



57th Annual Conference

Cophorne Airport Commodore Hotel | Christchurch

10 am | Saturday 28 June 2014

DRAFT MINUTES

1. WELCOME / ROLL CALL / APOLOGIES

The Chair, Karen Trotter, welcomed attendees to the Annual Conference

Present:					
Board:	Karen Trotter, Sara Bright, Soo Wells, Julie Malcolm, Lynda Clark, Sue Hobson				
ESNZ:	Jim Ellis (CEO)				
Patron	Pam Gilmour				
In Attendance	Wendy Hamerton (Sport Manager / Secretary) Jan Bird (Minute Secretary) Celine Filbee (Event Manger / Marketing Asst)				
Members					
Alderdice	Judy	Hamlett	Kellie	Mooney	Charlotte
Allison	Dale	Harper	Allie	Morley	Gill
Bishell	Stuart	Harris	Sue	Owen	Robin
Blain	Glenys	Haszard	Dana	Parkinson	Marlene
Boyd	Helen	Hooper	Angela	Potter	Robin
Brown	Betty	Hughes-Keen	Helen	Raves	Andrea
Cain	Cushla	Irwin	Agnes	Rawlinson	Diane
Collin	Judy	Isaac	Sally	Robertson	Jane
Collin	Alicia	Jack	Nancye	Sangster Ward	Janelle
Cowen	Debra	Jeffery	Wendy	Savage	Robin
Davis	Mary	Kennett	Melissa	Spencer-Bower	Helen
Dodd	Kate	Kofoed	Robert	Sutherland	Kerry
Essex	Nicola	Lovelady	Chris	Thompson	Jacqui
Fenemor	Vanessa	MacDonald	Jody	Tomlin	Susan
Field	Sharon	MacLean	Donny	Usher	Gill
Ford	Nicki	MacLean	Kate	Van Der Pol	Melanie
Greenslade	Jude	MacRae	Aubrey	Warren-Davey	Linda
Ford	Nicki	Matthews	Judith	White	Tiny
Green	Janna	McKenzie	Evelyn		

Apologies			
Nici Kinloch (ESNZ Sport Director)		Sarah Harris (ESNZ High Performance Director)	
Marcia Bayley	Julia Fraser	Bernice Frost	Sally Field-Dodgson
Jody Hartstone	Scott McKenna	Michelle Patterson	Rose Prenderville
Chris Waller	Jacqui Winspear		

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

of the 56th Annual Dressage Conference, held on Saturday 29 June 2013 at the Grand Hotel Rendezvous, Auckland, having been circulated, be confirmed as a true and correct record. *(Copy refer pages 5 -15)*

Moved: Robin Haberfield

Seconded: Gill Morley

CARRIED

Matters Arising: See paper re Conference Format 10.4

The SM suggested that this was more appropriate to discuss this paper Scott McKenna's submission.

3. GENERAL BUSINESS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Referred to General Business: Structure of Conference paper from the Sport Manager

Young Rider representatives are Donnie McLean and Lynley Schollum

4. CORRESPONDENCE

None

5. MEET THE DRESSAGE BOARD & SUB - COMMITTEES 2014 /15 *(Appointed & Candidates)*

Chairman	Karen Trotter
Technical Officer	No Nominations
Rules Sub – Committee	Elisha Norrie <i>(not present)</i> Rose Prenderville <i>(nomination withdrawn)</i>
Finance Officer	Sara Bright
Judges Officer	Sue Hobson
Judges Sub-committee	Michelle Paterson Linda Warren Jan Bird <i>(nomination withdrawn)</i>
Training & Development	Lynda Clark (reappointed from 29 June 2014)
Marketing	Julie Malcolm (reappointed from 29 June 2014)

6. DELEGATES & COMMITTEE 2014 / 2015 YEAR

Young Rider Development Convenor:

Note: Island Young Rider Convenors, Lynley Schollum (NI) and Donald (Donny) MacLean SI have been appointed to a T & D Sub – Committee but not appointed as committee members

ESNZ Equestrian Centre Representatives	TBC
ESNZ AGA Dressage Delegates	TBC

Area Delegates & Riders Representatives

The following delegates were submitted by ESNZ Dressage Area Groups & ICH Riders Meetings for confirmation by the Conference.

