



**NOTES
COUNCIL**

**1430 TUESDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2019
CAVALRY AND GUARDS CLUB**

- 1. Minutes of the Last Meeting.** Held on Wednesday 8 May 2019.
- 2. Matters Arising.**
 - **Insurance.** Due to have a meeting with KBIS in November.
 - **Newsletter.**
 - **Website.**
 - **Regional HPA Meetings.**
 - **PPA.**
 - **SUPA.**
- 3. Report from the Stewards.**
 - a. Victor Ludorum 2019.** A full list of results is on the website.

22 Goal Winners	Dubai - 200	Runners Up	Emlor - 170
18 Goal Winners	Cortium - 230	Runners Up	Bardon - 180
15 Goal Winners	Snakebite - 190	Runners Up	Noon Giraffe - 180
12 Goal Winners	White Crane - 240	Runners Up	Confido - 180
8 Goal Winners	Saracens - 250	Runners Up	Tomlinson Equine - 240
6 Goal Winners	CANI - 380	Runners Up	AW Jenkinson - 160
4 Goal Winners	AVIAA - 190	Runners Up	Clinova - 90
Ladies Victrix	La Ruleta - 370	Runners Up	Tarantula - 220

Dinner to be held at Guards in May and it will include Dubai for the 22 goal based on the VL system for points.

- b. Programme for 2020.** See **Annex A**. Number of teams entered are shown in brackets for 2018 and 2019 in that order.
- c. Tournament Conditions 2020.** Annex C to Part of the HPA Rules 2020 at **Annex B**.
- d. Affiliation of Clubs.** Those in italics are recommended full affiliation.

Outdoor Clubs	Provisional	Due Full	Members	Comments
Westcroft Park	May 2015	May 2017	34	
Cortium (Barfold)	April 2016	May 2018	4	
Twyford	April 2017	May 2019	25	
Great Trippetts	April 2017	May 2019	38	
Moor Farm	April 2017	May 2019	37	
Stewarton	April 2017	May 2019	23	
Black Bears	April 2018	May 2020	20	
Holyport	April 2018	May 2020	14	
Bawtry	April 2019	May 2021	20	
Welland	Deferred			
Arena				
Bawtry	October 2019	Nov 2021	N/A	

e. Visas. See Annex C.

	2017	2018	2019	Comments
EU Players.	93	164	281	
Tier 5 Players	36	37	36	
Grooms	365	434	431	No of EU grooms unknown
Polo Managers	4	7	5	-
Polo Pony Trainers	12	14	15	-
Umpires	1	1	1	
Coach		1	1	

f. Membership.

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
HPA	2887	2912	2724	2757	2653	2607	2216	2588

g. Growing the Sport. Two stands at the Olympia Horse Show in December.

h. Extreme Polo League. Played in Argentina between six teams in Oct and due to be played in America in April and England in July 2020.

i. Year Book. Same format in 2020 but to include the Disciplinary procedures.

j. Awards Dinner and Lifetime Achievement Awards 2020. Any suggestions welcome.

REPORT FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

4. Report from the Finance and Grants Committee.

- Value of funds invested with Sarasin £678,314 as at 30 September 2019 (£599,177 as at 31 December 2018);
- Governance and Membership Income and Expenditure 2019 and Budget 2020. See **Annex D**;
- The following grants have been agreed in 2019:

White Waltham	£3,000	Boards for stick & ball field. Upgrade pony lines
Leadenham	£3,000	Score boards
Cambridge County	£3,000	774 metre underground irrigation main to serve 2 grounds
Tidworth	£3,000	Improvements to pony lines
Druids Lodge	£3,000	New horse ambulance
Cheshire	£3,000	Improvements to pony lines
Dorset	£1,100	Improvements to pony lines and wash area
Kirtlington	£3,000	Improvements to pony lines and wash area

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Northern Ireland	£3,000	Installation of water to pony lines
Taunton	£3,000	New horse ambulance
RMAS	£2,680	Improvements to pony lines and reposition scoreboard
Rutland	£1,903	New public address system
Total	£32,683	

- Club affiliation fees to be raised by 5%;
- All U18s of 3 goals and above to pay full membership;
- Non-playing membership to be increased to £50 and marketed better;
- Introductory membership to be £20 for adults and £10 for U18s, of which £5 would go to the club introducing them;
- Migrant Endorsement fees for players to be increased from £150 to £250;
- The deficit for HPA Commercial to be carried forward;
- Pony Club Report 2019. See **Annex E**.

5. Report from the Commercial Activities Board (CAB).

- The CAB will absorb the International Committee less selection;
- The brand and sponsorship are closely linked and the target for sponsorship is £600k per annum;
- Anthony Fanshawe to chair and form the Selection Committee for the England teams going forward; two squads, England and Development, along with an off-field captain;
- Commercial Activity Income and Expenditure for 2019 and Budget for 2020 is at **Annex F**. The cost of securing trademarks in the Middle East is significant.

