

Leighdale Equestrian Centre Committee of Management



Meeting details	
Meeting title:	Committee of Management
Date:	31 st July 2024, 7.30 pm
Location:	Leighdale Equestrian Centre

Attendees	Title
Kirsty Blake	GDCD
Kate DiLecce	Minutes Secretary/Barwon Hunt
Tanya Goldsworthy	General Committee
Emma Judge	Inverleigh Riding Club
Diane Lang	Vice President
Suzanne Mowat	Inverleigh Riding Club
Tom McCann	President
Alicia Mummery	Secretary
Apologies	
Jen Beckley	Pony Club
Pixie Heath	GDCD
Mark Mummery	Treasurer
Lee Anne Rigby	Casual Users
Rachael Black	General Comm
Amy Murphy	BTRC
Kate Murray	BTRC

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Opening/apologies
Minutes of previous meeting – 31/7/24 Moved EJ
President Report Nothing to report.
Treasurer Report – Circulated prior to meeting Moved DL, Second TG carried 3 phase upgrade \$991.88 to come back from council
Secretary Report – Correspondence log previously circulated. AM has been researching the booking system. The council system has now been changed so there is an annual fee of \$300 and a 15% fee each transaction. AM has been looking at Square, can offer an actual booking system as well as for taking payments. AM has done trial bookings, went well. Fee is 1.5% to 1.9% per booking. KB moved that we implement Square all agreed.
BH Report – The recent rain has improved scenting making for some fun days hunting. This weekend we have our first ever Freshman's Jumping at Leighdale and we are very grateful to Leighdale Pony Club for offering us the use of their show jumps. We will be using the indoor and the back fenced arena for the poles and lower heights. The following weekend we have moved our hunt to Sunday so that a few of us can come to the working bee.

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BTRC Report -

Booking Officer Update Indoor Arena Use:

Since our last meeting we have had 8 bookings with a repeat booking.

We have had 1 hiccup which was my fault for missing giving 2-day users the gate code for entry into the grounds, in which a passerby gave them the gate code. I have apologised for the terrible inconvenience.

The people who have used the indoor have given some great feedback – here are some of the comments:

- Beautiful surface to ride on
- Great surface
- Really great considering the weather we have had- not a flooded surface

New Memberships

Since reducing the fees, from our last meeting we have had 11 New Members:

10 Paid Memberships

1 Non-Paid Membership. This person to be followed up.

Casual Users – On 23 July AM received a texted message from LR that she would be resigning. No official letter of resignation has been received but it was agreed that this should be taken as a formal resignation and accepted as such.

AM received a call from Kat at council asking what was going on as they had received multiple emails from members complaining about costings. AM explained the current pricing is only until year end. Discussion with Kat regarding our membership structure. General discussion as to how booking is proceeding. Discussion about what the grant was for. TM when we work out the pricing and establish the booking system email will be through committee not an individual.

AM sent Kat what we send to Casual Users, google form, welcome email etc.. With regard to external people booking, we have been contacted by EV and others about booking.

Explained to Kat that no official complaints have been received by COM.

Circulated draft External Grounds Hire for discussion. TM moved no booking deposit, they should pay in full up front. Alter form to read “payable at time of booking”.

Discussion on exclusive use of grounds vs use of indoor only, this will be revisited in December.

KB questioned the half day booking as a lot of work. Will only take one half day booking per day.

Noticed that BTRC have booked the grounds 13 times between now and December.

It is an expectation that all user group bookings are done through official email addresses.

KB to write a newsletter for circulation to Casual Users.

Access codes to be changed.

GDCD Report – GDCD had a rally on Saturday just gone. Weather was terrible so the rally plan was perfect being the first half of the day was inside the club rooms talking all things show driving. We then only had a handful of members who drove in our mock show getting critic from a well renowned judge. We did have another member just use the grounds to further training an equine.

We are looking forward to hosting the indoor qualifier at the end of August and the champs in Sept. Due to the nature of many competitors living 4+ hrs away I have put forward a request for camping the day prior with a club member always onsite and arrivals not until after 4pm and having it stipulated no horses to be worked onsite prior to the days we have booked. \$10 camp fee per night is applied and comes back to LEC.

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LPC Report –

IRC Report - Joint rally with BTRC. The two clubs are working well together. The IRC rally was not so well attended but was fun.

Grounds Maintenance Update – Tank for Undercover Arena needed topping up. We are going to need to make sure the water level stays at an acceptable level. TM more water should be captured (currently only 1/4 of the roof is flowing to the tank). TM need to have a meeting with council to capture the full run off.

OTHER BUSINESS

Office Bearers Going Forward

TM is happy to stay as President
DL happy as Vice President
AM is happy to stay in the Secretarial role
Council would like position descriptions prior to the AGM

Circulation List

Amended to reflect current COM members and user group representatives.

Dung Beetle Pooper Scooper approved

Larger Wheelbarrow declined

MasterPlan - grants & improvements'. What's coming up? Who is applying? Wish list small and large. Carried over to next meeting

COM events. Coaching day with EV top 8 coaches KB saw the EV top 8 coaches advertised on Facebook and wondered if we organise some coaching days. Definitely agreed this is something we should look into further.

Freshman's Events KB has put together the entry forms. LPC to take entries and then share the money with LEC. Need people to run canteen.

Working Bee

Bonfire
Mulch to yards (TM to bring telehandler and tipper)
Whipper Snip around yards
Varnish tops of posts

Meeting closed at 9.50pm Next meeting 28th August at 7.30pm