



FOCUS on the FUTURE

PLANNING FORUM APRIL 2014

Present:

Board

Karen	Trotter	Chairman
Sara	Bright	Finance Officer
Julie	Malcolm	Marketing & Communication
Soo	Wells	Rules Officer
Sue	Hobson	Judges Officer (Wednesday morning only)
Lynda	Clark	Training & Development

In attendance:

Wendy	Hamerton	Sport Manager & Secretary
Jan	Bird	Minute Secretary
Jim	Ellis	ESNZ CEO – Wednesday from 11.30am

Area Delegates(D), © = Committee

Committee

Janet	Fox	Dressage Northland (D)
Robin	Potter	Dressage Waitemata (D)
Shirley	Watts	Dressage Akld-Manukau (D)
Debra	Cowen	Dressage Waikato (D)
Apology	SHarris	Dressage Gisborne (D)
Sally	Isaac	Dressage Bay of Plenty
Julie	Brougham	Dressage Central Districts (D) (for Susan Tomlin)
Celine	Filbee	Dressage Taranaki (D) (for Jenny Atkinson)
Bernice	Frost	Dressage Taihape (D)
Apology	T Furness	Dressage Wairarapa (D)
Jacqui	Thompson	Dressage Wellington (D)
Janelle	Sangster Ward	Dressage Marlborough (D)
Jody	McDonald	Dressage Nelson (D)
Robin	Haberfield	Dressage Canterbury (D)
Glenys	Blain	Dressage Ashburton (D)
Anita	Fitt	Dressage SCNO D)
Kate	Dodd	Dressage Otago(D) for Hielke de Graaf
Mary	Davis	Dressage Southland (D for Marlene Parkinson)
Sharon	Field	Dressage Southern Hawkes Bay
Bernice	Frost	Dressage Taihape
Gill	Morley	Dressage Northern Hawkes Bay
Marlene	Parkinson	SI Riders Rep© (for Allie Harper) (proposed by Chair and approved South Island delegates present)
Scott	McKenna	NI Riders Rep©
Helen	Hughes-Keen	Chair of Selectors© (Wednesday morning only)

Attendees: Judy Alderdice (ESNZ Para Equestrian), Barbara Hopkinson, Bridget Kok, Judy Collin, Aubrey MacRae (Wednesday only), Andrea Raves (Thursday only)

Apologies: Nici Kinloch (ESNZ National Sport Manager) Donny McLean (SI Young Rider Convenor), Allie Harper (SI Riders Rep) Rose Prendeville (Rules SC), Jenny Atkinson, Trish Furness, Sue Harris

AGENDA 1:

ELECTION of COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT PANEL MEMBER (one required - two nominations)

Nominee: Barbara Hopkinson
Nominated by: Susan Tomlin & Lisa Reid (Dressage Central Districts)

Nominee: Debra Cowen
Nominated by: Michelle Paterson & Kara Lockhart (Dressage Waikato)

Nomination of Scrutineers:

Resolved that: OBSERVERS Aubrey MacRae and Judy Collin act a scrutineers

Elected: Debra Cowen was elected as the new Appointment Panel representative.

The Chair moved the voting papers be destroyed

AGENDA 2:

Note: The agreed changes are to be presented as remits to June Conference 2014

CHANGES TO ESNZ RULES FOR DRESSAGE TO TAKE EFFECT FROM 1 AUGUST 2014

Proposed by DNZ Rules subcommittee.

Current - ART 460 Grading of Horses and Ponies

1.1 1 Horses may compete in any level they are eligible for within Advanced grade at any Event, UNLESS at Regional, Island or National Events the schedule specifies that horses/ponies are restricted to levels as advertised in the schedule.

~~For the 2013/14 season~~

That a horse's grade for the purposes of this restriction be determined as follows (this includes all freestyle points).

Level 6 – Not more than 60 points in Level 7 or above

Level 7 – Not more than 60 points in Level 8 or above

Level 8 – Not more than 60 points in Level 9

Proposed rule change - That the words "For the 2013/14 season" be deleted, so the rule becomes a permanent DNZ rule.

Soo Wells explained that the Grand Prix Level Freestyles will count for Level 8 points and the ESNZ database has been amended to reflect this

Agreed: The change of the wording of Art. 460 as above be adopted.

ART 478 - BRIDLES

Proposed rule changes to ART 478, 2, 2.3 and 2.4.