6. Report from the International Committee.

- **2019**
 - Results of International matches 2019. See **Annex G**;
 - James Beim has stood down as England team captain;
 - Beaufort Test match;
 - Coronation Cup.
- **2020 Home**
 - Beaufort Test;
 - Cirencester Women's International likely to be against Argentina;
 - Coronation Cup.
- **2020 Away**
 - S Africa at the end of December;
 - Dubai February;
 - Australia 5 April;
 - Women's Copa de las Naciones April;
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 - The 8 Goal FIP Azerbaijan in September;
 - Women's FIP in Rome in October.
- **2021 Away**
 - FIP 14 Goal World Championships;

7. Report from the Handicap Committee.

- The list of handicap changes endorsed by the Stewards has been posted on the website;
- The progression of handicaps has worked well. See below;

2019 Handicap	Number and % of membership	Number Raised	% Raised
0	493 (26%)	68	14%
-1	468 (24%)	92	20%
-2	385 (20%)	181	47%

- 22 clubs did not put in any recommendations and a list of those clubs has been put on the website. In future all members of clubs that fail to put in recommendations in 2020 will not be rated and will have to complete a CV the following season;
- The HPA should be more proactive to raise players if they are under handicapped;
- Dates for 2020 below and draft Annex B to Part 2 of the HPA rules 2020 at **Annex H**.

16.06.20	Mid-season Handicap	Guards Polo Club
24.07.20	22 Goal Handicap	Cowdray
10.08.20	VL Handicap 12,15 & 18 Goal	The Pheasant
11.09.20	End of Season Handicap	Beaumont Estate

8. Report from the Umpire and Rules Committee.

- **Rules (including Welfare).** The rule changes for 2019 worked well and any rule changes for 2020 will be confirmed at the January meeting. Rule changes under discussion are:
 - A 'Fair Play' throw in;
 - A minor change in the process for accumulation of flags;
 - No blocking during play (being trialled by AAP);
 - Penalty always to be moved up if a yellow is awarded;
 - Spurs and whips still allowed but under review and rule amended;
 - Umpires should be able to inform players at the beginning of a game where ponies can be changed;
 - Guidelines for travelling ponies should be included in the rules;
 - For 15 goal and above a mid-chukka break of 30-45 seconds after three minutes for a free change:
 - o Would be an important step towards protecting ponies from being overplayed;
 - o Would save on grooms and the need to have ponies posted around the ground;
 - o Could speed up the game overall, especially if the time between chukkas was also cut.
 - A simplified VAR for the 22 goal so that the referee can review a foul;
 - Umpires are required to confer so that any decision has always been seen to be agreed by both umpires before any decision is made.;
- **Umpiring.**
 - Robert Graham has left a big gap which needs to be filled;
 - Two umpire grades, one for the 22 goal and one for the 18 goal and below. Expected to be familiar enough with the process to be able to do so if required. If they are not in position to do so they cannot not be in the group;
 - Umpire clinics, which could include coaching, for umpires from our overseas affiliated countries between the semis and the finals of The Queen's Cup;
 - Sent pro umpires to umpire the 6 goal Victor Ludorum at the smaller clubs and the feedback on this has been excellent;
 - More control in the appointments and more umpires under contract;
 - Universal support for radios being issued to more clubs.

9. Report from the Disciplinary Committee.

- The Disciplinary Officer's report 2019. See **Annex I**;
- The revised guidance on penalties. See **Annex J**;

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- 38 Players and 24 ponies were drug tested;
- Report from the Safety Advisory Committee. See **Annex K**.

10. Report from the Welfare Committee.

- Improve standard for wintering of ponies;
- The Committee supports the “45 second change mid chukka;”
- Some teams and grooms need to be educated on watering and withholding feed. Welfare Booklet will be updated with greater emphasis on the importance of feeding and water;
- The muzzle rule must be enforced;
- Passports may be stamped if an owner does not want his pony to return to polo;
- Prascend will not be allowed in polo.

11. Report from the Development and Coaching Committee.

- Number of teams in Buckmaster disappointing due to players commitments in adult polo. Hipwood also showed smaller entries along with Pony Club, possibly due to economic pressure. Conditions for 2020:

Buckmaster: 0 to 3 born 2001 or later (U19)

Rocksavage: -5 to 0 born 2003 or later (U17)

Hipwood: -8 to -5 born 2006 or later (U14)

- Should be at least one junior training day in the winter and the summer courses should be held over two days;
- Chairman of Pony Club Polo has suggested a subcommittee to focus on a joined-up policy for youth polo;
- Should try to put teams of developing players together with one good experienced player in each team. This could start in 4 to 6 goal polo, raising the level when appropriate;
- Develop a plan for players once they have outgrown junior polo;
- Advice for young professionals about how to deal with patrons and manage finances;
- Results of Select Matches see **Annex L**.
- South Africa:
 - December: Jemima Walker, Lucy McLaughlin, Mack McCaffrey, Rufus Uloth, Ruby Hickmet and Marcus Pejkoivic.
 - February, to be invited: Louis Hine, Will Millard, Will Drewitt, Ed Walker, Luke Wiles, Oliver Conway-Johnson and Ed Morris.

