

BELVOIR TAN

October 2020

To All Subscribers, Car Followers and Supporters

Hot of the press – Here is the front cover of the 2021 calendar that will shortly be available at meets on a Saturday or can be collected from Nina or Rachel.

Calendars are £12 each with an envelope for those sending as a lovely Christmas gift. The photographs in the calendar are Winners of the photograph competition 2020



The Belvoir Hunt Calendar



Coming Soon!! Belvoir Hunt Christmas Cards

£1 each

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF BHSC

The Annual General Meeting of the Belvoir Hunt Supporters Club took place on Monday 19th October 2020 by Zoom and for which the minutes now appear:

Minutes of the Belvoir Hunt Supporters Club Annual General Meeting held on Monday 19th October 2020 via Zoom at 7pm. The President Mr Nicholas Playne welcomed everyone in these strange times.

Present: NGW Playne, M Houghton, M Thomas, W Moore, R Lovegrove, C Chandler, D Selby, Lady Sarah McCorquodale, J Knight, A Sheard, J Schofeild, J Sore, S Thorpe and N Camm

Apologies: L Thomas

Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 7th October 2019 were circulated previously by email. The President asked for a proposer of the minutes: Proposed by Nina Camm and seconded by David Selby. All in agreement.

Presidents Report

The President opened by welcoming Mark Houghton to the role of Chairman and was pleased that we were able to meet electronically. Whilst acknowledging the difficult time we find ourselves in the President was anxious that we maintain membership and to that end expressed his thanks to Foster and Jackie Edwards for managing the membership and ensuring the necessary paperwork is maintained on a day's hunting for supporters.

In summary the President thanked Mark for taking on the chair of the BHSC and wished to thank all the committee for their hard work.

Nicholas Playne Esq – President of BHSC

BHSC Report

Having only recently taken over as Chairman I must pay tribute to all the work done by the Committee last year. Activities were curtailed at the end of the season by the coronavirus restrictions but, nevertheless, a healthy amount was raised for the Belvoir Hunt which the Treasurer covers later in his report. The pandemic will impact severely on fund raising so I encourage everyone to learn from the new normal and seek out fresh opportunities as otherwise I do not anticipate us being able to match last year's fund raising in 2020/21. My thanks to the current committee and I look forward to working with you all.

Mark Houghton – Chairman BHSC

Master's Report

On behalf of the Joint Masters Lady Sarah presented her report; David Manning and Kit Henson retired from the mastership, to be replaced with "youth and beauty" by Harriet Rimmer, Tom Chatfeild-Roberts, The Hon Toby Greenhall and Martin Willcox. Sam Jones joined us as first whipper-in and was a massive asset especially during John's illness. Ian Steel joined us as countryman, Marcus Thorpe-Codman remains as 2nd whipper-in and no changes to the grooms.

In February there was a small flood in the kennels. Two litters born and now out at walk.

The pandemic has made things very different and everyone is pulling together to prepare and maintain risk assessments, event management plans in order to comply with Government legislation/Hunting Office guidance for test and trace.

On behalf of the Joint Masters Lady Sarah extended her gratitude to the BHSC for their continued support.

Lady Sarah McCorquodale – Joint Master

Hunt Chairman Report

First, I would like to thank Mark Houghton for agreeing to take on the role of Chairman of the Belvoir Hunt Supporters Club. Mark is more than capable and has already shown his leadership qualities.

These are challenging times for us all and the fund raising and social events have been severely curtailed so once this dreadful pandemic is brought under control and life can resume a degree of normality all your ideas and enthusiasm will bear fruit.

The Team Chase recently enabled a lot of Hunt Supporters to re-convene and it was good to see so many of you although from a distance. Also, the Hunt rides have proved very popular and successful with the maximum permitted number on each occasion.

Thank you for all you do for the Belvoir Hunt in many ways and let's keep doing what the BHSC is so good at.

James Knight Esq – Chairman of Belvoir Hunt

BHSC Treasurers Report October 2020

Last year (May 19 – April 20) was affected, as everything has been, by the Corona virus but we managed nevertheless to raise £ 14,863 which was of course down on previous years.

The Clay Shoot in May was well attended as always, and we raised £833. Hound sponsors were invited to the kennels in the spring to see the hounds and sponsorship continues to be popular with all hounds having been sponsored.

Merchandise is selling well, and we will have a new Christmas card available for this year and also a calendar for 2021.

Open Day, which was moved one week from its usual date gave us a good profit of £2944 with having a larger crowd.