Levels 5 – 9: An ordinary snaffle or simple double bridle. EXCEPT that NZ Dressage Selectors MAY require a horse/pony (s) to be ridden in an FEI test under NZ rules for dressage in a simple double bridle where the FEI test would require this if the test was ridden under FEI rules for dressage.

Agreed: The change of the wording of Art. 478 as above be adopted.

It was stressed that this rules does not cover FEI events and riders competing in FEI competitions need to be aware of FEI & ESNZ Dressage rule differences .

Change to : - ART 478 : EAR COVERS & EAR PLUGS

Question was put whether ear covers can be worn OUTSIDE for warmups and then taken off. It was agreed that this would be allowed. (this only applies if ear covers may not be worn indoors)
[The SM agreed to seek clarification of the indoor/outdoor rule from the FEI.]

Marlene Parkinson: Noted many different types of ear covers. The change relates only to noise cancelling ear covers, will cause more work for the stewards and is subjective regarding the type of material.

Change to Art 478 (indoors and noise cancelling):

It was agreed: The word "noise cancelling" should be removed.
Jacqui Thompson and Marlene Parkinson – dissenting vote.

Moved:

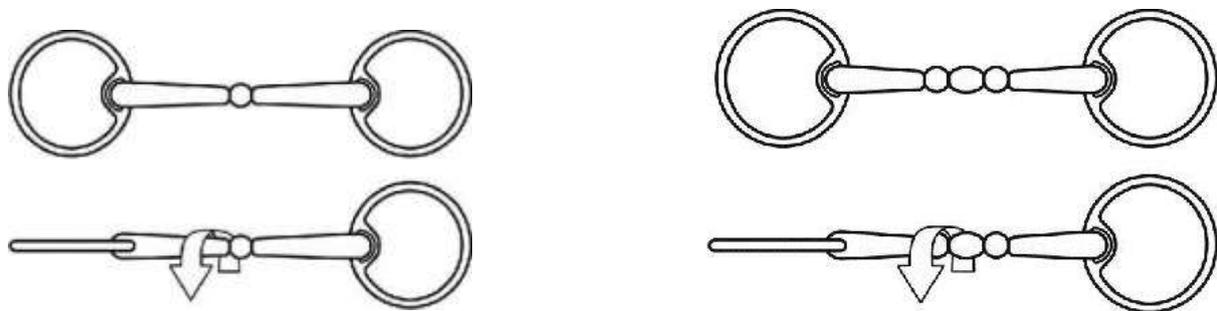
2.3 Ear covers are allowed. They must not cover the horse's eyes.
Stewards should check for ear plugs after the completion of the test if ear covers are worn.

It was agreed: The above wording will be adopted:

It was stressed that this rules does not cover FEI events and riders competing in FEI competitions need to be aware of FEI & ESNZ Dressage rule differences .

ART 478 Saddlery

Add to the pictures and descriptions of permitted bits – new FEI approved bit.
List of bridoons – 2f bridoon rotary bit with rotating middle piece and looped rings



List of snaffles - 12 & 13 rotary bit with rotating middle piece and looped rings.



Agreed that the above bits be adopted;

Add to CHAPTER IV Participation

ART 486

Minimum Performance for Riders Competing in Foreign FEI events

1. 60% (overall score) in FEI GP and /or FEI GPS Test on at least two occasions in REG, ICH, NCH or FEI events in the 12mth prior to the foreign event (Big tour)
2. 60% (overall score) in FEI Intermediate A or Intermediate B on at least two occasions in REG, ICH, NCH or FEI events in the 12mth prior to the foreign event (Middle tour)
3. 60% (overall score) in FEI PSG and or FEI Int I Test at least two occasions in REG, ICH, NCH or FEI events in the 12mth prior to the foreign event (Small tour)
4. 60% (overall score) in FEI PSG and or Int I Test, or FEI YR Prelim, FEI YR Team or FEI YR IND on at least two occasions in REG, ICH, NCH or FEI events in the 12mth prior to the foreign event
5. Freestyle scores do not qualify
6. These rules also apply to o/seas based riders who must qualify at equivalent o/seas based national events

The SM explained that the ESNZ General Regulations review will no longer include discipline specific rules and hence necessity to include these paras in the Dressage Rules, and to update the current criteria.

