

ROYAL ARTILLERY HUNT SUPPORTERS' CLUB

Meeting on Tuesday 9 March 2021 via Zoom

Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Acceptance of Minutes
3. Matters Arising
4. Chairman's Report and Treasurer's Report
5. Forthcoming events: Online Auction, Cross Country Ride
6. Any Other Business
7. Date of Next Meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting

Royal Artillery Hunt Supporters' Club Meeting 8pm, 8 December 2020

Held remotely and online via Zoom, due to coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions

Minutes

Present

Trisha Badham (Chair), Lt Col Vickie Sheriff (Secretary), Niki Hinman (Secretary), Alex Connell (Hon Secretary of the Hunt), Lt Col Paul Snodgrass (RA Hunt Chairman), Charles Carter (Master Huntsman), Emily Schlesinger (Military Master), Pam Baker (Joint Master), Sam Bialek, John Eccles, Georgie Price, Dee Hodson, Beverley Martin, James Ferguson, Catherine Heilbron, Alison Wilson, Deborah Pratt, Susan Turner, Marcus Evans, Josephine Burnfield, Ed Schlesinger.

1. Apologies for Absence. Lt Col John Jago (RAH Vice President), Lindsay Bryars (Treasurer), Tommie Gross, Jillie Arnold, Penny Shearcroft.
2. Minutes of March Meeting. The minutes were accepted by John Eccles, seconded by Beverley Martin.
3. Matters Arising. None.
4. Chairman's Report and Review of the Year
"Not really a great deal to report since the last meeting in September.

Cross Country Ride. Unfortunately, we were unable to run the ride this year, which was quite a blow because it is about the most important fundraiser of the year. All the planned events to have taken place from September until Christmas have rather fallen by the wayside.

“On the positive side, Bev and Emily have masterminded an ingenious and highly successful fundraiser, in the form of a bottle advent calendar, and subscribers and supporters have been very generous in buying lots of tickets. Thank you both. Just one small thing – as Chairman I would have preferred to hear that this was taking place rather than find out on the WhatsApp page when it was well under way. And we soldier on in the hope that life will return vaguely to normal in the not too distant future.

“Inter Hunt Skittles - another victim of the virus. Sandown yet another victim of the virus

“Perhaps we will be able to hold a Barn Dance at Amesbury in June. Dee will be chief organiser but will, of course, need help. We will obviously have to see how vaccinations and the virus progress. Meanwhile there is another virtual cooking class coming up, masterminded by John Eccles’ good wife, Wendy.”

Beverly Martin confirmed that the Bottle Advent Calendar initiative had so far raised £1,044, with more tickets available for purchase. This news was well received by those present.

5. Treasurer’s Report.

The Chairman reported in the Treasurer’s absence that our finances are in good shape with £10,000 of funds in our account. Hunt equipment included the purchase of a Hunt coat at £697; Masters very kindly donated £300 towards this.

6. Forthcoming events.

- Hunting - has now resumed following the latest lockdown (hooray!).
- Treading in – hopefully will take place. It saves us £500. Dates to be confirmed
- Point to point – 16 January. Spectators are likely to be allowed, in which case we will lose the proposed grant of £5000. Therefore we must encourage attendance in order to make up the income on the gate. There will be no bar, so bring your own refreshments. There was a discussion about marketing and the need for it – lots of support to help with marketing e.g. flyers, road-side

signage etc. Other ideas included promoting it to the Army (e.g. via internal comms means – Vickie to look at this) and via BFBS. Ladies of the hunt are once again generously sponsoring a race.

- Quiz night – considered for early in the New Year – a review of 2020 was suggested in order to win the 2020 trophy!
- Beach ride – may happen
- Tack sale – had to be cancelled and will be rearranged.
- Clay shooting – had to be cancelled, but will be arranged again TBC
- Lampshade making - had to be cancelled, but will be arranged again TBC
- Cookery evening - being planned for the New Year. Bigger and better than last time!
- Side-saddle riding with Cindy Sims – plans are being made for this.