(N) = New delegate

Northland	Judith Matthews (N)	Taranaki	Dana Haszard (N)
Waitemata	Robin Potter	Wellington	Jacqui Thompson
Auckland	Betty Brown (N)	Wairarapa	Wendy Jeffrey (N)
Waikato	Debra Cowen	Nelson	Jody MacDonald
Bay of Plenty	Sally Isaac	Marlborough	Janelle Sangster-Ward
Gisborne	Sue Harris	Canterbury	Aubrey MacRae (N)
Nth Hawkes Bay	Gill Morley	Ashburton	Glenys Blain
Sth Hawkes Bay	Sharon Field	SCNO/Nth Otago	Stuart Bishell
Taihape	Bernice frost	Otago	Hielke de Graaf
Central Districts	Susan Tomlin (N)	Southland	Mary Davis (N)
Nth Is Rider Rep	Scott McKenna	Chair of Selectors	Helen Hughes-Keen
Sth Is Rider Rep	Allie Harper (N)		

Substitutes at the meeting:

Kate Dodd for Hielke de Graaf (Otago)
Alicia Collin for S McKenna (NI Riders Rep)
Stuart Bishell for Marty Pow (SCNO)
Susan Tomlin for Bernice Frost (Taihape)

7. ANNUAL REPORTS

- 7.1 Chair : Karen Trotter
Karen Trotter spoke to her report

Moved: Karen Trotter
Seconded: Glenys Blain

CARRIED

- 7.2 Finance – Sara Bright.
Financial Report to 30 May distributed to meeting
The Finance Officer spoke to her report and advised re the Bates NCH that a rider had donated a Bates saddle at the event which increased the income unexpectedly
Betty Brown questioned the decrease in entry fees in the Financial Report entry fees.
The FO explained the decrease in fees and explained there was a variance because Dressage New Zealand ran the North Island championships on a one-off basis.
Betty Brown also questioned costs paid to Coaches as shown in the Report.
The FO explained it was a change in the delivery process of Steinberg clinics (now organised by individuals) and the payment to coaches of was now invoiced differently in that GST is no longer payable as it is considered reimbursement rather income.

The Chairman explained the format of paying Jeremy Steinberg and the reimbursement of his fees which also included the international air fares.
The FO advised that the increase in the surplus was partly owing to Dressage New Zealand the NCH returning a greater than the original budget owing to some one off income items and increased grants

Moved: Sara Bright
Seconded: Andrea Raves

CARRIED

- 7.3 Marketing
Julie Malcolm spoke to her report.
Moved: Julie Malcolm
Seconded: Judy Collin

CARRIED

- 7.4 Event Manager**
Celine Filbee advised that the funding and sponsorship secured for the 2014 National Championships this year equated to \$230 per competitor and she was very pleased that the event had proved so successful considering the 100 or so volunteers who put in so much work and effort into the event's success. She sincerely thanked all those involved.
Moved: Celine Filbee
Seconded: Lynda Clark
- CARRIED**
- 7.5 World Challenge - Christchurch**
The SM said she was pleased with the running of the event and grateful for Lion Foundation and Southern Trust grants equalling \$100 per competitor especially as the volunteers outnumber the competitors. She also thanked Prydes Easifeeds for their sponsorship and congratulated the New Zealand Team on their win.
Moved: Wendy Hamerton
Seconded: Chris Lovelady
- CARRIED**
- 7.6 Horse of the Year**
The Chairman officially thanked Chris Paston for her amazing hard work in the organisation of this most difficult event.
Moved: Karen Trotter
Seconded: Gil Morley
- CARRIED**
- 7.7 Technical**
The Rules Officer presented her report and as there were no questions, she moved her report be adopted.
Moved: Soo Wells
Seconded: Jane Robertson
- CARRIED**
- 7.8 Judges Officer**
Sue Hobson presented her report and added that she had been liaising with Jane Ventura with a view to organising an exchange of judges with Victoria and together with the exchange with Brisbane this would mean that there will now be an opportunity for four of our judges to judge in Australia and they will be sending four of their judges to New Zealand in return. The first judge to judge in Victoria will be Mary Craine.
Moved: Sue Hobson
Seconded: Jude Greenslade
- CARRIED**
- 7.9 Stewards Report**
Jane Robertson presented what she referred to as her "lightweight" report:
Betty Brown asked that the "Hitchhiker's Guide". written by Claire Tulloch could be made available again in an updated form.
The RO reported that this is presently in hand and is the first job for the new Rules Officer.
The SM reported that the new Technical Manual will shortly be updated and will be on the website and will include the relevant material.
Moved: Jane Robertson
Seconded: Helen Hughes-Keen
- CARRIED**

7.10 Training and Development:

Lynda Clarke presented her report.

Betty Brown asked about the profile of Dressage at Equidays.

The SM advised that Bernie Traurig from USA, experienced in dressage and showjumping, will be present at Equidays this year.

Moved: Lynda Clarke

Seconded:: Anthea Dixon

CARRIED

7.11 ESNZ High Performance

In Sara's absence the Chairman presented the above report.

Betty Brown queried the inclusion of a horse that was accepted onto the squad, knowing that it would not be ridden by the same rider and that the horse would ultimately be withdrawn because of unsoundness.

Helen Hughes Keen - explained that there were contracts signed by squad members, but the list was published before the contracts were signed and in this instance, the contract was not signed. The selectors can only proceed on the information provided by the riders at the time.

Linda Clarke advised that the matter of timing had been addressed.