It was agreed lower percentages are realistic and can be approved for the promotion of the sport in domestic CDI's.

Overseas based New Zealand riders need to provide a "national equivalent" event overseas to qualify for CDI's.

Agreed that the above wording be included in the Rule Book.

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Agreed: That the above wording and Articles be adopted.

Discussion Re Eligibility of Horses & Riders in non-graded competitions

The SM noted that there is still confusion about eligibility for Training & non-graded classes. The current rules give flexibility to OC's but OC's must be clear in their schedules who is eligible for these non-graded classes. It is especially important to make it clear as people new to the sport often start at this level.

Celine Filbee spoke on behalf Taranaki and confirmed there is confusion. She suggested a "name" for the classes may help the riders to identify what they were entering.

Sara Bright suggested describing the class as "non-graded" which could clarify this.

It was agreed: That the final decision on the above matter be deferred until after Jim Ellis has presented the Membership Review later in the Forum.

Note: This topic will be included in the conference agenda

Proposed by Scott McKenna – Riders NI Riders Rep from NI Riders Meeting

Re: Re-Structure of Rider Categories

Scott McKenna: spoke to the his suggestions about eligibility of horses and riders in non-graded competitions. His proposal is based on a British model, but he reported that Britain have now changed to a system which is similar to New Zealand.

Celine Filbee suggested that there should be should be a "statute of limitation" on rider categories.

Discussion took place on where the cut off points should be and it generally agreed that the rider category system was in fact working. Soo Wells explained that the rider categories were there so that a rider could ride at any level in open competition but could be restricted in Rider Category divisions or competitions.

It is the management of the system and with a buffer zone it would be even more complicated than at present and someone would be have to be responsible for checking the points and the data base would need to be up to date.

The chairman asked if maybe we were trying fix something that wasn't broken for the sake of a minority. It really relies on the clarity of schedules so there is no confusion by the riders.

Agreed: That the riders need to become more accustomed to the present system and the proposal was therefore **WITHDRAWN**.

AGENDA 3:

National & International Dressage Events in NZ

Discussion Paper : March 2014

Committee Discussion:

The Chairman addressed the meeting about the decision made at 2013 Conference about the location of the National Championships being at Manfeild until 2016 thus altering the traditional 2 x NI vs 1 x SI rotation. It was not as since has been discussed as area level, that the Nationals were to moved to the North Island permanently.

The Chairman stressed that members listen carefully to what is being decided, and to take the sport into consideration, and not be area oriented.

Robin Haberfield on behalf of Dressage Canterbury, stated his area considered that currently the South Island had neither the number of higher level horses or venue to warrant the nationals being held in the SI, and therefore Canterbury supported the nationals being in north island (in the foreseeable future. He stated that Canterbury did not consider that standard of SI dressage had been improved by having Nationals in the South Island.

Kate Dodd spoke to the Otago letter tabled. She had understood that "centralisation" had been agreed at the 2013 conference. Now that Canterbury had stepped back from their former position, Otago would therefore withdraw their letter.

The Chairman explained the remit agreed to at Conference. Discussion was taken only to the year 2016 and Otago was thanked for their input.

Mary Davis, from Southland explained that they had been under the impression that centralisation had been decided at Conference. They had misunderstood the minutes.

The Chairman asked that if there is any doubt about matters decided at meetings, then areas must make their inquiries to the Board in the first instance. She reassured the delegates that there had been no attempt to make a divergent decision on this matter at the previous meeting after the departure of some delegates..

Julie Brougham spoke to her letter, and about the division amongst the areas and the time had come to obtain some agreement on centralisation at Manfeild as a "home" for Nationals like HOY, Badminton etc. but always with the provision to revisit it in the future if circumstances change.

Marlene spoke on behalf of the South Island riders about the improvement of the McLean's Island. She thinks that riders need to learn to travel more and that we need to bring the sport together more.

The Chairman thanked Marlene and reiterated that it is Dressage New Zealand, not split into Islands. . She also thanked Robin Haberfield for expressing Canterbury's views regarding the event and noted the World Challenge is now to be alternated year by year between the islands

Robin Haberfield added that areas need to support their riders to attend these pinnacle events particularly because of the time and expense involved in travelling to the North Island to compete at the Nationals.

Sue Hobson acknowledged the effort of Canterbury in providing financial support for their judges education, judging in the North Island and even support to attend CDIs and judges seminars in Australia.