12. Report from the Arena Committee.

- The Bryan Morrison to be played against the US in March at AEPC Hickstead. Currently no title sponsor. Pooled ponies being considered;
- Arena clubs are trialling no spurs;
- Clubs should have a sign saying “No Unlicensed Rentals”;
- Bawtry’s application for provisional affiliation had been approved;
- Main tournaments are:
 - HPA National Club Championships (1 – 3 and 10 – 12) 19 Nov – 1 Dec
 - HPA Christmas National Club Championships (5 – 8) 7 – 15 Dec
 - HPA New Year National Club Championships (4 – 6 and 13 – 15) 3 – 19 Jan
 - British Open Arena Gold Cup (13-15) 11 - 29 Feb
 - The Bryan Morrison Trophy (England v USA) 7 Mar at AEPC

13. Report from UKAFPA. See **Annex M**.

14. Elections and Appointments for 2020.

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Chairman:	Nick Wiles
Past Chairman:	Stephen Hutchinson
Appointed by their Club:	
Cirencester	Mark Booth
Cowdray Park	Roderick Vere Nicoll
RCPBC	Jamie Morrison
Guards	Brian Stein
Appointed by UKAFPA:	Tim Brown
Elected by the Clubs:	Andrew Barlow (2020)
	Victor Chua (2020)
	Aurora Darwin (2021)
	Edward Keymer (2021)
	Tae Ormerod (2021)
	Tristan Phillimore (2022)
Appointed by the Chairman:	Will Lucas
	Sean Donovan-Smith
	Michael Amooore
Retiring Stewards:	Simon Tomlinson
	Richard Britten-Long
Vice Chairman:	Will Lucas
Disciplinary Steward	Sean Donovan-Smith
Disciplinary Officer	Christopher Price
Commercial Activities Board (CAB) Chairman	Nick Wiles
Standing Committee Chairmen. Elected annually by Council:	
Handicap Committee	Will Lucas
Development Committee	Andrew Barlow
Umpire and Rules Committee	Will Lucas
International Committee	Absorbed by CAB
Finance and Grants Committee	Tae Ormerod
Disciplinary Committee	Sean Donovan-Smith
Arena Polo Committee	Michael Amooore
Additional Members of the Council. Elected annually by Council:	
Arthur Douglas-Nugent	John Tinsley
Richard Britten-Long	Simon Tomlinson
David Morley	Charles Whittington
Christopher Price	Michael Mylonas
Members of the Handicap Committee. Elected annually by Council:	
David Ashby (2020)	Antony Fanshawe (2021)
Nina Clarkin (2020)	Simon MacDonald (2020)
Chris Bethell (2019)	Roddy Stanning (2019)
FIP Appointments. The current appointments were:	
Vice President	Chairman HPA Ex Officio
Council of Administration:	Charles Beresford
	Roderick Vere Nicoll

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Executive Committee:	Chairman HPA and David Woodd (TBC)
Finance Committee:	No UK Representative
Marketing Committee:	No UK Representative
Rules Committee:	Will Lucas and David Woodd
Ladies Committee:	Nina Clarkin
Junior Committee:	Oliver Hughes
Ambassadors:	Roderick Vere Nicoll
	Stephen Hutchinson (Ireland)
	Lila Pearson
Ambassadors at Large:	Christopher Hanbury
	Simon Tomlinson

15. Any Other Business.

16. Date of Next Meeting. The next meeting is due to take place at 1430 on Thursday 7 May 2020.

Annexes:

Annex A – Victor Ludorum Programme for 2020.

Annex B – Tournament Conditions 2020.

Annex C – Visas.

Annex D – Governance and Membership - Income and Expenditure for 2019 and Budget for 2020.

Annex E – Pony Club Report 2019.

Annex F – Commercial Activity - Income and Expenditure for 2019 and Budget for 2020.

Annex G – Results of International Matches 2019.

Annex H – Draft Annex B to Part 2 HPA Rules 2020.

Annex I – Disciplinary Report 2019.

Annex J – Revised Guidelines for Penalties.

Annex K – Safety Advisory Committee Report.

Annex L – Results HPA Select Matches 2019.

Annex M - Report from UKAFPA.