

AGM 2025

CHAIR'S REPORT:

FROM A SOMEWHAT CHALLENGING START TO OUR SEASON WE CAME OUT IN FORCE ONCE WE GOT BACK EVENTING. WE HAD 12 EVENTS INCLUDING OUR INTERNATIONALS IN MUNSTER – THIS IS SOME GOING DUE TO THE LATE START TO THE SEASON. WE MUST THANK OUR EVENT ORGANISERS FOR WORKING BEHIND THE SCENES WITH THE BOARD TO GET OUR SPORT BACK UP AND RUNNING. I WOULD LIKE TO ALSO THANK ALL RIDERS, OWNERS, GROOMS, SUPPORTERS AND VOLUNTEERS WHO STUCK WITH US THROUGH THIS TOUGH TIME.

CURRENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS: GERALD, RICH AND ALASDAIR I APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT AND HELP THROUGH THE SEASON.

IT IS A FACT THAT OUR MEMBERSHIP HAS DROPPED. THE MUNSTER REGION RUN THE MOST EVENTS IN EVENTING IRELAND: OUR OVERALL MEMBERSHIP IS 20%. SO THAT DOES PUT A LOT OF PRESSURE ON EVERYONE TO RUN THE EVENTS – AS IN WE ARE CALLING ON THE SAME VOLUNTEERS WEEK IN AND WEEK OUT. I THANK EVERYONE WHO HAS VOLUNTEERED THIS SEASON.

WITHOUT DOUBT, WE HAVE MANY IMPROVEMENTS STILL TO MAKE WITHIN OUR EVER EVOLVING SPORT, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE PULL TOGETHER AS A REGION. DON'T EVER BE AFRAID OR THINK IT NOT APPROPRIATE TO TALK TO ME OR THE OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS WITH SUGGESTIONS OR QUESTIONS OR QUERIES. PLEASE PICK UP THE PHONE AND CALL US – I WOULD MUCH PREFER TO HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT A CONCERN RATHER THAN PEOPLE GOING AWAY FROM AN EVENT DISSASTISFIED. IF WE CAN NOT ANSWER YOUR QUERY, WE WILL DO OUR VERY BEST TO FIND OUT FOR YOU.

LEADING ON FROM THIS I WOULD LIKE TO ASK SOME QUESTIONS:

WHAT DO OUR MEMBERS WANT/NEED?

DO YOU WANT A NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP?

AS MANY OF YOU ARE AWARE I AM CURRENTLY ACTING AS CHAIR AND SECRETARY – WHICH IS NOT SUSTAINABLE. FOR EXAMPLE, I ASK YOU TO BARE WITH ME THIS EVENING AS I MUST WRITE THE MINUTES WHILST CHAIRING THIS MEETING! CLEARLY, I NEED TO FIND A REPLACEMENT FOR THE SECRETARY POSITION. IT IS NOT A HUGE, LABORIOUS JOB! YOU WILL BE WORKING ALONGSIDE ME AND I CAN HELP AND ADVISE AS THIS PERSON SETTLES INTO THE POSITION.

FURTHER TO THIS I SUGGEST THAT WE NEED SUB-GROUPS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

TRAINING TEAM

VOLUNTEER TEAM – MOST EVENTS HAVE THEIR OWN VOLUNTEERS, WHAT IS A VOLUNTEER? – HAVE TO BE AT EVENT FOR MINIMUM OF HALF A DAY. THIS GROUP TO THINK OF IDEAS TO RETAIN VOLUNTEERS IE. ALL VOLUNTEERS FROM APRIL ARE PUT INTO A HAT AND 10 PULLED AND WIN A ONEFORALL VOUCHER

FUND-RAISING TEAM – PRIZE MONEY INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT – SOME VENUES DO GIVE PRIZE MONEY ALL SHOULD BE. LETS FUND-RAISE TO BUY MUNSTER RUGS/SADDLE PADS/HEADCOLLARS, ETC AND MAKE SURE THESE ARE DISTRIBUTED TO PRIZE WINNERS AND PHOTOS FOR SOCIAL MEDIA TAKEN EVEN AFTER EVENT.

AOB:SCARTEEN ARE AIMING TO PUT TRAINING EVENTS ON THIS SEASON, THESE DATES WILL BE CONFIRMED IN DUE COURSE. THESE ARE FANTASTIC EVENTS FOR NEW MEMBERS, YOUNG HORSES, WHERE ONE CAN GAIN EXPERIENCE WITHOUT THE RESULTS GOING ON THE RECORD. CHRIS AND JASON BUILD EXCELLENT EDUCATIONAL TRACKS AND IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE SUPPORT THEM IN WHATEVER CAPACITY WE CAN.