Moved: Karen Trotter

Seconded: Helen Hughes-Keen

CARRIED

7.12 Young Rider Reports

South Island: Donny MacLean the South Island Young Rider's representative thanked Prydes Easifeeds for their sponsorship and explained that the SI Camps was open to all young riders.

Moved: Donnie MacLean

Seconded: Anthea Dixon

CARRIED

North Island Young Rider Report

Lynley Schollum was unavailable to present her report.

Betty Brown inquired about the scheduling of the Young Rider classes at the National Championships.

The SM advised that this was a difficult event to schedule and because of the numbers of entries and classes offered. The championships needed to be held earlier to complete the administration necessary to finish the presentations in reasonable time.

The SM explained this had affected one rider but it could have affected other riders if the programme had been altered. It was a one-off situation and was unfortunate and added to the fact that the class in question had only one judge because of the late apology of one judge.

That the situation would be looked at when scheduling the 2015 event

Moved: Karen Trotter

Seconded: Sharon Field

CARRIED

7.14 NI Rider's Representative

Alicia Collin moved the report on behalf of Scott McKenna.

Jane Robertson advised that arena familiarisation referred to in the Report had to be stewarded and although she agreed that it was a good idea, because of the time restraints this is not always feasible.

Judith Matthews wished to record that with regard to the venue of the National Championships, she considers that they should return to the Taupo Equestrian Centre at some point in the future

Moved: Alicia Collin

Seconded: Susan Tomlin

CARRIED

7.15 SI Island Rider's Representative:

Moved: Ali Harper

Seconded: Janelle Sangster-Ward

CARRIED

7.16 Selector's Report:

The Chief Selector, Helen Hughes-Keen presented her report and said she was very pleased with the improvement of the High Performance Riders and was hopeful for a good showing in Rio.

In reply to a question from the floor, it was explained that John Thompson is a rider living in NSW and who competing successfully in Australia in the Small Tour.

Moved: Helen Hughes-Keen

Seconded: Robin Potter

CARRIED

7.17 NEC Taupo; In the absence of Kerry Sixtus the report was presented by Karen Trotter.

Moved: Karen Trotter

Seconded: Judith Matthews

7.18 NEC McLeans Is:

Soo Wells presented her report.

Moved: Soo Wells

Seconded: Robin Haberfield

CARRIED

Jim Ellis advised that he would be reporting on the two Equestrian Centres later in the day.

7.19 SportsManager's Report

The SM presented her report and advised she was pleased to be associated with such a passionate band of people and that this has been a fun year. She really appreciated the South Island's support of the first part of the *Road Show* and was looking forward to continuing with the next parts of the Show.

Moved: Wendy Hamerton

Seconded: Gill Morley

CARRIED

Gill Morley thanked to Wendy for her amazing work for the discipline and this was followed by a warm acclamation.

7.20 Paralympic Report:

Judy Alderdice thanked everybody for their support in her new role.

The SM thanked Judy for working so willingly alongside the Discipline and Celine Filbee also joined in her thanks for her co-operation.

The Chairman advised that squads had yet to be advised, but Jim Ellis advised that the Endurance Team were being sent to WEG, as well as the eventing team. There would be an announcement shortly as to the inclusion or not of Paralympic representation.

Moved: Judy Alderdice

Seconded: Anthea Dixon

CARRIED

8. AGENDA ITEM 8: REMITS**REMIT 8.1****PROPOSED CHANGES TO ESNZ RULES FOR DRESSAGE TO TAKE EFFECT FROM 1 AUGUST 2014****FROM DRESSAGE NZ APRIL PLANNING MEETING****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.

PASSED

NOTES: Grand Prix level freestyle points will count for Level 8, the ESNZ database has been changed to reflect that.

Betty Brown asked clarification from Soo Wells about qualification for entry and downgrading of advanced horses.

The SM explained that there was no compulsion to restrict the entry but this is up to the OCs and their schedule.

Proposed rule changes to ART 478, 2, 2.3 and 2.4.**Change to** : - ART 478 - BRIDLES, NOSE NETS, EAR COVERS & EAR PLUGS

2. Levels 0 - 4 - An ordinary snaffle bridle.

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.

PASSED

Linda Warren asked for her dissenting vote to be recorded because she was concerned about the progression of horses through the grades. The Chairman explained that the rider have been given the option. It is not compulsory.

AGAINST: Linda Warren

PROPOSED: 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.

FAILED

It was agreed: The inclusion of the word **DISCREET** to be added to this Rule:

2.3 Ear covers are allowed. These should be **discreetly** coloured and must not cover the horse's eyes. Stewards should check for ear plugs after the completion of the test if ear covers are worn.

PASSED

The Judges Officer reported that in Australia, New Zealand rules about dress are considered to draconian and she believes that New Zealand should relax the rules about what riders can or cannot wear. The Chairman explained that in her opinion the adoption of dress will be self-policed and no-one will openly flout these rules.

