

Minutes from Monday 25th October 7.30-9pm

Seven members of the RWG present along with the ERA representative.

BE- British Eventing, ERA – Event Riders Association, SC – Sport’s Committee (BE), IM – Intermediate Masters, NM – Novice Masters

- The RWG members all took a vote on whether they would like to remain in the RWG. To remain was unanimously voted in favour of.
- The group discussed their feedback for SC. Two things were raised: any wording involving electric bikes should also include electric scooters (via email from absent member who had recording of meeting); and that the wording in some MER qualification criteria should be changed to ‘and/or’ rather than just ‘or’ in order to clarify exactly how many runs are required.
- Having pooled together thoughts and feedback from the IM’s survey conducted on social media, the group were able to finalise, by voting, their recommendations for dimensions, qualification criteria, horse and rider restrictions, venues etc. for the pilot series in 2022. These recommendations were sent back to BE on 26/10/21. The group will now continue working on a proposed dressage test for the series.
- BE has afforded the RWG the opportunity to respond to the NM surveys, which the group have actioned. They also requested input on opinions regarding forthcoming stakeholder meetings. The latter required a vote, which showed unanimous agreement within the group, and was feedback to BE on 25/10/21.
- Although the NM series has been handed over to BE, the group discussed the use of the Facebook page to signpost people to next year’s series prior to becoming redundant. An organiser also approached the group for their opinions on whether there could be a NM final, in a long format, at a late season event. The group unanimously voted against this as they felt each NM in itself should be a showcase. This was fed back via email on 26/10/21 and acknowledged.
- The group also voted in favour of allowing draft proposals to be started being worked on, to present to the framework to the group at the next meeting, concerning the possibility of long format events, as well as winter training competitions, along a similar vein to Express Eventing’s concept.
- The ERA representative will speak to all members of the group to draw up a code of conduct for both current and any future members of the group to abide by.