



Scottish Branch

British Showjumping

## 76<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

Double Tree by Hilton, Westerwood Hotel

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7pm

1. **Apologies** – Gillian McFayden, Liz MacNab & Maree Hallyburton  
**Attendance Register** – The attendance register confirmed by Lucy Moss
2. **Approve Minutes of 75<sup>th</sup> AGM** – Approved Shaun Sands.
3. **Matters Arising** – Non
4. **Finance** – No matters arising, thank you to Lesley Paton and John Lynch & Co.
5. **Date of Next Meeting** – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023
6. **Chair Report** – Anne Logan:

### Report 2021

Welcome fellow members and thank you for taking the time to attend our AGM

All things considered, British Showjumping Scotland has had a busy and successful last 12 months despite Covid and cessation of sport for some of the winter months.

We missed having our Junior and Senior Awards and Presentation Events and, the horsescotland Awards Dinner. We were hopeful that these would take place in the first quarter of 2022.

Our thanks must go, once again, to the sterling work of Fiona Rawson and Grant Turnbull, their direct contact with Sports Scotland keeping us all up to date with the Covid Guidance, and enabling Scotland to resume Pony showjumping ahead of our counterparts in England from March 20<sup>th</sup> 2021

Seniors followed closely behind, and all of our show centres benefited greatly from having the clear and concise Horsescotland Equestrian Guidance to follow.

Both Show Organisers and competitors have embraced the pre-entry /drawn order /times and controlled collecting ring British Showjumping protocol and we are of the opinion that some, if not all, are here to stay allowing for a more structured show day.

British Showjumping Scotland continued to plan ahead with our committee meetings by zoom but were delighted to hold our September/December meetings face to face---almost a return to some sort of normality.

Our events of note in 2021 were:

A behind closed doors Royal Highland Showcase in June with open classes (no qualifiers), four days of showjumping in the all weather arena with live streaming –the competition was great but lacked the buzz and excitement of the real Highland Show –we are planning for a fantastic event in 2022, qualifiers are arranged, in the hope of a normal show calendar in the Spring.

Scottish Summer Extravaganza in July, hosting Newcomers 2<sup>nd</sup> Round and the Scottish Champions Tour classes, busy 3 days with some great jumping .

Blair Int. Horse Trials ran with a restricted crowd but was blessed with great weather and many of our members enjoyed 3 days of jumping at all levels.

Junior and Senior Academy camps held at Morris Equestrian—growing in popularity and very successful. Scottish Home Pony, hosted by SNEC. The British Showjumping Scotland Junior Academy Team Showjumping at Morris –great to have so many team and individual competitors take part.

Congratulations to the Lanarkshire Academy for winning the Chairmans trophy.

The Home Pony teams enjoyed success at all three venues, no golds but a tally of 6 silver and 4 bronze over the three competitions.

Scottish representation at the National Championships, Academy Championships and HOYS was robust with some good results, our Senior Central Region Team came a very close 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Team Final at the Nationals. James Smith with Simply Splendid won an International class at HOYS and was in the line up in two other classes. No winners from the junior ranks but some good qualifications and placings in their classes.

Alastair White and Marion Brown continued to fly the flag for Scotland at the AM./VET Championships at Aintree, with wins in both their championship classes.

Our Horsescotland Performance riders for 2021/22, all meeting the criteria with results at 1.40m and above are Graham Babes, Emma Crawford, Fraser Reed, Anneliese Aitken and Kelly Connor. Emma and Fraser have consistently posted some excellent results, Emma especially, winning the Voltaire Design under 25 British Championship Qualifier, held within a 1.40 GP with over 80 starters. Emma has won two of our own Scottish Championships and the Senior Points trophy and she was placed 6<sup>th</sup> at the Under 25 final at Olympia . Sandy McLean has been successful at the 1.40 level and has recently joined the Performance squad.

Other Scottish riders posting good results at home and abroad –Douglas Duffin, Alex Barr, Stephen Lohoar, Lucy Stewart, Graham Babes and, of course Scott Brash with his continued success at the highest level.

Pony riders moving onto horses are making their presence felt at shows, with Amy Morris and Fergal Holohan posting some good results already.

John Ormiston has decided to retire from an active role in British Showjumping Scotland –after some 50 years as course designer, judge, area rep, Chair of finance, overseeing the running of the jump store for years, organising the original Champions of Scotland and much, much more.