The SM asked would the meeting agree to lobbying the FEI for riding at GP in a snaffle bridle. The same argument would go for the use of spurs (which come under the dress code). Should we be brave and put our thoughts to the FEI?

PASSED

ART 478 Saddlery

Add to the pictures and descriptions of permitted bits – new FEI approved bit.

ART 478 Saddlery

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.



PASSED

Add to ART 480 Dress

Note: Riders should be aware when riding under FEI rules there are a number of differences between DNZ and FEI rules, please check FEI dress rules carefully.

Art 480 . 1 - Breeches and Jodhpurs :- If “full seat” style breeches or jodhpurs are worn, dark colours black, brown or grey are allowed in the “full seat”.

PASSED

Proposed new rules, 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
7. TO BE INCLUDED: In exceptional circumstances, the selectors have the discretion for any final selection. (wording TBC)

PASSED

ART 487

RIDER OR HORSE/PONY INELIGIBILITY FOR EVENTS OR COMPETITIONS AND EVENT ORGANISERS DISCOVERING RESULT MISTAKES.

1. Should a competitor or horse/pony be found to be ineligible for an Event, competition, championship or series from the official start time of the Event, up to and including 60 days after the Event. All prize money, sashes/rosettes and any other prize awards must be returned to the Event OC so they can be redistributed. Any championship, qualifying or series points or scores gained will also be corrected.

Any prizes, series, championship or qualifying points or scores deducted for ineligibility of competitor or horse/pony cannot be regained for that Event or competition even if the reason that caused the disqualification is later rectified and backdated. Any grading points gained will stay on the horse/pony's competition record.

Christine Hartstone asked if there were any costs involved, and if so, could the matter then go to Judicial Committee

Jim Ellis explained the costs involved if this action was taken, however, it is not envisaged that any costs would ensue in the above circumstances.

Stuart Bishell asked if the word "should" should be changed to "may".

The Chairman recommended that the Judicial Committee should be avoided at all costs but that any issues should be addressed between the OC and the competitor personally. She also pointed out that when completing an entry form, the rider is obliged to confirm that the horse is registered.

PASSED

2. Should an Event OC discover at any time from the official start time of the Event up to and including 60 days after the Event, that a mistake has been made in competition results, championships, series or qualifying points or scores awards. They must request any prize money, ribbons and any other awards be returned so they can be redistributed. Any championship, qualifying or series points or scores awarded must also be corrected.

PASSED

REMIT 8.2 RE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS VENUE ROTATION

From Dressage Northland (L Henderson / K Holland)

REMIT:

Dressage Northland propose that the National Championships be fairly distributed to its members rotating between the South Island upper North Island and lower North Island.

FAILED

The Chairman explained that the venue for the Nationals has been discussed at length and it was agreed at the Planning Meeting that if and when a venue becomes available and fulfils the criteria necessary for holding the Nationals, then this will be considered. But at the present time the National Centre at Taupo does not adhere to this criteria.

AGAINST: Kate MacLean, Donny MacLean, Judith Matthews

REMIT 8.3: Re Rider Categories/Restricted & Open Classes
From Dressage Waikato (D Cowen / M Paterson)
Remit: Amendment to Rule 463:

- Encourage participation and success with the introduction of “Open” and “Restricted” rider categories within every class - removing C1 – C9 Rider categories
- We suggest riders can ride in the restricted section of a class if:
 - ✓ The horse does not have more than 30 points at a higher level
 - ✓ The combination has less than 100 pts at the level
 - ✓ The rider has never earned points at competitions 2 levels above

Discussion:

The Chairman clarified that level 1 - 5 riders need to be identified and pointed out that some of the points could not be identified and that although the ideas are sound the wording of the remit would need to be reviewed.

Debra Cowen explained how this system worked in her area and would like to expand this concept. She said it is to encourage participation. The area will continue to schedule more category restricted classes.

The Finance Officer explained that under the current rules this can already be done within the current structure. Does this amendment say that these categories MUST be held?

Debra Cowan said she recognised that increasing the number of classes would be very expensive and if a further remit about the payment of prize monies was tabled this would address the extra expense.

Kate Dodd said it is already difficult to sort out the categories anyway and to add more rules about it would be even more confusing.

Jacqui Thompson agreed that areas have just started understanding the category system and it would be more difficult if it was to be made compulsory.

Janelle Sangster-Ward said that Canterbury has huge classes and the riders support the category concept and really endorse it.

The Chairman said that the concept was good, but it would be difficult to administer. Two areas in the room said that they were not using the system because they did not have the numbers to warrant it.

Gisborne advised that they run an annual category championship which was worked well.

It was agreed: that as the provision of restricted category classes is already in the rules and used by most areas, to make this compulsory is not necessary at this stage. If the category system was introduced at more events it may be that this would promote more participation.