The Sport Manager sought clarify from an event management perspective stating organisers need some surety and time line for review. She suggested a 5 year review period would be a workable recommendation. The SM also referred to the South Island Travel subsidy (supports by Bates Saddle raffle) and expressed concern that some mention has been made that this did not benefit the majority of SI riders. Delegates were asked to confirm if they were prepared to sell these tickets again, if the saddle was available again. Marlene Parkinson asked for the information about how much money is raised from the sponsor's donation of the saddle. Sara Bright advised there is no way of predicting how much is going to be raised by the raffle. Some areas advised that raffle tickets are hard to sell. In 2014 \$500 per rider was distributed. All proceeds less the cost of printing tickets is distributed.

Robin Haberfield suggested the review be made in 3 years but for a two-year lead-in period. He suggested that 5 years was too long for a review period.

It was agreed: That the nationals would be held at Manfeild until 2018. That in 2017 a review be undertaken as to where 2019 Nationals be held and the allocation forward from that point . The review at the end of three year period would consider written proposals/bids to host and that in the meantime a document would be prepared outlining minimum requirements .

It was agreed: The Chairman suggested that the saddle raffle remain the funding for the South Island Travel Fund and it was agreed this be left as is for a further year.

The SM outlined discussed the work that has been undertaken to date to assist the South Island events. Andrew Bruce the event Manager SICH at MacLeans was brought up to Manfeild to experience how the event was organised and what was offered and the SM is going to Canterbury prior to Conference to liaise with Andrew to assist him with the organisation of the 2015 SICH at McLeans Island.

The SM stated her vision for the future development of the sport is not to keep moving one major event around different venues but that we should be looking to develop more top end events which could be delivered independently, but sanctioned by Dressage NZ.

Noted that bids would be accepted to host Young Rider Championships, either as a standalone event or in conjunction with another suitable event

AGENDA 4:

Young Dressage Horse Championships & Development

Excerpts from Discussion Paper | Linda Warren | January 2014

This discussion paper had been distributed with the agenda

DISCUSSION:

THE SM explained this matter was being brought back to the meeting following discussions with international judges. The existing YDH tests and format seemed popular enough with riders, but visiting FEI judges considered that the tests should be more along the lines of the FEI and the judging be emphasised upon the way of going of the horse rather than "test" like, and judged accordingly.

The question is whether we revert to the FEI tests or do we continue with our existing system.

Janelle Sangster-Ward was in favour of doing more YDH tests at a competition ie: three tests. Therefore riders with a young dressage horse could compete in one test per day rather than compete in the YDH as well as riding in conventional tests.

Marlene endorsed Janelle's comments and felt that you can't do both a championship and YDH on a young horse. So riders have to make a choice whether to do YDH or Championship tests

The SM suggested that on the "work-in" day the YDH test could be ridden but could then ride the Challenge Classes. ie: two classes. Then the top three go through to the final the next on the last day. The rider would make the choice what to ride in.

Marlene said it would be important to take the FEI tests to regional events.

The SM noted that the 6 yr FEI old test which include flying changes could be adjusted as in Australia to provide with this being optional - simple/flying change.

Scott McKenna asked what is the real purpose of this competition - for sale, for the breeders as in Europe? and is what Europe does appropriate for NZ ? Should this competition be participation or elite?

Gill Morley said she considers this class is for the more talented and horses well developed in their training for their age. The horses that are winning at the YDH level very often go on to become the elite horses at Prix St George and GP.

The SM endorsed that this class adds value to the sport and the event (NCH) and with the commentary is of particular to the public and "educates" them as to what dressage is about and where the quality originates. She advised that with the two judges in one car this helps educate our New Zealand judges when sitting with FEI International judge. If judges sit apart the same problem of a stronger judge overriding the mark of their co-judge.

Janelle considers that they could "qualify" for the final class through the Challenge series. If run as a completely separately, qualification would not be necessary and this would not preclude a young 4 yr old who hasn't had the opportunity to qualify prior to the final.

It was agreed: That the it be left to the Board to put together a new format for the YDH classes preferably reverting to the use of FEI tests (as appropriate) with maybe an appropriate amendment to the 6 yr old test (along the lines of the Australian YDH tests).

