate our financial position later in the year in regards to rally fees and coaching fees.
- We are still holding money we set aside several years ago to complete the white sand arena. This is part of our surplus, and we estimate this is likely to be \$10,000-15,000.
- As per our constitution, outgoing payments from the club's bank account should be approved by two members of the executive committee. Previously, the requirement was for only one member of the executive committee to approve a payment. Karen Nelson moved that we alter our banking permissions with Commonwealth Bank so that financial payments require 2 committee members to "sign" for a payment/transfer. Put to vote at the meeting, vote was unanimous in favour. The 2022 committee will proceed with this.

Membership and Rally Fees

- As per financial report, rally and membership fees will remain the same as previous year.

Other Business

- Rally Day Format:
 - gates open one hour and 15 minutes prior to the first lesson starting
 - February rally (possibly March) will start at 8 due to the hot weather
 - Regular rallies start at 9
 - Riders in the first lesson (9am and 11am) help pack away

- Riders in the second lesson (10am and 12 midday) help set up
- Your rally fee gets you two lessons
- Please clean up all manure from your horse. This includes the arenas and grass oval (not the XC course). Please check newsletter and/or Facebook posts for manure disposal prior to the rally; we may have to remove all manure from the grounds and take it home with us this year. More info to follow
- Rally Dates and ARCA challenge dates: see attachment (page 6)
- Wallangarra hosting an ARCA challenge
 - We are hosting the ARCA Winter Challenge, an ODE at our grounds on July 23rd and 24th.
 - We will form an event committee who will do the bulk of the organising for the event, but we will need all our members to help out over the weekend
- Uniforms/logo
 - Kelly Kent will investigate updating our logo and uniforms to something more modern. Our club colours won't change. If we update our uniforms, both old and new uniforms will be considered club uniform – members will not have to purchase new items. More info to follow.
 - Suggestion raised to change our jodhpur colour from beige/white to black. To be considered with the new uniforms.
- Insurance
 - For rider insurance, please see attachment compiled by Tina LD (page 10 and other attachments)
 - **Please note: Wallangarra Adult Riders Club insurance DOES NOT COVER MEMBERS. It is public liability insurance only.** We recommend all members have some form of 24/7 accident insurance, but it is not compulsory.
 - We will look at alternative insurance companies for the club's public liability prior to 1 July 2022, as our insurance bill almost doubled this year.
- Manure
 - Please clean up after yourself and your horse. All manure to be removed from arenas, oval, parking area, yards and washbays
- Website
 - Newly updated. Online membership this year seems to have been successful
- EA Mandatory Reporting and Concussion Policy
 - EA has introduced compulsory reporting of incidents that cause injury, and recommended reporting of all incidents. Reports can be lodged online, using a phone, by a member or coach.
 - As an EA-affiliated club, we are bound to follow the mandatory reporting rules
 - EA will block EA members from riding and competing during the post-concussion time ban (length of time differs for adults and children). This includes rallies. More information available on the EA website.

Dissolution of Committee/Election of 2022 Committee

The 2021 committee is dissolved. Election of the 2022 committee commenced. As per our constitution, members were invited to submit nominations in writing prior to the AGM. If a position receives a single written nomination, that member is considered elected. If a position receives more written nominations than positions (as some positions are for 2 or more members), the meeting votes. If a position does not receive any nominations, nominations are called for at the AGM.

2022 Committee:

- President: Sara Vroom
- Vice President: Tina L-D (*nominated in writing*)
- Treasurer: Karen Nelson (*nominated in writing*)
- Secretary: Meredith Kessell (*nominated in writing*)
- Rally Organiser: Karen Nelson (*nominated in writing*)
- Newsletter: Katherine Sturges
- ARCA reps (x2): Meredith Kessell, Sara Vroom (*nominated in writing*)
- Instructor co-ordinator: Meredith Kessell (*nominated in writing*)
- Morning Tea co-ordinator: Pixie Stott (*nominated in writing*)
- Grounds open/close (x2): Cath Macey and Sue Croonen
- Website co-ordinator: Kelly Kent
- Club house maintenance: Belinda Morton
- Uniform co-ordinator: Kelly Kent and Carole Indrioli
- Pony club liaison: Renee Carpenter
- Event committee (multiple): Meredith Kessell, Jane Havilah-Burt, Tina Larcombe-Day (*nominated in writing*). Stacey Summers, Pixie Stott, Sara Vroom, Carole Indriolo, Kerry-Ella McAullay, Karen Nelson, Kelly Kent (*volunteered for the position at the AGM*)
- Christmas lunch rally organiser: Katherine Sturges
- Instructor morning teas: Stacey Summers and Pixie Stott
- After-rally theory organiser: Stacey Summers
- General committee: the meeting decided that with the addition of the event committee this year, extra general committee were not required for 2022.