The SM suggested the use of different splits of categories and choosing the best split that best fits the numbers and combinations in the particular area. The data base could be changed to give all details of total points with each particular rider but the cost would be prohibitive.

Soo Wells suggested that the restricted category system could also be introduced at the upper levels at as well.

FAILED
FOR: Debra Cowen

REMIT 8.4 Re Horse Identification Numbers
From Dressage Waikato (D Cowen / M Paterson)
Remit: Amendment to Rule 478:

- **Allow for provision of “Day” Numbers for horses to enable easier identification of the horses in competition and whilst on the grounds**

Debra Cowen spoke to the remit.

The Chairman said that any area could do this if it works for them, but then there must be work done to change the number so as to display the ESNZ number which is converted back from the OC number in order for the data base to be kept up to date and this job would have to be done by the OC. The horse has to be identified so even if a back number is used this would be difficult. .

Jane Robertson said as steward, that even a back number was used as in eventing, it would still be too difficult to recognise from a distance.

Celine Filbee reported that the changing of numbers at every event was a logistical nightmare.

FAILED

FOR: Christine Hartstone and Debra Cowen

REMIT 8.5: Re Prize Money at Regional Events
From Dressage Waikato (D Cowen / M Paterson)
Remit: Amendment to Rule 466:

- **Remove the requirement for Prize Money at Regional Events**

Rationale

Organising committees should have the option of not paying prize money at RE level . This could enable entry fees to be reduced, will reduce requirements for sponsorship to allow events to continue, and reduce stress on organizing committees (particularly in smaller areas) of having to “subsidise” prize money from smaller classes with entry fees from larger classes. With roughly 14% of participants receiving prize money, 86%of competitors will potentially be better off

The Chairman said it was not compulsory to pay prize monies and that OCs could do a mix of classes and not pay prize monies.

The Chairman asked the Zilco representative whether he would require prize monies to be paid. He replied that as a sponsor, an OC can ask for product rather than cash.

Kate Dodd said that local shows can be run without providing prize monies. The market will sort it out.

Nancy Jack said a lot of riders are finding it difficult to compete financially, and if there are no prize monies they will not go to the shows to compete.

Soo Wells pointed out that riders will attend more for the points.

Andrea Raves said that the pinnacle aimed for at the Regional Shows was the prize money.

Christine Hartstone said that their area provides spot prizes instead.

The Chairman said that the concept is that it is allowed at Regional Shows not to pay prize monies then this is at the option of the OCs.

PASSED

12 DISSENTING VOTES

REMIT 8.6 Grading Points

From Dressage Waikato (D Cowen / M Paterson)

Remit: Amendment to Rule 460:

- Review the grading points awarded for % gained
- Proposed points structure:
57-59.99 = 1pt
60-62.99 = 2pts
Thereafter 1pt extra for every 2% rise in score

Debra Cowen spoke to the above remit about adding extra points for higher scores.

FAILED

The Chairman said that the rationale has a valid point but the remit as worded needs to be improved. Suggested that the whole matter of grading points go forward to the Board to be reviewed. However, she added that to raise the points awarded at upper levels would need to be looked at with caution, as it could affect the whole overall grading system.

The SM advised that grading points need to be looked at together the whole system. Administratively this remit would have an impact on people with on-line scoring programmes, and the staff to manually input these points to the data base.

The Chairman suggested that the first part of the remit and the rationale be adopted and leave it to the board to review the grading points system. This would also provide time for it to be put out to the riders. This would mean that it will be reworded and brought forward again.

It was agreed: That a review of the current Grading Points system be left to the Board to consider.

REMIT 8.7: Re Board Members

From Dressage Canterbury (A MacRae / M van der Pol)

Remit: Amendment to Rules for Administration

Term: A board member would be elected for a term of three years and serve a maximum of two terms before being required to stand down. Once off the board for at least one year, the person would again be eligible to stand. Chairman: The Chairman would be elected by the board for a term of two years and be eligible for up to three consecutive two-year terms, limited by his/her term as a board member
To commence the rotation policy in a fair way to enable and retain consistency, in 2015 the two longest serving board members would stand down, and those positions would become available. In 2016, the next two longest serving board members would stand down, and in 2017 one board member would stand down, which will then ensure for the future, the board will always retain a good mix of old and new.