YH SQUADS:

The SM explained the difficulties of identifying squad members for a YDH squad. Maybe "talent identification / assessment sessions" taken into regions would have merit, noting that Jeremy Steinberg advised that in US young horses are invited to a YDH training day for a general appraisal in front of an accredited young horse trainer

The SM suggested that YDH training could be a good fit at the next FEI Forum to be held in New Zealand (2015)

It was agreed:

That a regional assessment programme be investigated which would be self-funded.

AGENDA 5: CALENDAR

The SM hopes that the calendar will be finalised by Conference and that noted there is a reasonably good spread of RE events this season.

It is an exciting concept that discussions have been held with NZPCA, proposing that the Young Rider Dressage Championships and the New Zealand Pony Club Dressage Champs run back to back at the same venue but this is yet to be confirmed.

Confirmation National Events venues dates 2014 – 2017 (see table below)
 AFB = Available for Bidding

Aug/Aug	NICH	SICH	YRCH	NCH	HOY	WDC	INT	CONFERENCE
2014/15	Waikato (Taupo)	CHC	Hawera	Manfeild	HASTINGS	Taupo	WEG (2014)	CHC
2015/16	Wairarapa	CHC (TBC)	AFB	Manfeild	HASTINGS	Marlb (TBC)	OG (2016)	Lower NI (Possibly Rotorua)
2016/17	Upper NI (AFB)	AFB	AFB	Manfeild	HASTINGS	NI (AFB)	NA	Upper NI (AFB)

- FEI DRESSAGE FORUM – PROPOSED FOR MANFEILD 29 - 30 August 2015

DISCUSSION:

General discussion was had on the hosting of Conference at smaller areas in view of cost of air fares and availability of flights. It was generally agreed that if areas have advanced warning and it is really good to spread this around to involve all areas, spread the workload around areas some of whom are often involved running major events .

Gill Morley suggest that Event Pro (Kevin Hansen) could be contracted to organise the bigger events. The Chair noted this would involve greater expense and it is important that areas need to be aware of the forward planning needed to run their event.

The Chair explained that the FEI Forum needs to be held on a non-pinnacle event year. The SM said that a bid and proposal had not yet been presented to the FEI but that New Zealand hand been "pencilled in"

It was agreed: That a proposal be put to the FEI to host the FEI Forum in 2015 at Manfield. However, if the FEI decline our bid, DNZ will run a Forum.

AGENDA 6: ESNZ MEMBERSHIP REVIEW

Jim Ellis outlined the essential elements of the ESNZ Membership Review.

The proposal is that one single fee be made to register a horse/pony with the ESNZ at \$65.00 (equine). The Membership fee for ESNZ would be set at \$60.00 for all categories (people).

The “Community Membership” proposed does not exist at present, but it is designed to accommodate new riders and their details will be recorded on the data base. The rationale for this is to provide a more "open door" policy for the sport. This will also cover "technical officers" which includes organising committees, volunteers, parents and family, judges, stewards etc. Community Membership will be free.

There will no longer be provision for "Casual" or "day membership" and anyone wishing to compete at an ESNZ event will need to be an ESNZ member.

There will be the ability to sign up on line for ENSZ membership, and the FIRST year (competitive) membership will be free. Horse/pony must still be registered at \$65.00 to compete in graded classes. It is proposed for Dressage that riders must be full members and horses must be registered to compete in any level of graded competition. That any level of non-graded competition will be open to “community members” and unregistered horses.

This proposal will potentially result in a loss of income for the ESNZ for the first year or so, but it is envisaged that the increase of membership will address this deficit.

It was suggested that this may disadvantage younger riders. The CEO replied that as they get their first year free this is not envisaged to be a deterrent, and that it is not envisaged that pony and younger riders will form a significant % of membership increase.

The Chair urged areas to convert the Community Members to become Full Members. She thanked the CEO for the huge amount of input and work from all parties that has gone into this model and said the simplification of the ESNZ membership process will ensure the future growth of the sport.

AGENDA 7: STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION - presented by Kerry-Lynn Sorrell

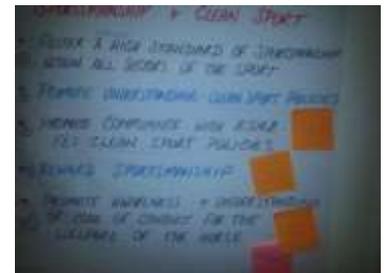
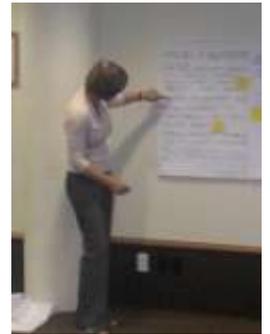
Kerry-Lynn worked with the meeting with a view to unifying and completing the outcomes of the various strands of the Draft Strategic Plan

Delegates were divided into 6 groups to discuss each strategy, prioritise areas, and decide what would be the outcome or change they would expect to see at the end year one.

