STRANRAER AND DISTRICT RIDING CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Held at Glen of Luce Hall, Auchenmalg at 7 pm on Tuesday 25th November 2025

Present:

Jill Gilchrist (Chair)	Josephine Clive	Jade Inwood
Julie Pedley (Vice Chair)	Alison Dabner	Rachael McCrory
Jane McDowall (Secretary)	Cara Dabner	Dawn McKie
Kim Applegarth	Elizabeth Foulds	Laura Sandham
Mike Applegarth	Harper Gallacher	Sheena Townley-Malyon
Ailsa Boyd	Louise Gallacher	Lisa Warner
Jennifer Boyd	Louise Griffiths	Steve Warner

Chairman Jill Gilchrist welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

1. **Apologies** were received from Debs Millington, Anne Keith, Kirsty Scroggie, Victoria Wilson, Kara Bolik and Angela Hughes.

2. **Minutes of Previous AGM (27th November 2024)**

   All agreed that these were an accurate reflection of the meeting and they were proposed for adoption by Kim Applegarth and seconded by Rachael McCrory.

3. **Matters arising**

   None.

4. **Chairman's report**

   "Evening everyone, starting off with a huge thanks for coming. Although ideal and perfectly set up and fabulously equipped, Auchenmalg isn't two minutes away for some and your attendance is appreciated.

   Another season has been and gone - time flies when you're having fun! I stood here last year very new to this after finding myself in the chair by default. I encouraged and helped make changes to the best of my ability with the help and support of the committee. Last year you asked us for assortment and more variety in training and events. We listened and we'd like to think that we delivered. This year was the debut for our two day camp. Although it being the hottest days of the year, affecting attendance, it was greatly received and the feedback was excellent. We were even lucky to have TopSpec attend with their weighbridge and advice.

   We kicked off the season in May with dressage, kindly judged by Niall Fergusson, followed by the Hunt Cross, which was closely followed by clear rounds over the Hunt Cross fences. Unfortunately due to site access issues June was a little late at getting started, with dressage, kindly judged by Anne Keith. June's show jumping was followed by some clear rounds in July. Out annual charity show was held, raising funds for YMCA Stranraer. Julie organised and ran another successful show jumping at Stranraer Show. Busier than last year, again with a £50 per horse and pony prize incentive on the Chase Me Charlie. Big thanks to Jim Pedley for the gift of £100 to the winners.

   August saw the camp debut. Hopefully the news and feedback spread and we get to host another. Big thanks to Jane for making this happen. We had some more dressage in August, kindly judged by Frances Dove.

   We finished the season with the charity show jumping, again with funds going to YMCA Stranraer.

   This year we were lucky but more importantly grateful for £850 in sponsor money. A big thank you to: GG-EDT - Gary Wilson, Homemade by AH, Horse and Soul Equine Massage, Creebridge Vets, Baxters, McMasters Vets Physio, Papa Rab's, Montpelier Accountants, Ruth McGarry, Murray Crawford, Terally Equestrian Centre, The Wee Aird Dairy, Tarff Valley and Carrs Billington.

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4. Chairman's report (continued)

Throughout the season we were kindly assisted by Bobby Stevenson, who maintained the grass cutting and moling. Big thanks to him, and to Alex Cunningham for maintaining and doing work at Castlefields.

Of course, appreciation to Pic a Picnic for another season of food. Lastly, I want to say thank you to the committee for all their efforts.

Unfortunately, after only two seasons I have made the difficult decision to stand down as chair. Work life, mum life and balancing everything in between has proved very difficult this season, therefore it is time to hand over the reins. I do believe there is someone more suited to the job.

Thank you Jane, you've kept me right and taught me a lot. However, you're not getting rid of me completely. I'll still remain on the committee.

My parting words for you all - use it or lose it. Use the excellent facilities and set up the Club provides. The Club is for all abilities. Thank you."