Rationale:

We believe this will best serve the members of Dressage New Zealand and encourage new perspectives that will promote creativity and innovation to move the sport forward

WITHDRAWN

REMIT 8.8: Re Board Members
From Dressage Bay of Plenty (K Hamlett / S Isaac)
Remit: Amendment to Rules for Administration

Members that are elected by the current nomination system to a Board position take on that role for a two year term. At the end of two years they may be re-elected for a further two year term. After three consecutive terms, they must stand down for at least a one year period before being eligible for election for the position they vacate
They may at any time during the 3 terms stand down of their own free will

In the event of no members standing for a position, the Board has the option to appoint a member in the position. The person appointed can only stand for a one year term, and then they may stand for election to return to the position

Rationale:

Rotation of board members provides for continual fresh ideas which enhances the continued improvement of our sport. By adopting the new two year terms it allows any new member sufficient time and stability to grow in their role, it also allows for any other members to be nominated and elected for the position if they feel the current person is not suitable. The ability to continue for up to six years seamlessly allows the board to retain continuity in vision and direction. By capping the Board tenure to a 3 x 2 year term, it allows other members to step forward and also for current board members to try for other positions within the board. The one year stand down period after six consecutive years will necessitate the introduction of “new blood”

Kellie Hamlett spoke to the remit about adopting a three-year rotation for Board Members so as to bring in new ideas and fresh blood every 6 years. It is not proposed to get old people out, but to bring in new people.

The Chairman explained that this was an administrative board, and it would also be important that “new blood” is introduced to the Committee.

Lynda Clarke agreed that a two-by-three year rotation has its merits.

The Chairman said currently that it was a year by year tenure. This would need to be staggered to continue the maintenance of expertise. The wording therefore would need to be tweaked to reflect this.

Kate Dodd suggested that this needed to be considered in conjunction with the paper on the table about Governance written by Scott McKenna. The paper is looking at the structure of the Board which is a portfolio based board rather than purely governance board. She considered this should be considered professionally and a more careful consideration be made before rushing through this.

It was pointed out that two Board positions are appointed by a panel, and three positions and the Chair are elected. If finances are to be kept in house as it should be considered that FO should be an appointment rather than election, and needs to be an accountant.

Lynda Clarke spoke to the composition of the Board with all the options available.

It was recommended:

That this remit be withdrawn so that it can be recommended that this be considered in conjunction with the Report on Governance and the concept is accepted in principle.

Any remit about the change in administration cannot be changed but only become a recommendation to be considered at the next AGM.

HELD UNTIL COMMITTEE



Committee Meeting

Copthorne Airport Commodore Hotel |- Christchurch

9.15 am | Sunday 29 June 2014

DRAFT MINUTES

Delegates & Committee

Northland	Judith Matthews
Waitemata	Robin Potter
Auckland	Betty Brown
Waikato	Debra Cowen
Bay of Plenty	Sally Isaac
Gisborne	Sue Harris
Nth Hawkes Bay	Gill Morley
Sth Hawkes Bay	Sharon Field
Taihape	Susan Tomlin for Bernice Frost
Central Districts	Susan Tomlin
Taranaki	Dana Haszard
Wellington	Jacqui Thompson
Wairarapa	Wendy Jeffery
Nelson	Jody MacDonald
Marlborough	Janelle Sangster-Ward
Canterbury	Aubrey McRae
Ashburton	Glenys Blain
SCNO	Stuart Bishell for Marty Pow
Otago	Kate Dodd for Hielke de Graaf
Southland	Mary Davis
Nth Is Rider Rep	Alicia Collin for Scott McKenna
Sth Is Rider Rep	Allie Harper
Chair of Selectors	Helen Hughes-Keen

Observers:

Marlene Parkinson, Celine Filbee, Judy Alderdice, Nicola Essex, Andrea Raves, Kate MacLean, Diane Rawlinson, Christine Hartstone, Liz Hutson, Kellie Hamlett, Helen Boyd, Agnes Irwin, Judy Collin, Gill Usher, Tiny White, Jude Greenslade, Chris Lovelady, Linda Warren-Davey, Donny MacLean,

In attendance:

Wendy Hamerton (Sport Manager/Secretary)
Jan Bird (Minute Secretary)

Apologies:

Chris Hodson (ESNZ Chair), Nick Pike (ESNZ Board) Marcia Bayley, Michelle Paterson, Rose Prendeville, Marty Pow, Bernice Frost

1. Confirmation of Minutes

Of a meeting of the Dressage NZ committee, held on 16 & 17 April 2014, having been circulated (by email, amended and attached to this agenda) be confirmed as a true and correct record.
Please note amendment to previously circulated document

Moved: Janelle Sangster-Ward

Seconded: Jody McDonald

CARRIED

Matters Arising

- a. **Fly Hoods / Ear Covers** : The FEI had advised it is a stewards decision if fly hoods may be worn outdoors in warm up for an FEI indoor competition

2. General Business not on the Agenda

None

3. Correspondence

Submission from Dana Haszard re Masters Competition (Referred to GB)

4. Matters Referred from Board 27/6/14

The Chairman reported up to 4 NZ Stewards were being supported attend a stewards course in Sydney Australia in October

New fees: EZNZ proposed fees noted

Pony Riders will be paying more due to ESNZ structure because no Junior

Membership in new model

A vaulting team has qualified to go to WEG. Fund raising has enabled them to travel and they will be borrowing a team horse and training and competing in Europe prior to WEG . [\$70,000 to be raised to fund the trip]

Dressage has donated \$750 towards their fundraising efforts and will invite the team to do a display at the Bates Nationals in 2015

\$1,000.00 is being granted towards the travel of judges to the South Island Championships

The National Challenge Finals will be held in the SI in a one in three rotation beginning 2015 from level 1-8. Level 9 will be held at the NCH. This to be reviewed for 2018

Betty Brown queried a Statute of Limitations be placed on rider categories with a time limit defining the rider category.

