



Association of Fellows and Instructors of the
British Horse Society

Annual General Meeting MINUTES

Held on Wednesday 4th January 2023 at 7.00pm at Keysoe (in the bar)

1 Welcome address by Sam York FBHS – Chair.

Sam welcomed everyone to Keysoe.

2 Attendance and Apologies for Absence (Committee members in bold)

Attendance: Sam York, Nick Turner, Judith Murphy, Alison Craig, Danny Anholt, Brendan Bergin, Jen Morris, Liza Allen, Islay Auty, Ruth Baxter, Carol Bennitt, Cheryl Bezants, Nicole Biggs, Anne Bondi, Ann Bostock, Beth Boyes, Biddy Brasted-Watts, Nicola Brook, Julian Campbell, Sam Champney-Warrener, Clare Chamberlayne, Joanna Chilcott, Annette Christey, Becky Cooper, Margie Craib, Mark Cunliffe, Linda DeMatteo, Maggie Doel, Cherry Elvin, Emily Farleigh, Kirsty Fontaine-Henley, Victoria Gallantree, Ellie Halsey, Jennifer Ham, Amanda Holloway, Sally Jackson, Sabrina Jones, Rachel Lee, Mandy Luesley, Sarah MacDonald, Helen Martin, Debbie Melville, Becky Monk, Lisa Morris, Aart Noordijk, Ann Peate, Annette Philpot, Faith Ponsonby, Gemma Porter-Rawlins, Jane Reed, Mark Robinson, Kylie Roddy, Jillie Rogers, David Sheerin, Catherine Shine, Jayne Smart, Eric Smiley, Simon Somers, Lisa Spence, Jenny Ward, Karen Whiston, Jonna Willis, Rachel Wright.

Apologies: Amy Bannister-Bell, Alice Bannister-Bell, Andrew Bennie, Julie Biggs, William Blane, Frances Cattell, Carole Broad, Carrie Byrom, Jess Campbell, Sue Chadwick, Sue Charters, Donn Collins, Becky Cooper, Ruth Cusack Sarah Dale, Joanna Day, Becky Diamond, Ann Dicker, Ernest Dillon, Tim Downes, Jocelyn Drummond, Charlotte Duncan, Liz Eaton, Sarah Fitton, Debbie Follett, Lyndsay Gammon, Julia Gourley, Fiona Harrison, Caro Haynes, Fred Hodges, Eric Horgan, Micheline Horgan, Pippa Hatton, Nikki Herbert, Hilary Hughes, Pammy Hutton, Paul Ingram, Jane Jarvis, Richard Johnston-Smith, Posy Knapp, Dale Lasseter, David Llewellyn, Jennie Loriston-Clarke, Rob Lovatt, Anthony Lowry, Erik MacKechnie-Guire, Russell

MacKechnie-Guire, Tessa Martin-Bird, Kathy Merrick, Oonagh Meyer, Jeremy Michaels, William Micklem, Alex Miles, Caroline Moore, Sandra Morrison, Maria Naynuk, Sally Newcomb, Ross O'Hare, Kirsten Owen, Sue Payne, Caroline Peatfield, Robert Pickles, Sue Pimbley, Patrick Print, Heidi Reed, Liz Rennie, Sue Ricketts, Sue Ringrose, Alex Robarts, Dianne Roberts, Sally Robinson, Alex Robinson-Barr, Tessa Ryley, Clare Sansom, Sarah Simpson, Clare Stryzyk, Jessica Soley, Kate Solon, Dan Spencer, Caroline Stevenson, Sarah Stewart, Wendy Suddes, Sarah Thorne, Michaela Tomlinson, Melissa Troup, Steph Vickers, Elspeth Watson, Hilary Westropp, Katie White, Anna Wilkes, Hetta Wilkinson, Debbie Wilson, Jo Winfield, Lizzel Winter, Alex Wyatt-Hughes.

3 Minutes of last AGM (held 3rd January 2022 at Keysoe)

The minutes were approved as a correct record, proposed by Jen Morris and seconded by Nick Turner.

4 Matters Arising from those Minutes

No matters arising that wouldn't be covered below.

5 Chairman's Review for the Year 2022

See attached "F&I Chairman's Report for 2022" read by Sam York.

6 Treasurer's Report for the Year 2022

Jude Murphy reported that we have 211 members. See attached financial summary (available just 3 days after the year end and already audited by our independent person). Events in 2022 either broke even, or were profitable – or the Committee agreed to subsidise them so that they ran. The loss for the year broadly reflects the costs of running the Annual Course, which we subsidise every year. See attached financial statements /report. The accounts were proposed by Sam Champney-Warrener and seconded by Faith Ponsonby.

7 Election of Committee for 2022

As outlined in the "Committee elections and planning for the AGM" document and emails sent out to all members prior to the meeting, we received FOUR nominations for the place arising from the resignation from the Committee of Oonagh Meyer during the year. Grateful thanks to Oonagh.

A ballot was held with voting slips, from those present at the meeting, counted during the meeting by the Vice Chair and Treasurer, and the winning member was Becky Monk BHSI. Congratulations to Becky, elected to the F&I Committee for her first term of 3 years.

Two existing committee members were also re-elected:

Danny Anholt (proposed by Jillie Rogers and seconded by Ann Bostock)
Jude Murphy (proposed by Jenny Ward and seconded by Islay Auty)

The F&I Committee for 2023 will therefore be Chaired by Sam York FBHS, with Vice Chair Nick Turner FBHS, supported by Treasurer Jude Murphy FBHS, Secretary Alison Craig BHSI, and Committee members Danny Anholt FBHS, Amy Bannister-Bell BHSI, Brendan Bergin BHSI, Becky Monk BHSI, and Jen Morris BHSI.

8 Remembrance

All present were invited to remember Denise Aylmer-Aylmore, Jane Wykeham Musgrave, and Grainne Sugars, who all departed during 2022. Obituaries were in Horse and Hound for Denise and Jane, and a tribute to Grainne was read by Faith Ponsonby. A silence was held for all.

9 Presentation of Awards

Sam Champney Warrener – thank you from everyone for running the closed Facebook page so well for us.

Sally Newcomb – thank you from everyone for running the website so well for us.

Thank you to all those running Study Groups over the 2 days, our excellent SLO discussion group speakers, and our superb trainers this year Adam Kemp FBHS and Caroline Moore FBHS.

Presentations of the F&I Annual Trophies and recipients:

The Tom Searle Award – for “an up-and-coming member who is supportive and inspirational” - presented to **Emily Farleigh**

The Achievement Award – for “determination and commitment to the path they want to follow” - presented to **Russell MacKechnie-Guire**

The Pat Smallwood Award – for “exceptional effort, service and support to F&I” - presented to **Sam Champney-Warrener**

And a new award was presented for the first time – **The Queen Elizabeth II Award** – for “dedication to the equine industry, as recognised by F&I” –

presented to our very own **Ann Bostock**, followed by a standing ovation for Ann and congratulations to all our worthy winners.

10 Any Other Business

Ideas for articles for British Horse magazine to Committee members Brendan Bergin or Amy Bannister-Bell asap please.
Do see the F&I clothing samples available in the marquee and on the JS Teamwear website.

11 Dates for next year and date of next AGM

Watch our emails, facebook and the website!