We had a small presentation for him recently at an Officials evening at Airth Castle. Hopefully, we shall see him at some of our major shows throughout the coming year and must thank him for all his hard work for our sport.

Members Council now consists of Alison Bradford, Claire Leitch, Craig Blackie and Linda Lucey.

And congratulations to Kaz McCoy for recently becoming a British Showjumping Level 3 Steward.

John and Margo King have been extremely proactive in reorganising their Champions Tour with Leagues and finals at the Extravaganza Show in July and a new Northern Tour with great prize money and prizes at Cabin Equestrian in August.

Our RDO, Lucy, is now back in post and we must thank Suzy Dun for taking on the role during Lucy's Maternity cover.

Our Awards balls were cancelled in January due to the Covid spike but we have reorganised a Junior event later this month to present trophies, rosettes and sashes to all our winners .

Lastly, thanks as always to Horsescotland for their continued support of Showjumping in Scotland, to all fellow council members for their support throughout the year and to our CEO, Iain Graham, for attending our meeting today and his presence here tonight.

### **Scottish Committee Senior Trophies 2021:**

Presented by CEO Iain Graham to those present at the AGM:

- Megan Cowan – Bronze League Winner 2021
- Declan Irvine - North West Championship Winner 2021
- Alistair White - For his win at the Amateur & Veterans Championship at Aintree in 2021.

### **7. CEO Iain Graham:**

- Thank you to all the Members, Officials and Show Organisers for the support through this year.
- 2021 – Tokyo Olympics – very last minute to know if going as cases rose in Japan. Quarantined horses at the National Training Centre, there were no covid cases in the athletes.
- Ben Mayer on Explosion W took Individual Gold his second Olympic Gold medal.
- 2024 Paris Olympics – Preparing for that now.
- National Championships – ran well in 2021
- HOYS – ran well in 2021
- British Showjumping Staff – reduced staffing from 37 to 22 due to covid. Commonwealth Games, some staff have moved to there, a lot of competition for all Equestrian staff within Governing Bodies.
- Positive Notes – British Showjumping own the office, rent to Dressage and works well. National Training Centre helped elite riders to train, training for Officials and Coaches too.

- National Championships 2022 – Grandstand Media running again at Stoneleigh.
- Academy Championships 2022 – British Showjumping running at Stoneleigh, will be over 3 days this year.
- We are still working as a devolved sport with different rules between nations for covid.
- Pushing forward with the Health Agenda that horses can help with mental health.
- Paralympics funding is healthy.
- We will be keeping an eye on inflation of costs with recent changes.
- British Equestrian – Have a new Performance Director – will be announced tomorrow.
- We do face some challenges in the future with rising horse/pony prices.
- Ukraine – British Showjumping sending a lorry of shavings and haylage to Poland, no feed to be sent. Horses out of Ukraine need to do 30 day quarantine which is making it very difficult to get horses out. FEI is working with EU to lower quarantine days. We have offered to take any Ukrainian horses once through quarantine, other countries have offered this too.

Thank you to all the members, volunteers, show organisers and staff.

#### **8. Horsescotland – Anthony Drew:**

- Thank you to all, I have been 6 months in the post as new Chair of Horsescotland.
- The strategic review for Horsescotland should be signed off soon at Sportscotland.
- MSP coming to the stand at Blair 2022.
- Manifesto – engaging with the local authority
- UKCC changed to Scottish Coaching Qualification at Level 1. Level 2 is in development.
- Member Body support programme – do put in for funding this year as it is there to support you all.

**Nadine Warwick** – UKCC, why are you changing the format?

**Andrew Drew** – It came down to the framework changing, still the same idea. We will find a common framework and base in Scotland.

**Nadine Warwick** – Will this be a UK wide qualification?

**Andrew Drew** – Will check if this will be recognised Nationwide – **Yes it will.**

**Grant Turnbull** – CDAT are working with us on this so it should be recognised.

#### **9. AOB – The Chair & CEO answered a variety of questions from members present.**

**Chair Anne Logan** – Thank you to Iain and Anthony for joining us this evening. Thank you to everyone for attending the 76<sup>th</sup> Annual General meeting this year, we look forward to seeing you out at the shows in the coming months ahead.

Meeting closed at 21.08pm with thanks to the Chair.