The SM explained that this would be difficult to verify leading to was confusion and confirmed currently there is no statute of limitation relating to the rider categories.

6. Election of Officers

The Chairman thanked everyone for their support but said she was willing to step down if anyone was willing to take her place and she would give them as much support as possible in their role.

CHAIRMAN

Karen Trotter

Moved: Liz Hutson

Seconded: Debra Cowan

ELECTED

FINANCE OFFICER

Sara Bright

Moved: Karen Trotter

Seconded: Linda Clarke

ELECTED

TECHNICAL OFFICER (RULES)

No Nominations

The Chairman advised that there were no nominations and asked that the Meeting leave the matter with the Board to seek nominations

That the Board be given the permission of the meeting to co-opt a suitable candidate in the interim.

Moved: Robin Potter

Seconded: Judith Matthews

RULES SUB-COMMITTEE

Elisha Norrie

ELECTED

Rose Prendeville

WITHDRAWN

JUDGES OFFICER

Sue Hobson

Moved: Lynda Clarke

Seconded: Stuart Bishell

ELECTED

JUDGES SUB-COMMITTEE (2)

Jan Bird

WITHDRAWN

Michelle Paterson

ELECTED

Linda Warren-Davey

Moved: Janelle Sangster-Ward

Seconded: Aubrey McCrae

ELECTED

9. General Business

- i. **2014/15 Calendar** Noted with changes – still not final
- ii. **April Planning Forum 2015** 15/16 April 2015 (Wellington)
- iii. **Conference 2015** Rotorua 27/28 June 2015
An expression of interest for 2016 was received from Dana Haszard (Taranaki), to be confirmed.
- iv. **National Sponsors 2014/15**
The Sports Manager reported on the current sponsorship agreements for the coming season's events and thanked them for their continued participation..

Andrea Raves asked that her sponsorship of the Level 8 Challenge be named as "The Fetterman Challenge"

The SM thanked Andrea for her sponsorship and Zilco were to match this sponsorship for Level 8. She asked that the areas do not disadvantage the higher level classes by adjusting the prize monies because of the lack of entries in some areas.

The SM spoke about the provision of information to all areas by way of USB stick and Drop Box to enable the sponsors to be fully recognised. She asked areas which method was the most favoured.

Julie Malcolm explained that by using drop box enabled the information to be instantly updated and available to areas. Those wishing to understand more about the use of drop-box were asked to join Julie and Karen for a quick introduction about how to use this programme.

The SM asked areas for instructions as to who to send the USB stick to in the area. There are maybe a few gaps in the sponsorship portfolio but she was optimistic that further proposals may be accepted.
- v. **Performance Awards 2014/15** Report from Sport Manager
The SM advised that she was awaiting confirmation proposals back from Fibre- Freshin relation to the Young Rider Performance Awards

Proposal attached for Masters Series

Dana Haszard spoke to her paper on the Master's Challenge advocating the introduction of a new series and formalised as a National series. It may be possible to include categories within the series. Maybe we could provide 4 different prizes, say 2 per island through results submitted.

The SM said she felt that \$150.00 per area would fund this venture in the absence of a sponsor, and would involve say 8 sashes.

It was agreed: in principle that this series would a most worthwhile adjunct to the National Series.

Betty Brown offered that All-in-Flex would sponsor a Masters Series being a good fit for the product Thanks was given for this support.

vi. Elite Equine Young Dressage Horse Championship

Linda Warren-Davey put forward her proposal for 14/15 Young Dressage Horse Championship
The SM suggested that at Nationals this competition should be judged by top/international/foreign judges.

Sue Hobson reported that 6 judges passed the YDH exam in Australia. These would be capable of judging with Foreign judges to gain more experience. The judging of these classes is very different from judging normal classes.

Linda Warren-Davey envisaged that YDH should be introduced in classes at local and regional shows.

Marlene Parkinson suggested that there needed to be prize money to 4th place rather than just the winner. Entry fees would be for each test.

Sue Hobson advised that she will prepare a list of the names of appropriate judges for the YDH that can be used or the judging of this class.

It was agreed that there be 2 YDH tests at the NCH & ICH and that the FEI tests be adopted for the second round.

REMITs from Conference to Committee

REMIT 8.1

That the words "For the 2013/14 season" be deleted, so the rule becomes a permanent DR rule.

NOTE: Grand Prix level freestyle points will count for Level 8, the ESNZ database has been changed to reflect that.

