

MINUTES OF THE MANX HORSE COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Held at 7.00 P.M on Friday 22nd May 2026
At Ballavartyn Equestrian Centre

Present:

MHC Committee: Caroline Millward (Treasurer), Vicky Collister (Development) , Michelle Hargreaves (Calendar), Abby Kimber (Secretary), Nina Corrin (Performance)

Clubs and Representatives: Jennie Cryer (EVNPA) , Jill Joy (BHS/Glebe Festival), Lottie Moore (West Coast), Jodie Andrews (Ballavartyn), Jody Quayle (West Coast), Laura Mylchreest (MCRC)

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from:

MHC Committee: Suzanne Corlett, Hazel Bailey, Angie Goody, Claire Jackson, Raymond Cox, Libby Priest (Coaching), Emma Kinrade (Welfare)

Clubs and Representatives: Margot Dahn (MCD4D), Lionel Kelly (BSJA), Rebecca Preston (West Coast), Kat Ions (RDA)

Declarations of Interest - No declarations of interest were received.

Quorum confirmed / AGM declared open - Quorum confirmed and AGM declared open.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of the previous AGM were approved and signed as a true record.

Proposed: Michelle Hargreaves

Seconded: Caroline Millward

3. Chairman's report

In Suzanne Corlett's absence, Vicky Collister presented the Chair's report.

Members were thanked for their contribution to equestrian sport across the Island, recognising clubs, volunteers, officials, welfare officers, coaches, parents and competitors for the work undertaken throughout the year.

It was noted that Horse Council had spent significant time reviewing its future direction and recognising both the opportunities and challenges facing equestrian sport, including:

- Coach and official development
- Safeguarding and welfare
- Volunteer support

- Communication and coordination
- Funding pressures
- Fixture clashes
- Participation and long-term sustainability

Members were updated on the proposed strategic shift in Horse Council's role towards:

- Greater coordination across clubs
- Supporting communication and collaboration
- Representation of the wider equestrian community
- Supporting pathways and opportunities
- Volunteer support
- Development of coaches and officials
- Sharing ideas and good practice
- Supporting sustainability and consistency across the sport

Draft strategic documents shared at the AGM were presented as discussion documents and starting points to shape future direction rather than finished proposals.

The importance of clubs remaining central to the sport was recognised and members were encouraged to contribute ideas and feedback moving forward.

4. Treasurer's report & Receiving of the accounts

Caroline presented the annual accounts which had been circulated in advance.

Accounts were approved and signed as accurate.

Proposed: Nina Corrin

Seconded: Michelle Hargreaves

Financial summary:

- Reported surplus for 2025/26: **£196.01**
- Total income: **£16,397.03**
- Total expenditure: **£16,201.02**
- Challenge Series operated on a self-sustaining basis through registrations and sponsorship
- Membership levels remained stable and in line with previous years
- IOM Sport funding received and distributed through the year totalled approximately **£12,008.88 received / £13,401.62 distributed**
- Net assets stood at approximately **£3,505.25**

Members noted that training delivery had increased during the year through the establishment of the IOM Sport Aid Academy Group in partnership with the BHS.

Although annual profit was the lowest recorded for several years, Horse Council retained a healthy balance to support future plans.

5. Election of Secretary

The committee formally recognised Rhona Bond for her significant contribution to Horse Council since joining in 2017 and thanked her for her service, including many years as Secretary.

Members also recognised Abby Kimber for undertaking Secretary responsibilities during the interim period.

Secretary nominations opened.

Secretary elected: Vicky Collister

Proposed: Caroline Millward

Seconded: Michelle Hargreaves

6. Changes to the list of representatives

Emma was re-appointed as Welfare Officer.

Proposed: Michelle Hargreaves

Seconded: Jennie Cryer

The committee recognised and thanked committee members stepping down:

Jo Bowen

Recognised for service since 2018 as Media and Calendar Officer and for creating and maintaining the Horse Council website. Jo has agreed to continue supporting website provision moving forward.

Angie Goody

Recognised for service since 2020 as First Aid Officer, coordinating first aid provision, refresher training and supporting safe delivery across the sport.

Nina Corrin

Recognised for service as Performance Officer since 2022 and for strengthening links with IOM Sport Aid Academy and supporting athlete development pathways.

Hazel Bailey

Recognised for bringing enthusiasm and fresh perspective to the committee during the previous year.

The committee expressed appreciation to all volunteers contributing time and expertise to support Horse Council and wider equestrian sport.

Members discussed future committee development and agreed that Horse Council would remain open to new committee members and project-based support throughout the year rather than seeking immediate formal appointments.

Additional notes:

- Nina Corrin confirmed she would remain happy to support smaller projects where required.
- Jody Quayle also confirmed willingness to assist with individual tasks where needed.
- Jennie Swann was suggested as someone who could be approached regarding working with the committee.

7. Presentation of the Committee Award

The Committee Award for 2026 was presented to:

Jennie Cryer

In recognition of positive contribution to equestrian sport, willingness to support initiatives and ongoing contribution to the wider equestrian community.

8. Any other business

Jill Joy provided an update regarding the joint initiative between IOM Sport, MHC and BHS.

The current BHS Stage 1 programme was progressing well and it was hoped participants would complete the programme and continue progression opportunities into Stage 2. The long-term aim is to widen access to the programme in future.

Additional Sport Academy discussion:

- Current cohort to confirm continuation into Year 2 by June.
- IOM Sport moving towards annual academy intakes rather than biennial recruitment.
- Nina Corrin to prepare a potential new intake list.

9. Close of AGM

Meeting closed at 7.25pm.