

MINUTES OF THE MANX HORSE COUNCIL MEMBERS' MEETING
Held on Friday 22nd May 2026 following the AGM
At Ballavartyn Equestrian Centre

Present:

MHC Committee: Caroline Millward (Treasurer), Vicky Collister (Development) , Michelle Hargreaves (Calendar)

Clubs and Representatives: Jennie Cryer (EVNPA) , Lottie Moore (West Coast), Jodie Andrews (Ballavartyn), Jody Quayle (West Coast), Laura Mylchreest (MCRC), Nina Corrin (IOM PC)

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from:

MHC Committee: Suzanne Corlett, Hazel Bailey, Angie Goody, Claire Jackson, Raymond Cox, Libby Priest, Abby Kimber, Emma Kinrade

Clubs and Representatives: Margot Dahn (MCD4D), Lionel Kelly (BSJA), Rebecca Preston (West Coast), Kat Ions, (RDA), Jill Joy (BHS/Glebe Festival)

2. MHC Events 25/26

Members were reminded of the Challenge Series Presentation and Bingo Night on 11th June at Douglas Golf Club.

Open invitation extended to riders, families, volunteers and supporters.

£5 per person including food and bingo. Raffle prize donations welcomed.

3. IOM Sport Funding

Funding update provided.

Key discussion points:

- Large proportions of claims were submitted late in the funding year, particularly during March, which caused delays in payments to clubs and individuals.
- Greater emphasis needed on submitting claims before October where possible to strengthen reallocation opportunities.

Members had the opportunity to review and discuss the new strategic and operational plans for the Council, as well as other documentation required to be submitted to IOM Sport for funding approval. Funding allocation for next year confirmed at £13,600.

Clubs will receive allocation information linked directly to their submitted objectives, with an initial spend allocated for up to October.

Club representatives can expect follow-up communication outlining allocation process and claims arrangements.

Discussion took place regarding future travel funding arrangements and ensuring fair and transparent distribution.

4. IOM Sport Aid Academy / BHS update

Update already substantially covered during AGM.

Programme currently supporting eight riders working towards BHS Stage 1, with plans to expand access in future where possible.

5. Future meeting schedule

Members agreed in principle to move to a clearer monthly meeting structure.

Key points:

- Third Thursday of each month agreed
- August break introduced
- Mix of committee-only and committee plus members' meetings
- Greater focus on planning, funding, calendar coordination and club collaboration
- Clubs to be invited to provide occasional updates and share ideas, successes and challenges
- New shared calendar arrangements may reduce need for dedicated calendar meetings annually

Michelle Hargreaves to add agreed meeting dates to the planning calendar.

6. Any other business

- First Aid

The following members; FAW expire in:

- January 27: Abigail Burns, Claire Drewry, Hannah Goodby-Dudgeon, Jill Joy, Jodie Andrews, Michelle Hargreaves, Nikki Waddington
- April 27: Claire Jackson, Lesley Ingham, Libby Priest, Rhona Bond, Suzanne Corlett
- 29th June 28: James Mister
- 20th May 28: Abby Kimber
- 25th March 29: Rebecca Preston, Tara Gurney
- April 29: Helen Squires

Angie has provisionally booked 21st and 22nd January for those requiring refreshers in 2027 and will contact everyone individually to confirm.

West Coast expressed interest in increasing numbers of volunteers attending first aid training.

Discussion took place regarding the level of training required. Members were reminded about the coaching first aid and safeguarding training opportunities offered by IOM Sport and to remember to use the GBSFREE code to access these FOC.

Website support arrangements discussed. Jo Richardson was suggested as someone who might be interested in helping.

Improved communication arrangements discussed including:

- Email reminders
- Facebook reminders
- WhatsApp communication groups
- Event and meeting reminders across communication channels

7. Date and time of next meeting: Thursday 17th September 2026

8. Meeting closed at 8.27pm.