NORFOLK SHOW JUMPING CLUB

**Annual General Meeting**

**8.00pm Tuesday November 28th 2017, The Bell, Marlingford**

**Apologies:** Gina Mallett, John Jacks, Anna Peruzzi Smith, Lee Smith, Charlotte Peasley, Valerie and Howard Rose.

There were 37 members present
**Minutes of the 2016 AGM**: were proposed by Hazel Moore, seconded by Mel Atkins, agreed and signed.

**Matters arising:** none.

**Chairman’s Report:** Tony Mallett welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending and went on to say: “2017 has been another very good year – Most of our shows have been very popular with good entries. The fantastic support from Sash Window Preservation has given us financial stability. Ed Howard of EH Haylage generously sponsors our rosettes. Uttings insurance sponsored the Puissance and all the Newcomers at Houghton. 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 again ran a very successful Discovery second round in the main arena.

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, most of 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! The committee have also helped with the running of Aylsham Show again this year which continues with two days of jumping.

There were no questions.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Stephen Dye reported that 2017 has been another good year. He thanked Ed Howard for sponsoring the rosettes and said that it would not be possible to run the Showjumping at Houghton with out the generous help from all the sponsors. The Club aims to put any profit back into the sport and has been able to spend quite a lot on new jumps. There were no questions. The Chairman recorded a vote of thanks to the treasurer.

**Election of Committee:** A third of the committee must retire each year by rotation – Tony Mallett, Sue Peasley, Louise Bussey and Mel Atkins all stood down, there were no other nominees so they were re-elected unanimously.

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

**Plans for 2018**.It is planned to continue with a similar calendar of events for 2018. There are a lot of British Showjumping events planned in Norfolk. Tina Coe asked if it was possible to run a show in August, it was agreed that as shows are currently indoors at Easton this would be difficult. Siobhan Edmunds asked for all classes to be run as single phase, Steve Dye suggested that A7 was a better option. Val Attenborough said that a variety of formats is best. Tony Mallett said that a separate jump-off is more exciting. Mel Atkins said that the officials’ conference discussed courses for Novice and Young horses and the advice was that A7 is better for them. It was agreed to schedule a mixture of Tables. There was a discussion about attracting more junior competitors and it seems that they are more attracted to “stay away” shows.

**AOB:** There was none

The meeting closed at 8:45