Breakfasts at Autumn meets were again well supported raising over £900 between them and other events such as Pie Night, Fish and Chips, 200 Club and Christmas Wreath making etc. all helped with our fund raising.

At the end of the year we were hit by the cancellation of the Closing Supper, Ladies Lunch and Grand National Draw because of the Virus.

Our Spending

As a thank you to the farmers in the hunt country who allow us on their land the BHSC covered the cost of the farmers party. Hound sponsorship raised £2054 which was donated for hound feeding/upkeep. A donation of £12,900 was given to the hunt.

From the tumblers money £150 was donated to the Notts/Lincs Air Ambulance and Derby/Leics/Rutland Air Ambulance charities respectively who between them cover the Belvoir Country.

To increase our fund raising we need more help – more committee members or volunteers willing to organise events would be more than welcome.

Because of the Corona virus our year tailed off but prior to that all events were well attended. A big thank you to all who have supported us in the past year – we couldn't have done it without you.

BHSC ACCOUNTS

1 May 2019 - 30 April 2020

Activity	Income	Expenditure	Profit/(Loss)
Subscriptions	2,755.47		2,755.47
Open Day	5,811.90	2,867.14	2,944.76
Opening Supper	1,350.00	920.00	430.00
200 Club	1,025.00	425.00	600.00
Christmas Drinks	750.00	153.70	596.30
Merchandise	2,584.45	2,003.52	580.93
Grand National Draw		194.50	(194.50)
Hound Sponsorship	2,054.00		2,054.00
Tumblers	675.00	72.42	602.58
Wreath Making	133.50		133.50
Donations	560.00		560.00
Christmas Carols	82.00	12.55	69.45
Pie Night Langar	329.10		329.10
Breakfast Goadby Marwood	272.00	70.32	201.68
Breakfast Screddington	661.00	38.00	623.00
Pre -Hunt Day	530.00	83.52	446.48
Opening Meet Café	38.00		38.00
Breakfast Sproxtton	205.00	67.28	137.72
Fish & Chips	395.00		395.00
Piggy Banks	81.00		81.00
Clay Shoot	2,183.10	1,349.39	833.71
Advertising	217.12		217.12
Rounders evening	350.00		350.00
Belvoir Bay	526.25	100.00	426.25
Interest	72.80		72.80
Administration		420.94	(420.94)
Surplus for the year			14,863.41
Purchased for Hunt			
Farmers Party		3,000.00	
Purchased for BHSC	Gazebo	90.00	
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Donations

Belvoir Hunt	12,946.00		
Hound Sponsorship	2,054.00		
Air Ambulance	150.00		
Leics and Notts/Lincs £ 75 each	150.00		
Aswarby Church	34.72	15,334.72	18,424.72
Faith Mission			
Deficit for the year			(£3,561.31)

BHSC ACCOUNTS**Fund Account**

Balance at 1st May 2019			16,320.92
Deficit for the year			(3,561.31)
Balance at 30 April 2020			£12,759.61

Represented by:

Bank current account			899.72
Bank savings accounts			10,383.66
Cash in Hand			100.00
Merchandise Stock			1,638.00
			13,021.38
2020-2021 Income	620.00		
2020-2021 Expenditure	358.23		(261.77)
			£12,759.61

William Moore -BHSC Treasurer

Questions to the Treasurer:

The President asked; “How do we see the next 12 months”? The Treasurer replied that whilst there has been money coming in from the rides, hound sponsorship and membership most fundraising events have been cancelled. The challenge shall be to see what alternative events can be organised within the constraints of the present situation.

The President asked for a proposer: William Moore proposed the adoption of the accounts which was seconded by Michael Thomas.

Election of Committee

No nominations had been received therefore, it was agreed for the existing committee remain in place.

Appointment of Auditors

The Treasurer commented that since the retirement of Stuart Whatton who previously undertook the auditing of the accounts, they have not to date been audited. It was proposed by Lady Sarah to approach Mark Chatterton to which the Chairman agreed to take on that action.

Any other business

The President opened the floor to questions:

The President began with a question to the Hunt Chairman; “What is the plan for the hunt expenditure?” The Hunt Chairman responded by saying that spending is being closely monitored. Anticipated that the expenditure will be the same as last year however, income may be impacted due to the potential loss of visitor caps. The President thanked the Hunt Chairman for his response.

The Hunt Chairman gave an update on the sale of the bird of prey – there was originally 2 bidders interested but one has withdrawn so hopeful that the remaining bidder will purchase the bird.

