NORFOLK SHOW JUMPING CLUB

**Annual General Meeting**

**8.00pm Tuesday November 8th 2016, The Bell, Marlingford**

**Apologies:** Gina Mallett, John Jacks, Anna Peruzzi Smith, Lee Smith and Dusty Carver.

Anna Peruzzi-Smith sent her apologies and thanked everyone for their kindness after the very sad loss of her father Peter Peruzzi who will be greatly missed, a memorial shield will be presented for the Puissance.
There were 34 members present
**Minutes of the 2015 AGM**: were proposed by Sid Walpole, seconded by Val Attenborough, agreed and signed.

**Matters arising:** none.

**Chairman’s Report:** Tony Mallett welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending and went on to say: “2016 has been another very good year – Most of our shows have been very popular and some have broken our previous record for numbers of entries. The fantastic support we have had from Sash Window Preservation has given us financial stability and helped us with prize money and buying new equipment. Ed Howard of EH Haylage generously sponsors our rosettes. Uttings insurance sponsored the Puissance, which helps us put on this exciting class, and all three newcomers classes at Houghton. Equestrian Express have provided us with the new “saddles” jump. The club is pleased to be associated with Houghton International Horsetrials. And everyone who contributes to Houghton each year helps provide this unique opportunity for local riders to compete in a county show type environment. This event is only made possible by the fantastic support of our sponsors so a huge thank you to each and every one of them. A special thank you goes to Busseys for sponsoring all the foxhunters and to Abbeygate Wealth Management who make the Gate Challenge so popular. I am very grateful to Gina for all the hard work she put in to get enough sponsorship to cover all the classes again. The Club ran a very successful Discovery second round in the main arena and it has been requested that we run it again next year.

While it is great to be financially secure none of the shows would happen without the generosity and hard work of all the committee members, judges, course builders and secretaries. So thank you to them all and particularly to Valerie Rose and Jenny Bilborough for taking all the entries. We have continued to run most of our events at Easton College so I must say a big thank you to Hilary Francois for her support. The shows are well attended so I can only assume the members have enjoyed them.

I would like to record a vote of thanks to David Gayton who stores, repairs, builds and transports all our jumps. He is always coming up with new ideas to keep our courses interesting!

The committee have also helped with the running of Aylsham Show again this year which continues with two days of jumping. The weather was kinder this year but the traffic flow was difficult!

We are very proud that a lot of Showjumping Club members have done very well this year. Chloe Winchester has had another amazing year competing at home and abroad. India and Atiya Bussey have made a very successful start on Horses while still competing their ponies. India took two Ponies to HOYS and came fourth in the Newcomer final. India has also been accepted on the BEF England Excel Talent scheme. Nissi Ladell won the Discovery Second Round at Houghton and went on to win the final. Fiona Hirst won the Cuddy Working Hunter class at HOYS while Mollie Harris won the Underwood Working Hunter Pony and Elliot Armes was fourth with his working hunter pony. Three of our members, Jane Anderson, Beth Hams and Michelle Lowe represented Carlton Riding Club in the British team out in France. Also a lot of our younger members have successfully represented the local pony clubs and riding clubs at the National Championships and Burghley. Especially Esther Anderson, Atyah Bussey, Georgia Catermole, Oli Kidner, Rosie Mitchel and Alice Young.” There were no questions.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Stephen Dye reported that 2016 has been another record year. With the help of generous sponsorship The Club has been able to be reasonably generous with prize money and show a surplus for the year of £11,551, resulting in funds of £29,234. With a venue hire to Easton College still to pay and a new trailer has been ordered for the feature jumps. There were no questions

**Election of Committee:** A third of the committee must retire each year by rotation – David Gayton, Chloe Woodcock, Hazel Moore and Gina Mallett all stood down, there were no other nominees so they were re-elected unanimously.

**Election of Officers:** Tony Mallet stood down as Chairman. Val Attenborough proposed Tony Mallett is re-elected and this was seconded by Sid Walpole; Richard Pointer was proposed for Vice Chair by Val Attenborough and seconded by Sid Walpole. Stephen Dye was proposed as Treasurer by Tony Mallett and this was seconded by Val Attenborough. Sid Walpole proposed Sue Peasley as Secretary and this was seconded by Val Attenborough. The President remains as John Jacks with Vice Presidents: Howard Rose, Val Attenborough, Sid Walpole and Dusty Carver.

**Plans for 2017**.It is planned to continue with a similar calendar of events to 2016. There are a lot of British Showjumping events planned in East Anglia for 2017.

**AOB:** There was none

The meeting closed at 8:50