Close: 10:54am

Wallangarra Adult Riders Treasurers Report 1 Jan 2021 to 31 Dec 2021

Bank Balance \$31781.25

Opening Balance 31101.25

Receipts Income

membership fees 8100

Rally Payments 10500

Uniforms 945

19545

Payments

Instructor Fees 11795

Pony Club Ground fees 0

Arca membership fees 250

ARCA EWA renewal 250

Shirt stock purchases 1501.25

Insurance 2513.5

Pony Club ODE sponsorship 200

flowers m tea 0 50

Xmas food 296.15

refunds 225

refunds 40

17120.9

17120.9

33525.35

Bank Balance 34315.35

forward payments \$790

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Dates for 2022

16th Jan – AGM and Joining Day

6th Feb – Bonus Rally (returning members and new members who attended the AGM only)

6th March – Rally

3rd April – Rally

1st May - Rally

29th May – ARCA Autumn Challenge (Hickstead, hosted by Murray ARC)

5th June – Rally

2nd/3rd July – Wallangarra PC ODE

10th July - Rally

23rd/24th July – ARCA Winter Challenge (ODE, hosted by Wallangarra ARC)

7th Aug – Rally

4th Sept - Rally

25th Sept – ARCA Spring Challenge (Dressage, hosted by Dressage Association WA [DAWA])

2nd Oct – Rally

6th Nov – Rally

4th Dec – Christmas wind-up rally and lunch

Wallangarra Adult Riders Club 2021 Report

Written by Meredith Kessell

2021 started off well – we had our AGM and car boot sale in January, and had lots of returning members, as well as a generous handful of new faces. We had new and old members who were optimistically looking forward to a year that was more ups and less downs than 2020 had been.

However, less than a month later, our February rally greeted us with more COVID cases, another lockdown, raging bushfires north/east of Perth, and strong weather warnings for our first rally. The apocalyptic weather forecast meant we ended up cancelling the first rally all together, to start over 3 weeks later. First rally number 2 was much more successful, with new and returning members saddling up and facing their fears, which ranged from flying over large showjumps to actually mounting up and joining their very first lesson, and everything in between. Our second rally saw some riders tackling cross-country, with the coach afterwards congratulating them on “wearing their Big Girl panties”.

Wallangarra ARC prides itself on teaching and sharing practical horse knowledge – riding tips and tricks, easy horse-care hacks, and the fact that we’re all terrified, at least some times, but some of us have just had more practice hiding it. We did not ever think we’d have to teach a member that to scan the check-in QR code on her phone she had to download an app to do that in – so well done to the member who had been faithfully photographing every QR code and saving the photos in her phone ... for several months!

2021 jumped straight in to the first ARCA challenge; a Hickstead competition, hosted by Magenup ARC and held at the Oakford Equestrian grounds, just down the road from our club. A Hickstead is a jumping round with a mixture of showjumps and cross country obstacles, and Wally had 9 members who entered – Belinda, Katherine, Pauline, Cath, Teens, Kylie, Karen, Sue, Tina, Wendy and Daina. Daina didn’t even let a minor detail like a lame horse stop her – she rode Meredith’s horse a couple of times the week before, and then piloted him around the 80cms for a place! Many of our riders walked away with places and wins, and a huge thanks to Pixie and Kerry for being our cheer squad and ground help.

April gave us lovely rally weather, and some of our members also joined the Pony Club kids at their 3 days school. Highlights included a long-time poles rider clearing 30cms, watching a crow steal our regular jumping coach’s cigarette packet, and discovering we were all fitter riders when we were kids! Big thanks to Jill for including the adults in the school again. By May we were relieved to be mask-less whilst outside and allowed visitors at the rally again. Members rallied together to sort out a flat tire and a missing jack, and one of coaches managed to fall off a log, without being near a horse. We were lucky enough to host West Coast Vets for a lameness talk after the June rally, with Max covering a variety of topics ranging from how to spot a lameness, to when and what you could treat yourself at home vs when you call the vet. Big thanks to West Coast Vets for both the talk, and the equine first

aid kit they gifted the club with. While we hope we never need it, it now lives in our cupboard in case of an injury at a rally.