5. Finance Report

Copies of the Income and Expenditure Statement had been circulated and Jane went through the items of income and expenditure in detail. The Club is in a reasonable financial position at the year end.

The accounts were proposed for approval by Kim Applegarth and seconded by Sheena Townley-Malyon.

6. Election of Committee Members

Jane McDowall and Julie Pedley, as the two longest-serving committee members are due to stand down, as per the constitution, and are eligible for re-election. Sally Baxter, Kirsty Scroggie and Victoria Wilson are standing down and will not be seeking re-election.

Jill thanked them all for what they had done for the Club.

Angela Hughes was proposed by Julie Pedley and seconded by Rachael McCrory.

Rachael McCrory was proposed by Jill Gilchrist and seconded by Julie Pedley.

Sheena Townley-Malyon was proposed by Julie Pedley and seconded by Jill Gilchrist.

Kim Applegarth was proposed by Mike Applegarth and seconded by Jill Gilchrist.

Jane McDowall was proposed by Julie Pedley and seconded by Jill Gilchrist.

Julie Pedley was proposed by Louise Griffiths and seconded by Rachael McCrory.

Jill Gilchrist was proposed by Rachael McCrory and seconded by Lisa Warner.

Mike Applegarth was proposed by Kim Applegarth and seconded by Julie Pedley.

Chloe Hunter was proposed as a junior committee by Julie Pedley and seconded by Rachael McCrory.

Ailsa Agnew was proposed by Julie Pedley and seconded by Rachael McCrory.

There were no other nominees at this time.

7. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Julie Pedley was proposed as chairman by Rachael McCrory and seconded by Kim Applegarth. There being no other nominees Julie was duly elected as chairman.

Jill Gilchrist was proposed as vice chairman by Julie Pedley and seconded by Jane McDowall. There being no other nominees Jill was duly elected as vice chairman.

The first meeting of the new committee will be in January.

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8 Membership

The fees payable to BRC HQ have been increased again for 2026.

The full BRC membership fee will remain at £42 for juniors and seniors. This is payable via Sport80 and is a rolling 12 month membership.

9. Events 2026

Requests and suggestions were received as under-noted.

Adult Camp again and More In Hand events - Rachael.

Arena Event, Clear rounds offered at lower heights before competitive class at SJ - Louise.

Hunt X, Games, Hack.

Dressage - evenings suit many, but perhaps put some people off?

XC course with knock down fences (as per Pony Club Camp) - Kim.

10. A.O.C.B.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

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Chairman Date

After a short break for refreshments, the 2025 Points League trophies and rosettes were awarded.

S&DRC - 2025 Points League Winners

DRESSAGE

Junior Intro - Cara Dabner and Cosmix Astex
Senior Intro - Lisa Warner and Miss Tallulah
Junior Prelim - Cara Dabner and Cosmic Astex
Senior Prelim A - Anne Keith and Colour Blast
Senior Prelim B - Debs Millington and Lily
Novice - Debs Millington and Lily

SHOW JUMPING

Let Loose Juniors - Harper Gallacher and Luna
40 cm Ponies - Jade Inwood and Carltonlima Arabella
50 cm Ponies - Jade Inwood and Carltonlima Arabella
60 cm Pony - Cara Dabner and Cosmic Astex
70 cm Pony - Cara Dabner and Cosmic Astex
80 cm Horses - Liz Foulds and The Quiet Boy
90 cm Horses - Dawn McKie and Killeany Fred
1 m Horses - Dawn McKie and Killeany Fred
1.05 m Open - Julie Pedley and Tarlum Cruz

The Eric McColm Memorial Salver for person who has helped the club most during the year was presented to Chloe Hunter.

The Quaich for Best Turned Out was presented to Rachael Drummond.

Committee for 2026

Kim Applegarth, Mike Applegarth, Jill Gilchrist, Angela Hughes, Rachael McCrory, Jane McDowall, Julie Pedley and Sheena Townley-Malyon.

Junior Committee Members: Ailsa Agnew and Chloe Hunter.

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