

The Annual General meeting was held on 27th May. Twenty three members attended the meeting and we had some interesting discussions on various subjects. Major Pilling again thanked Mrs. B. Chapman and Mr B. Foord for their work as Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer. He also thanked the committee and other members who had helped organise the past years events.

The amendments to the Rules were discussed in some detail and Rules 4, 7a), 7b) and 7c) were all amended but the proposed amendment to rule 17 was defeated so this Rule stands as originally written and it is hoped that members will comply with it. The new Rule concerning young people attending our mounted events was amended at the meeting to include those of 16 years and not 14 years and over as first proposed. A copy of the amended Rules will be sent to all members in due course, together with this years membership list.

There were seven nominations to fill the vacancies on the committee plus Mr. Packman and Col. Knox who offered to stand again and as a result of the voting your committee for 1969/70 will be:-

Chairman: Major B.O.D. Pilling, B.Sc., R.E.M.E.
Vice-Chairman: Mr D. Packman
Hon. Sec: Miss J. Bush
Hon. Treas: Mrs M. Fortey

Committee: Mr S. Hart, Mrs S. Hart, Miss A. Jeffreys, Miss A. Knox, Mrs E. Skelton and Mr R. Southey.

The various sub-committees have also been rearranged and now Mrs Fortey and Mrs Hart will organise the social events and Mr Hart, Miss Knox and Mr Packman will be responsible for competitive events. A new sub-committee comprising the Chairman, Secretary, Mrs Hart, and Miss Jeffreys has been formed to deal with the fixture list as we have found that this takes up too much time at committee meetings. The Rules sub-committee will remain as the Chairman, Secretary and Mrs Hart.

In view of the fact that the Club's finances are not as strong as they might be, and that in the past lectures, film shows etc. have not paid for themselves, the committee has decided that non-members should be asked to pay a larger entrance fee for these events; this will be printed on the fixture lists. In order that members may identify themselves easily it was decided to issue membership cards if we can obtain these at a reasonable cost. As Major Pilling pointed out at the A.G.M. the large majority of our income comes from members' subscriptions (from which we have to pay 7/6d per member to the B.H.S.) so it is important that we keep our membership figure as high as possible if we wish to continue to engage professional lectures this winter.

It was suggested at the A.G.M. that Mrs Chapman should be invited to be the Club's President for the current year and I am very glad to say that she has accepted the invitation. It was also suggested that Mr Morgan, who has audited our accounts for the last two years free of charge, should be offered Honorary Membership of the Club and he too has accepted.

The Club has been asked by the Area 17 Liaison Committee to organise the Area qualifying round for the National Riding Clubs Show Jumping Championships. We have agreed to do this and the event will take place on 13th July on the football ground opposite South Tidworth church (near Tedworth House) starting at 2.30 p.m. The Bourne Valley hope to have two teams jumping so do come and support them. The final will be at Hickstead on 11th August.

Very many congratulations to Miss Lindsay Hart, riding Highland Fling, who came second with 98 points in the Area 17 qualifying competition of the Riding Clubs' Dressage Championships at Brockenhurst on 25th May and to Miss Sarah Campbell on Alana who was forth with 92 points and Miss Sandra Knox on Satan, fifth with 91 points. The winner was Miss Parry from the Ringwood & District R.C. who had 105 points. Lindsay now goes forward to the final at Stoneleigh on 27th September.

Congratulations also to the two Prix Caprilli teams who represented the Club at Brockenhurst. Our 'A' team finished second, only 10 points behind the Ringwood & District 'A' team and the 'B' team tied third with the Hampshire Rural team. A great effort by all concerned in our first venture into Dressage and Prix Caprilli competitions.

Miss S.Appleton on Silver Moon	59 points	individual placing	18th.
Miss S. Campbell on Alana	90 points	" "	3rd.
Miss L.Hart on Satan	83 points	" "	6th.
Mr R.Southey on Good Will	86 points	" "	4th.

Miss C. Birnie on Quite -a-Dash	79 points	" "	Jt. 8th.
Miss F.Farrell on Gamble	84 points	" "	5th.
Miss G. Goodfellow on Ali	62 points	" "	Jt. 16th.
Miss H.White on Beano	62 points	" "	Jt. 16th.

We held our own Prix Caprilli competition in the covered school in April in which 14 members took part. The results were:- 1st Miss Hart, 2nd Mr Southey, 3rd Miss L. Frank, 4th Miss Campbell, 5th Miss Appleton and 6th Miss Knox. While on the subject of competitions I should mention again a ruling made by the committee last year, that the Club will pay 50% of entrance fees for individuals or teams chosen by the competition sub-committee to represent the Club in competitive events. The other 50% I'm afraid has to be paid by the competitor.

Also in April the Ringwood & District R.C. organised a quiz between themselves, the Meon Valley R.C. and The Bourne Valley which was very interesting and informative. The BEV.R.C. team of Mrs Appleton, Miss Downs, Miss Knox and Miss W. White was beaten into third place by the two very knowledgeable teams from Ringwood.

In May Mr R. Southey took part in the long distance ride in the New Forest and qualified for the Golden Horseshoe Ride in October. We hope he will decide to take part in this.

Sixteen members and two guests visited the Whitsbury Stud on 1st June. We saw about 60 mares and foals and the three resident stallions Ballymoss, Taj Dewan and Celtic Ash. Our thanks are due to Mr Urquhart, the Stud Manager, for giving up a Sunday evening to show us round.

Members of all affiliated Clubs are invited to the Riding Club's Demonstration Day at Stoneleigh on 13th July. This year's theme is 'A One Day Event' plus a talk on the Countryside Award Scheme. If any Bourne Valley member would like to attend please give your name to Miss Bush by 26th June.

Finally, a plea to those members who have still not paid their subs. According to Rule 5 these MUST be paid by 30th June if you wish to remain a member of the Club.