

Taken from AGM 18<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at Lane End Farm Offices, Crooklands.

**Chairmans Report:**

Thank you to all of you have made the effort to come to this AGM, although I note that the turnout is very disappointing.

We are now in our second year since becoming a Limited Company and as you will all probably know I am still the only Director. Karen Ward at HQ is the Company Secretary. It is a little worrying to think that if anything happened to myself there would be no one to take over so if anyone would like to become a Director, please speak to me later. It is a big responsibility and I must admit I have had a few sleepless nights recently, waking up thinking about things which I need to do before the AGM and Presentation, and to get the accounts balanced and up to date.

Thankfully after speaking to the accountant on Monday afternoon, I have arranged for him to take the responsibility of tax returns, forms for Companies House etc. to take the worry off me as I feel like I seemed to be swamped with paperwork, especially with running our own business aswell.

Our bank balance is up by approximately £1,000 from this time last year, but we must not get complacent as our costs are rising rapidly each year and the costs of area shows are going up.

I would like to thank the Committee for their hard work during season, they nearly all have jobs aswell and give up lots of their spare time to organise the shows, training days, as well as the general running of the area. I appreciate everything you all do and the area could not manage without you.

I thank the stewards very much for coming along to our shows, some of whom travelled a good distance, and also the helpers who came to set up and clear away. We had a £10 incentive award towards entry fees and quite a few members enjoyed the benefits of this reward.

Thank you Judith Higson for the catering at our shows. It was very much appreciated and we always enjoy the food and drinks available in the catering tent.

Rob Edmondson stores the trailer with the jumps during the year, so thank you to Rob.

Thanks to Malcolm Bewsher for sending the reports from members to the News Review.

Area 1B had another excellent year with many members being placed or winning classes at various large shows and events, including Winter Champs, Summer Champs, RI and HOYS, we now have an excellent area for results and I am sure we are all very proud of our members.

### **Young Judges Competition**

Initially the turnout for the training was quite disappointing in that not many members actually turned up for the training evenings. It is very difficult to arrange these sessions to avoid exam times and anyone who is eligible is unfortunately doing exams. However, at the last minute we managed to get together a team, who did us proud by coming 6<sup>th</sup> and gained excellent marks. The team members were Victoria Brooks, Mark Davidson and Emily Myerscough. Well done to these three. Thanks to Tracey and Pam for their tuition.

### **Sponsors**

Thank you to Ann Holder for organising sponsors for the new jumps. A big thank you goes to A W Jenkinsons for supplying us with a fantastic jump which looked great in the Royal International working hunter ring. Also Paragon Vets, John Norris Fishing Tackle, Penrith and T W Relph & Sons, donated money towards our jumps.

White Horse Shavings sponsored our Greenlands Show by donating bales of shavings and also our summer show rosettes. Thanks to Liz Hodgson for organising this sponsorship. Also Alan Myerscough Car Sales, Ulverston sponsored some classes at our summer show by providing rosettes and prize money, A big thank you to all of the sponsors.

If anyone wishes to sponsor any classes for 2010 please contact a committee member.

### **NEW JUMPS**

We spent just over £1,100 on new jumps and fillers this year. Still really need some different jumps and fillers especially for the smaller classes.

### **Spring Show**

Fantastic spring show, lots of entries, record year, made a profit, but costs were extra high, so we must not rest on our laurels, must keep encouraging entries. Showfield is getting very busy for this show and we may have to re-organise the rings for next year.

## **SUMMER SHOW**

Lost the HOYS qualifiers for the summer show but gained Royal International classes, but we put on extra unaffiliated classes at the summer show, which were well supported and encouraged non members, some who have promised to join this next season. We held the Joanne Beatham Memorial Championship for the highest placed area 1b members from each class, at the summer show again this year, which is proving very popular with our members and was a really nice championship. This will probably be an annual event. This year being won again by Victoria Brooks and Reserve Nikitta Guy.

We ran a clear round ring which brought in £120 and thanks to Les and Ann Park and Alastair Prickett, for looking after this ring for us. It was a superb course and was a good practice ring for the working hunter classes. Unfortunately cannot do this for spring show as we do not have the space.

## **Chairmans Meeting**

I have been several times to Chairmans meetings at H.Q, where we do have a chance individually, to discuss anything which members may bring up. So if you have anything you wish me to discuss please put it in writing to me and I will try to discuss it at the next meeting. Also if anyone wants to go instead of me then let me know.

Judith Higson kindly went last week as I was on holiday, so we will discuss one or two things she mentioned later.

## **Area Rosettes**

One or two agricultural shows have asked if we are still supplying area rosettes as it is still in their schedules. I have told them we have not done this for several years and the new policy now is to give members an area rosette with their name and name of pony on at the Presentation, as long as they return their points cards.

Also one or two members still want area rosettes giving out at our area shows, Perhaps this is a point for discussion later.

Also Head Office and other areas suggested we do not give out prize money at our winter shows as not many areas now do this. What do you think about this, do you still want prize money.

**County Show** – There was some confusion over the Jennifer Harrison trophy award, which was supposed to be for the best area 1b member in the working hunter classes at the show, one to be chosen from each class to go into the championship. Next year this should be worded correctly in the schedule and hopefully everyone who is eligible, should get a chance of competing for this trophy.

### **Training**

We have had 7 days training this year and spent a total of £800. Had lots of feedback and members have enjoyed the days. Had barbeque on one of the days at Fiddler Hall think everyone enjoyed it, although weather for most of the days was not brilliant.

There was only one day organised at the Penrith area, during the October holidays, if anyone wishes to organise a day please let me know and I can put it to the committee, all we need to know really is the cost to Area 1B so we know how much to charge members. I think Heather may be trying to organise a day with Suzie Gibson in the Easter holidays. The cost of Suzie is £400 per day and £200 for Greenlands. We would probably be able to book about 24 lessons to BSPS members for the day. Application forms will be printed in the New Year.

### **Talk Fundraising/Social Evening**

We could do with some kind of social evening, discussion, or talk, if anyone wishes to organise something of this nature, please do so, or if you have any ideas of a speaker. Crooklands Hotel is a good venue and there is no charge for the room.

### **Trailer**

As we now have lots of new jumps we do need another trailer. If anyone knows of one please let me know, flatbed preferably with removable sides. We have jumps stored in our barn at home and they are very heavy to be lifting on and off, in fact colin and I cannot lift them on our own so they could do with staying on a trailer and I will bring them to the shows when required. I

also now have a few trees and bushes growing so they will need to be transported to and from the shows.

Thank You.

*Carol Barker*  
(Chairman)