After a great deal of discussion and group participation wall charts were developed showing the various great creative ideas put forward by the participants. The Presenter was very complimentary about just how enthusiastic and inventive people were.

The Chairman thanked Kerry-Lynn and advised that Kerry-Lynn would be taking all the various ideas back to identify to the Board the various themes conveyed and summarise the session.

The Chairman advised that the culmination of ideas produced by Kerry-Ann would next be discussed at the time of the AGA with a view to giving the incoming Board direction going forward.



COMMITTEE MEETING

1) Minutes Committee Meeting June 2013

2) Financial Report

- a. YTD February 2014
- b. Levies 2014/15
- c. TD Levy
- d. New Banking Rules.
- e. Budget 2014/15 *(this will be presented at conference)*

3) Correspondence & Reports

- a. From Dressage Southland, Otago & Central Districts *(referred to NCH discussion)*

- b. Taranaki Dressage Group
 - c. NI Riders meeting Minutes & Report
 - d. SI Riders Meeting Minutes
- 4) Conference 2014 Information report (Dressage Canterbury)
- 5) WDC – 2013 Results, 2014 Calendar & Rules (p 47)

1) **MINUTES** of the Committee meeting held Sunday 30th June 2013 to be confirmed as previously distributed and attached (see pages 31-42).

Matters Arising: There were no matters arising

Moved: Judy Alderdice / **Seconded** Shirley Watts

CARRIED

2) **FINANCE:**

a. **YTD February 2014 (**

Sara Bright (Finance Officer) explained the current report and said she was pleased to advise that there should be a surplus at the end of this financial year. Also, there are funds put aside in case of contingencies..

The funding for Nationals has been the highest for many years through sponsorships. Celine advised that there was about \$40,000 received in the way of sponsorship, mainly because of the Manfeild venue being well supported by the sponsors, local bodies and trusts.

b. **Confirmation of Levies for 2014 / 2015.**

The Chairman advised that after the implementation of ESNZ membership review, Dressage participants will not be disadvantaged in any way in terms of cost of membership and registration

In most instances the cost to riders to participating in dressage will be reduced.

However, the cost of pony riders registering their ponies with ESNZ will increase.

Robin Haberfield advised that membership details were almost impossible to access on the ESNZ website. Both the FO and the SM advised that despite their best efforts they had not been successful in trying to urge ESNZ to facilitate better access to ESNZ membership records for areas delivering events and services to members in their areas.

The Finance Officer advised that it was not considered necessary, in principle, to increase dressage start fees for the coming year, but the final ESNZ membership review details may result in some changes being recommended.

c. **T & D Levies**

The FO advised that the event levy which had been previously proposed for TE had never become a reality, as pursuing this saw the cost of collection outweigh the income benefits.

It was proposed that any OC (Group, Branch or Member Organisation) whose event is approved by ESNZ Dressage and listed on the official ESNZ Dressage calendar should pay TD Levies including TE's. Exception: That this will not apply to the affiliated organisations, specifically A & P Shows and Pony Clubs for TE & LE.

The CEO advised that no organising dues (\$40 per day) would be charged by ESNZ when the Membership review was introduced.

The SM said considered the same (\$3) fee currently levied riders in graded events and non – graded competitions at LE should apply for non- graded at TE as they utilise the same resources and as a graded event.

The SM advised that a number of winter series TE's had already been scheduled and it would be inappropriate to introduce the \$3 levy at this time (1 August) . Noted that any decision from this discussion will need to align with the new ESNZ GR's

It was agreed: That the \$3 TD levy per class per rider also be applied to Training Events from 1st January 2015.

d. New Banking Rules.

The Bank of New Zealand had advised that they would no longer recognise non- incorporated groups and offer them Not for Profit banking facilities. The FO advised that there is a website that will explain more fully the process for Incorporation of Groups.

www.societies.govt.nz/cms/incorporated-societies)

ESNZ has been advised and that they are seeking a legal opinion on this matter and until we receive a report from the ESNZ discipline-wide, it is unclear what steps need to be taken.

