

# Leighdale Equestrian Centre Committee of Management MINUTES



Meeting details	
<b>Meeting title:</b>	Committee of Management Meeting with Council
<b>Date:</b>	23 August 2023
<b>Location:</b>	Leighdale Equestrian Centre

Attendees	Title
Tom McCann	President
Kirsty Blake	GDCD
Kate DiLecce	Minutes Secretary
Tanya Goldsworthy	Leighdale PC
Emma Judge	Inverleigh Riding Club
Diane Lang	Vice President/BTRC
Alicia Mummery	Secretary
Mark Mummery	Treasurer
Angie Perdrisat	BTRC
Lee Anne Rigby	Casual Users
Bronwynne Ritchie	BTRC/Casual Users
Jaimee Thomson	Inverleigh Riding Club
Apologies	
Pixie Heath	GDCD
Kirstie McDonald	General
Jennifer Redsell	Leighdale PC

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<b>Opening/apologies</b>
Welcome to the meeting from TM.
Approve minutes from the previous meeting KB
President's report – nothing to report
Treasurer's report attached.
Correspondence in and out was circulated and is attached. Additional status report received from Council. Powercor coming to the Centre on 31 <sup>st</sup> , all user groups informed. Now changed to 5 <sup>th</sup> September. Grounds will be closed on 5 <sup>th</sup> September. It was agreed that all users will be given 24 hours notice of any works being done. Nomination for Casual User Group position from Lee Anne Rigby. Nominated by BR, Seconded DL. Unanimous. Louise Blersch casual user application. Ben Laupe casual user application. Resident of 45 Fairway Crescent wrote about the gate into the property. AM to respond that it's a no for safety and risk management. Thank them for touching base.
BR Passed

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**BH Report** – We have only two hunts left for the season. The weather has been kind and attendance at hunts has been good. Looking forward to booking in some dates for using the facility in the off season. We have an auction dinner on 18 November, I will be circulating details to Leighdale User Groups if that's OK. It's quite a fun night!

**BTRC Report** Bannockburn Teesdale Report 21/8/23.

Bannockburn Teesdale RC had another successful rally with a good turnout of members.

Our instructor for the day was Jude Stanton, who provided dressage instruction.

Melinda Spiller also came and assessed some riders.

Denise Malone kindly brought and set up some 3PE obstacles for riders to practice with..

A good rally was had by all.

Some of our members have raised some concerns with the development of the grounds and the use of the grounds going forward.

Questions raised were:

When will the grounds be open for public use and how is this decision determined?

Will the grounds be open by daylight saving so that riders can use it after work?

What is the surface of the covered arena going to be and can users have some input on this?

What are the kickboards/walls of the covered arena going to be built from and can users have some input on this? Concerns have been raised regarding the safety of having low kickboards and rails verses full height kickboards .

What are the costs involved in completing the covered arena and which inclusions/options can be prioritized over others to give a safe, useful and cost effective space?

The Bannockburn Teesdale members also wish to thank the Leighdale committee for it's hard work and dedication.

**Booking Officer Update** – Nothing to report

**Casual Users** - Covered in Other Business

**GDCC Report** - Upcoming 2 day comp with some camping onsite Saturday night. We have the cleaner booked who will be onsite the following Monday. Spectators welcome, competition starts 12noon Saturday. Predominantly using back arenas. Advised competitors no camping on Friday night as facility closed Monday to Friday. Camping on Saturday.

8 smaller portable corrals have been made for our club and will be stored beside the green shed at the rear. & our trailer may also be onsite - hopefully it fits in the shed.

**LPC Report** - We had a good August rally

Brush jump not safe use – Bollards have now been placed in front of the jump, while waiting for repairs or replacement.

**IRC Report** – President has resigned, AGM in October.

**Grounds Maintenance Update** – No report

## OTHER BUSINESS

**Deena Peters Memorial Update** – KB reported after last meeting we agreed to build a chair around a memorial tree. Men's Shed are going to make it and have been liaising with Kirsty about the design. Materials will be \$650, time and labour being donated by the Men's Shed. Gives \$350 for tree and plaques. Will be secured with XC ground stakes. KB proposed passed unanimously

**Covered Arena and surface** - TM raised the confidentiality of this project. He also has a conflict of interest as he may be providing some materials.

Scope of works was done pre covid and what's happened in the meantime prices have risen 47% but we have to deliver what was originally approved from a government perspective. Shed up, power in and surface needs to be agreed upon. KB took LR advice and touched base with Tristan who said that he's better than Martin Collins surface and said he didn't want to give a quote if we wouldn't look at a surface he has put in. Went to see a local arena owned by Lucy, a show jumper. Lucy is very happy with it in comparison to previous surfaces. She originally wanted a Martin Collins and Tristan talked her out of it.

LR said the Eb and Flow at Werribee in the back indoor is damaged and floods. She says the Martin Collins is great and doesn't need irrigation. In Horsham, put in a fabric surface with waxy sand and if

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that's not raked it can be a problem. Elmore putting in a new indoor. Options are wax surface, rubber surface or fibre/sand surface. Options are also of underground water, overhead sprinkler or pop ups from the side. AM to contact Werribee.

On LR's recommendation KB has been going forward with Grand Ridge. KB gave a confidential update on the fundraising for the surface and fencing. A lot of work has gone into this and the additional funding was procured on the basis that we go with the Eb and Flow. The deficit would be minimal and should be able to be covered by some of the Home User Groups prepaying their subscriptions. Most agreed KB has done a fantastic job.

If we go with Grand Ridge, council would pay the deposit so full funding would not be needed till end of project. Fence included will be a double kick board and two rails. There was heated discussion about the suitability of the fencing. LR, BR and AP all want a solid wall installed. The additional cost for this was discussed, it is outside the original Scope of Work and would require additional fundraising. LR stated that if we went with the kick board and rails and her horse was injured she would sue.

With the negotiations that KB has done TM says we can swing to Grand Ridge Eb and Flow.

Another benefit of Eb and Flow is the product top would be with the identical product as it's new product and not recycled.

TM wants to confirm funding. Go ahead with Grand Ridge.

LR suggested Capricorn and Equestrian Surfaces. She will get quotes from them.

KD proposed committee reconvene on 6 September at 7.30pm to make final decision on fencing and surface. KB to discover Grand Ridge's cheapest possible quote and LR to procure and present quotes from Capricorn and Equestrian Surfaces. Zoom is an option. Approved

Emma proposed we approve the funding model. Seconded Mark. Approved

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### **New Casual User Representative** - covered above

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**Rumours and false information that is circulating regarding future casual use fees and Undercover arena works** – AM contacted by casual users with rumours as to what fees will be in the future. Response should be that the committee has not discussed any form of casual user fees on a go forward basis.

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**Grounds and work restriction that may interfere with that going forward** - Powercor on 5<sup>th</sup> September. BR what is deemed a reason to close? View was that if any construction is going on or council says something is going on, that is a reason to close the grounds. Surface going in will be next big disruption. AM suggests that going forward the next casual user newsletter they contact via email not social media.

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### **Outstanding money on the surface coming from clubs** – discussed above

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**General Business** – AM Home User groups paperwork.

Website domain has been secured. Currently Business user which is \$400 per year, premium would be \$120 per year. Proposed AM seconded EJ

Reminder that floor needs to be swept after club rooms are used.

Meredith community centre kindly donated new chairs. AM to write and thank them.

Meeting closed at 9.40

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