

Gipping Riding Society

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

FRIDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2025 AT MENDLESHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

1.	<p>CHAIR'S REPORT</p> <p>Alison Nicholson welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the committee, thanking them for their continued commitment in ensuring the club remains a friendly, kind and inclusive club where horses' welfare is always paramount. She explained the format for the evening which would consist of a brief AGM with the appointment of the members of the committee, followed by refreshments, awards and a talk from Melanie Ibbott on worming our horses wisely. There would be plenty of time to chat and socialise over a fish and chips supper.</p> <p>Alison's report covered the activities and successes of the year, of which there were many, both in competitions and training. There have been many opportunities to take part in a wide variety of activities to suit all ages and abilities, including non-riding members. A full copy of Alison's report can be found on the Gipping Riding Society website.</p>
2.	<p>MINUTES OF AGM 29 NOVEMBER 2024</p> <p>These were approved.</p>
3.	<p>TEAMS AND TRAINING REPORT</p> <p>Jill Baldwin's team report was a highlight as always, not least because it transpires that Gipping has been able to send a team or individual to every BRC competition this year. These included Quadrille, Dressage, Showjumping, Arena Eventing, Combined Challenge and ODE. Jill asked those members who had been involved to tell the meeting how it felt to be part of a team. Everyone expressed their pleasure at how inclusive the club is and how they have enjoyed and appreciated the support of everyone involved.</p> <p>At the recent Area 14 AGM the Chairman's Cup was awarded to Gipping Junior Team and was dedicated to Brooke Sturgeon who has overcome some personal health issues.</p>
4.	<p>TREASURER'S REPORT: Statement of Account Finance.</p> <p>Elaine Peasey produced and circulated a very thorough statement showing Income and Expenditure for the year 1 November 2024 to 31 October 2025. Gipping remains a not-for-profit organisation and any surplus funds are used to support the club's activities and/or members.</p>
5.	<p>ELECTION OF COMMITTEE</p> <p>The current line-up were re-elected as follows:</p>

	<p>Chair and Membership Secretary – Alison Nicholson, proposed by Sarah Lock and seconded by Claire Sturgeon.</p> <p>Secretary – Jayne Ackland-Snow, proposed by Ann Trenter and seconded by Jo Eldridge.</p> <p>Treasurer – Elaine Peasey, proposed by Julia Hicks and seconded by Emma Boreham.</p> <p>Teams – Jill Baldwin, proposed by Heidi Sparkes and seconded by Pip Davis.</p> <p>Training – Bex Kelly, proposed by Jo Pare and seconded by Maria Adlam.</p> <p>Committee – Katie Hull, proposed by Sarah Lock and seconded by Hannah Baldwin</p> <p>Amanda Salmon, proposed by Jill Baldwin and seconded by Sarah Lock</p> <p>Sarah Ahrens, proposed by Alison Nicholson and seconded by Amanda Salmon</p> <p>Rachel Snow, proposed by Katie Hull and seconded by Julia Hicks</p> <p>A new member, Joanne Eldridge was proposed by Maria Adlam and seconded by Michelle McCarthy. Jo was welcomed onto the committee and thanked for offering her support.</p> <p>Chair stressed that anyone is welcome to join the committee.</p>
6.	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>None.</p>
7.	<p>PRESENTATION OF AWARDS</p> <p>Following on from the success of the Points Cards introduced last year, Bex Kelly once again had an abundance of rosettes, sashes and cups to award for dressage, jumping, training, showing and online dressage. She reminded us that every member has the opportunity to gain valuable points by taking part in all kinds of activities, not limited to training and competing. Helping at events, baking, dressage writing, attending talks and demos etc all accrue points. Remember to get your cards signed off by a committee member well before the end of the year. New points cards are available to download from the Membership section of the website.</p>
8.	<p>REFRESHMENTS</p> <p>Pre-ordered fish and chips were handed out and the fun part of the evening began!</p>
9.	<p>ENTERTAINMENT/SPEAKER</p> <p>Melanie Ibbott from Worming Wisely gave a very enlightening talk about worming horses and how worms are resisting treatment, and worryingly that no new treatments are being developed. Treating horses as individuals is paramount and ensuring that their specific needs are met.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 9.30pm.</p>