The Chairman asked for a correction to a date in the Belvoir Tan – the Point to Point is planned for 21st March 2021 and not the date shown.

There being no further business, the President thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 7.34pm.

Post AGM apology – it was brought to the Chairman’s attention that a small number of members did not receive the link to join the AGM for which a sincere apology is extended.

Nina Camm

Belvoir Hunt Hedge Laying Competition

Due to the current Coronavirus outbreak there are no hedge laying competitions taking place across the Country. This includes the postponement of the National Hedge laying competition. As soon as we are able to arrange a Belvoir Hunt Hedge Laying competition, we will inform every one of the details.

Footpath Monitoring

Continuing from last year it will again be a joint effort to ensure that all members of our community work together to ensure everyone has a good time within the law.

This includes those working to ensure that disruptions and disturbances from unwanted visitors are kept to a minimum. Please do not put yourself into a position where you can be recorded or filmed and then that recording being used by activists on social media and web sites. Getting this film evidence is one of their targets. **IGNORE THEM**

At all times we will be following the Countryside Alliance guidelines (Please see below).

It is vital that we work in unison in this, if there are any issues please contact me ASAP rather than handle the issue yourself

Countryside Alliance, Engagement with anti-hunting activists

*“As a reminder to all followers – both mounted and on foot – **DO NOT** engage with hunt saboteurs or monitors and to **ignore** any of their intimidating tactics. The use of heavily-edited footage on social media to discredit hunts and hunting supporters often distorts the truth; however once it has been broadcast it is hard to counteract any claims.*

Photographs and video footage should be taken of any anti-hunting activists attending along with details of the vehicles they are driving. Evidence of their unlawful activities should also be gathered in a non-confrontational way in order not to put hunt supporters in a situation where activists may provoke or attack them.”

The main aim for the Belvoir Hunt footpath monitors is to ensure that any activists stay either on roads or footpaths, activists coming off any footpath and onto private land is **trespass** and some of their activity is classed as **aggravated trespass** and this is a **criminal activity**. If this takes place, we aim to get video footage to pass onto relevant authorities for potential prosecution.

If you feel you can help with the monitoring, we would be very grateful to hear from you.

If you would like to discuss this further, please get in touch with Bryan Lovegrove

Could you be a willing helper?

The BHSC have launched a new and exclusive Whatsap group for helpers. Unlike the BHSC Committee there is no commitment to this group other than for us to pull together “helpers” who are **THE** most valuable commodity when trying to organise events – be it giving up your time to help steward at an event or just baking a cake – your BHSC needs you.....

If you would like to join then please get in touch by emailing secretary secretary.bhsc@bh-mail.co.uk

BHSC MERCHANDISE

Available every Saturday during hunting

(I will be in the Black Discovery with merchandise sign)

Please feel free to stop me to look at the merchandise and put in requests

Following COVID guidelines

I can bring it the next week or you can collect from our house

Please ring me to arrange on 07854492714. Currently cash only

Rachel Lovegrove

Merchandise Available

Soft Shell Coats now £35

Soft Shell Fleeces now £25

Polo Shirts now £12

PomPom Hats £12

Aprons £12

BH Ties £12

Mugs £6

New!!!!

Ladies T shirts! Navy Blue, Short Sleeved, V Neck

Perfect as a smart fashionable layer to add to any outfit - £10

BELVOIR HUNT SUPPORTERS CLUB

“200+ CLUB” COMPETITION 2020/21

Four Monthly Prizes of £25, £20, £10 and £5

November Draw

December Draw

January Draw

February Draw

plus GRAND FINAL PRIZE DRAW (March)

1st Prize - £100

2nd Prize - £75

3rd Prize - £50

4th Prize - £25

5th Prize - £10

If more than 200 tickets are sold, additional prizes will be added pro rata to

the Grand Final Prize Draw

Entry is by Subscription of £5

1. Numbers are limited to Members or Supporters of THE BELVOIR HUNT
2. Tickets are not transferable - Prizes will only be paid to purchasers of winning tickets
3. All winning members will be notified
4. No subscription will in any circumstances be returned
5. The decision of the organisers will be final

Applications to be returned to : Mrs Jackie Edwards, Orchard House, 35 Boyers Orchard, Harby, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire. LE14 4BA

BELVOIR HUNT SUPPORTERS CLUB “200+ CLUB” 2020/21

Name: Mr/Mrs/Miss/MsDate

Address.....

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I require tickets and enclose cash/cheque for in payment

Please make cheques payable to **BHSC**. If you would like to know your number(s), please get in touch with Jackie Edwards

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