The second ARCA challenge for the year was in June, and hosted by Peel adult riders. Their Working Hunter challenge involved a showjump course at your choice of height, followed by a ridden workout, and then a judged-in-hand section. Standard attire at an ARCA challenge is your club uniform shirt and saddle blanket. Additional attire required at 2021 ARC Winter challenge included several changes of clothes, at least 2 raincoats, flippers, and approximately a dozen dry rugs for your horse! (Or is mine just spoilt?). A huge congrats to Kelly, Cath, Karen, Katherine, Daina, Carole, Tina and myself for being brave (or crazy) enough to ride in torrential rain and flooded arenas to represent their club. My horse has never looked that surprised in 5 years when I went to tack up at that event! A big thank you to Kathy who came down to cheer us on. The highlight for me at the challenge was watching the more experienced members helping, supporting and encouraging the less experience or very nervous members, and the delight and relief afterwards from riders who hadn't given up and had completed the challenge. Blue ribbons for a couple of our members was a nice flourish too.

The July rally started with more lockdowns, and finished with a thunderstorm. Riders ended up sharing tea and snacks in the clubhouse and one of our coaches gave an impromptu talk about dressage, arena etiquette and how to score more points from your test. August delivered more torrential rain and thunderstorms on rally day, so we elected to live-stream The Tokyo Olympics cross country day on a big screen in the clubhouse (thanks Sara for the internet, Jill for the projector and pony club for the screen!) instead. Watching the world's best cross country riders with explanations, and in some cases somewhat pointed comments about how we're all supposed to ride, from our coaches, was a lot more fun than riding in the pouring rain! We might have even taught some of our not-very-tech-savvy members how to live stream.

We added 2 rallies to the end of the year, because our track record with weather had been lousy to date. Our September rallies gave us lovely warm weather, with many riders frantically practicing their dressage for the ARCA Autumn Challenge. The dressage challenge was hosted by Kelmscott at their new grounds in Serpentine. Well done to Carole, Michelle, Sara, Hermine, Kelly, Asheigh, Pixie, Sue, Belinda, Karen, Daina, Katherine, Jane and Carolyn for competing at the challenge, especially Karen, Daina, Pixie, Jane, Carolyn and Hermine for representing Wallangarra with a quadrille. Cookie's impressive leaps and bucks mid-quadrille drew gasps of fear and admiration for Daina's balance from the crowd, but sadly did not result in extra credit from the judge.

October and November's rallies graced us with fine weather, great lessons, some more chances to try cross country, and a couple of spectacular falls. Thankfully no injuries, sadly no video evidence either! Our Christmas rally was very hot, so lunch started early as everyone seem to feel that the final lesson really didn't need a full hour in blistering sun! A huge thank you to Kelly and Ashleigh, who did an amazing job co-ordinating lunch, decorations, and a very immature secret santa stealing game. Great outfits from Cath and Belinda.

Finally, a huge thank you to everyone for last year, especially the 2021 committee. To everyone who organised food, shuffled riders for rallies, opened gates, replied to emails, updated the website, ordered uniforms, paid bills, booked coaches, wrote newsletters, tidied the clubhouse, went to ARCA meetings, organised the Christmas rally, liaised with the pony club, and attended meetings – thank you all. The club couldn't run without your support, and we really appreciate it.

Insurance

Compiled by Tina Larcombe-Day

- The Club insurance covers the club, not you, if you have an accident
- You do not need to have personal accident insurance to become a member
- We strongly RECOMMEND that you at least have private health Cover, or at LEAST ambulance cover, because if you come off, it is our decision to call an ambulance, not yours

That's it really, them's the hard facts.

WHAT INSURANCE SHOULD I GET? Well that's the million dollar question, isn't it? I may just want to ride at Adult Riders, and do my trail rides. OR I may just want to do some Adult Rider Comps that have been offered by EA. OR I might want to do some PCAWA comps, or maybe not... so:

- To compete in EA competitions, you will need EA insurance
- To compete in Pony Club competitions, you will be PCAWA Open Rider insurance
- To do both EA and PC, you will need EA insurance, and PCAWA Competition Rider insurance

SEE and READ the list of insurances that are provided, I've done the 2 major providers, you may want to go a different path, but these are the most common. It really boils down to what events you might do during the year... if any.

So that said, I have done a little comparison of the actual benefits, if it interests you. I've attached these as separate files. Please have a read through them all to make sure you know what you're covered for in the event of an accident.