All pandemic pending!

7. Any Other Business.

- Temporary hunt jumps on hunting days - Ed Schlesinger piloted this successfully at the recent children's meet. Ed has since then been building more jumps, and David Puckey also has some temporary jumps he can access. Plan is to put them out on 30 December for the next children's meet. Ed is looking for a volunteer to drive a trailer – Catherine Heilbron agreed to help. Ongoing help from hunt supporters would be required in order to do this. Regarding the safety of the temporary jumps, Ed has sought advice from expert jump makers Brian Elliott and John Hare. A special screw is required to pin them to the ground. Funding from the Supporters' is sought for the pins. A discussion was had about whether providing jumps was something that the RA Hunt should do (with a reputation of being a 'non-jumping hunt'). There were mixed views, but as long as litigation was not an issue, or that they blocked a public bridleway, there was general support, and thereby support for providing funds for the required safety pins.

- Online auctions – James Ferguson quoted Racing Welfare’s successful auction of promises. This was a good model to follow, if we could find someone to organise it. Reference was made to the highly successful auction of promises organised by Fizz Shearcroft a few years ago, but it was noted how much work was involved in pulling that together. Paul Snodgrass talked about the Tedworth’s very successful online auction of tack etc. that they run each year. All profits go to the hunt. There’s the potential for us to run this for the RA hunt. Vickie Sheriff will look into this.
- Thanks to the hunt staff – Sam Bialek thanked Charles and Guy for the atmosphere and great hunting this season.

8. Date of Next Meeting. This will be 2 March 2021. Whether this will be remote or a meeting in person has yet to be confirmed. Members will be informed nearer the time.

Treasurer's Report

ROYAL ARTILLERY HUNT SUPPORTERS CLUB INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS AT 30th APRIL 2020

INCOME RECEIVED 2020	2019	
	£	£
Subscriptions	450.00	
70.00		
Donations		
Hound Adoption	-	
200.00		
X Country Ride	656.00	
1782.00		
Spring Ride		
590.80		
Skittles		
255.00		
Fun Show		
380.00		
Quiz Night	660.00	
- Hunt Breakfast*		844.27
P2P Bars	500.00	
250.00		
Meet Suppers**	342.50	
Sidesaddle Dash	320.00	
Whisky Draw		
229.00		
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	3772.77	
3756.80		

EXPENDITURE

Admin/Website			75.00
	90.00		
Hunt Equipment			392.73
249.99			
Hunt Salary			5000.00
5000.00			
Alcohol/food for meets;Treading in,AGM			-
Puppy Show			-
192.54	Subscription to Countryside Alliance		
25.00	25.00		
Other			150.00
175.00			-----
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-			5642.73
5732.53			
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE			(1869.96)
(1975.73)			

*includes whisky draw

**includes reunion dinner

PLEASE NOTE

Not included in these accounts are the subscriptions which were paid directly to the RA Hunt for

Year ended 30.4.20

ROYAL ARTILLERY HUNT SUPPORTERS CLUB

STATEMENT OF FUNDS AT 30th APRIL 2020

	2020	2019
	£	£
ASSETS		
Balance at Bank 30th April	16537.60	
18513.33		
 REPRESENTING		
Funds at 1st May	18513.33	
20383.29		
Surplus/(deficit) of income over expenditure	(1975.73)	
(1869.96)		
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18513.33	16537.60	

**RAHSC
PAYMENTS TO HUNT Year End 30.4. 2017-2020**

To 30.4.2017		
Salary		6,500
Vehicle	12,000	
To 30.4.2018	0	0
To 30.4.2019		
Salary		5,000
Equipment	393	
To 30.4.2020		
Salary		5,000
Equipment	250	
To 31.5.2020		
Salary		8,000
Painting	1,100	
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	13,723	24,500

**Total Expenditure
£38,223**