3. CORRESPONDENCE:

a. From Dressage Southland, Otago & Central Districts (Re National Championships)

Referred to General Business Discussion Paper re National & International Events SCNO letter tabled (has been distributed to areas by SCNO)

The Chair advised that this correspondence was received after correspondence had been closed off for the Planning Meeting.

b. Letter from Northern Hawkes Bay;

i. Board participation be on a three-year rotation with a right of a further three years.

Both Sue Wells and Sara Bright spoke about Board participation. Sue advised that she had been looking for a successor for when she stepped down for some time but that despite her endeavours, no-one had come forward to accept nomination for the position.

Robin Haberfield asked why some Board members were elected and some appointed . The SM explained the this was currently an administrative Board and when the new Board format was introduced some years ago, there was a difference between "appointed" members being for the selection of technical expertise and the "elected" positions to become a balance between the two so that the Board was not a fully appointed model but retained the input of the membership/areas into the governance and administration of the sport.

The SM advised any changes to the Board structure would need to be put forward by way of remit and involve a change to the Dressage By-Laws for Administration. (16th May deadline) and then if approved, would be introduced until the time of the following year's Conference.

Neckstraps:

Proposed that they be used up to Grand Prix. The use of neckstraps are allowed up to GP in Australia and monkey-straps up to GP under FEI rules.

The Chairman advised that this matter needs to be put forward by way of remit to enable it to be put out to areas for discussion.

c. From Dressage Taranaki**i. Re Shadow judging.**

Dressage Taranaki correspondence noted problems have been encountered with shadow judging being included in the official judging

Sara said that the scorer does needs to be advised to avoid confusion. Stickers, or on a different colour (photocopy) for easy identification are all good ideas. She also advised that it is her strong recommendation that shadow judging is not on the last class of the day.

Robin Haberfield recommended the use of carbon copies for shadow judging if no photocopier is available, this negates any delay in releasing sheets to the riders

ii. Re posting of results.

The question related to the delay in test sheets being available (due to checking for disparities of scores and discussions with shadow judges) sometimes after the results printout has been posted and signed, and that riders must have the official 30 min protest "window" available. .

Debra advised that they had had the problem but they resolved this by signing off the sheets with a time prior to allowing the sheets out.

The SM noted that sometimes with the delay owing to holding sheets, judges have often left the grounds at the half hour point.

iii. Coloured Test Sheets

Taranaki area would also like to see the return of colour coded test sheets as in the past. The reason being, quicker identification for scorers and riders.

It was agreed this was too expensive to implement and that OC's were now becoming accustomed to all levels in white

Additional Item re Rules:

Breeches: Marlene Parkinson described jodpurs with a black seat. The RO Sue advised that these are NOT allowed and some judges will penalise this. She advised that she does not want to "allow" this as it will open up a much larger list of anomalies.

It was agreed: That the RO write up a "directive" or rule change to allow the Black seated breeches.

d. Minutes from NI Riders Meeting & NI Riders Rep Report

These documents were distributed with the agenda

Discussion: Scott advised that the riders sub-committee would be giving the show organisers increased feedback after shows during the next season.

e. SI Riders Meeting Minutes

This document was distributed with the agenda

Discussion: Janelle Sangster-Ward expressed some concern that the minutes did not always clearly represent the views / feeling of the meeting

Conference & Awards Dinner 2014: 28/29 June

Robin Haberfield reported on the plans for Conference and advised that there was to be great entertainment at a really good venue next to the airport.

The SM asked that delegates advise the hotel of anyone wanting to share. If you can book together that is very helpful. Otherwise just book a single room and the SM can assist adjusting the "rooming" before the event.

FEI World Challenge

This will be held at Taupo and this year will be by "selection" rather than qualification on the first day.

Meeting Wrap

The Chair acknowledged the work that Barbara Hopkinson and Sue Wells had given the sport, and this was truly appreciated.

She also thanked the retiring delegates, Julie Brougham, Robin Haberfield & Marlene Parkinson for their contributions to the meetings.

In closing the meeting the Chair thanked all delegates attending for their support at this Forum, their input and co-operation between areas was much appreciated.

The meeting was declared closed at 11.40am