Sara Bright said that a Level 8 freestyle test has now been adopted

PASSED

REMIT 8.2 RE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS VENUE ROTATION

From Dressage Northland (L Henderson / K Holland)

Dressage Northland propose that the National Championships be fairly distributed to its members rotating between the South Island upper North Island and lower North Island.

FAILED

REMIT 8.3: Re Rider Categories/Restricted & Open Classes

From Dressage Waikato (D Cowen / M Paterson)

Remit: Amendment to Rule 463:

Encourage participation and success with the introduction of "Open" and "Restricted" rider categories within every class - removing C1 - C9 Rider categories

FAILED

Note: Event Schedules should be very clear to assist riders understand the eligibility for any restricted or rider category classes

REMIT 8.4 Re Horse Identification Numbers
From Dressage Waikato (D Cowen / M Paterson)
Remit: Amendment to Rule 478:

- Allow for provision of “Day” Numbers for horses to enable easier identification of the horses in competition and whilst on the grounds

FAILED

- Note: The use of any bridle numbers **MUST** revert back to the ESNZ registered number to enable the results **Soo Wells** advised that the musicals could be excluded to horses.

The Chairman stressed that the remit only includes that it become a permanent rule. However, the Board will take into consideration the concern of the meeting about the 6/7 and 8/9 split in musicals..

PASSED

ART 478 Saddlery

2. BRIDLES, NOSE NETS, EAR COVERS & EAR PLUGS

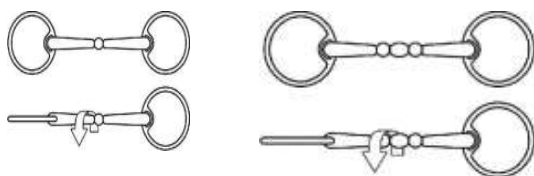
An ordinary snaffle or simple double bridle as laid down in the test. Simple double bridles are optional for Levels 5 – 9 **except** for the FEI tests where a simple double bridle, or as stated in the test must be used

2. 3 Ear covers are allowed. These should be discreetly coloured and must not cover the horse’s eyes.

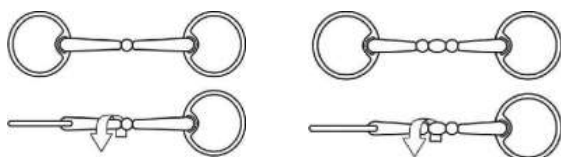
PASSED

ART 478 Saddlery

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.



PASSED

Add to ART 480 Dress

Note: Riders should be aware when riding under FEI rules there are a number of differences between DNZ and FEI rules, please check FEI dress rules carefully.

Art 480 . 1 - Breeches and Jodhpurs :- If “full seat” style breeches or jodhpurs are worn, dark colours black, brown or grey are allowed in the “full seat”.

PASSED

Proposed new rules, add to CHAPTER IV Participation

ART 486: Minimum Performance for Riders Competing in Foreign FEI events

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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
7. **Should a combination has not achieved the above criteria**, , the selectors have the discretion for any final selection.

The Chairman explained the background to this remit.

PASSED

ART 487

RIDER OR HORSE/PONY INELIGIBILITY FOR EVENTS OR COMPETITIONS AND EVENT ORGANISERS DISCOVERING RESULT MISTAKES.

1. Should a competitor or horse/pony be found to be ineligible for an Event, competition, championship or series from the official start time of the Event, up to and including 60 days after the Event. All prize money, sashes/rosettes and any other prize awards must be returned to the Event OC so they can be redistributed. Any championship, qualifying or series points or scores gained will also be corrected.

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REWORDED TO READ:

2. Should an Event OC discover at any time from the official start time of the Event up to and including 60 days after the Event, that a mistake has been made in competition results, championships, series or qualifying points or scores awards. They **may** request any prize money, ribbons and any other awards be returned so they can be redistributed. Any championship, qualifying or series points or scores awarded must also be corrected.

PASSED

REMIT 8.5: Re Prize Money at Regional Events
From Dressage Waikato (D Cowen / M Paterson)
Remit: Amendment to Rule 466:

- **Remove the requirement for Prize Money at Regional Events**

PASSED

AGAINST: Janelle Sangster-wrd, Mary Davis, Marlene Parkinson.

REMIT 8.6 Grading Points

From Dressage Waikato (D Cowen / M Paterson)

Remit: Amendment to Rule 460:

- Review the grading points awarded for % gained

FAILED

FAILED but agreed in principle to review grading system and points awarded with a view to rewarding higher %
Note: The Board has taken note of this remit. The Board will review the grading points of percentage gained.

REMIT 8.8: Re Board Members

From Dressage Bay of Plenty (K Hamlett / S Isaac)

Remit: Amendment to Rules for Administration

Members that are elected by the current nomination system to a Board position take on that role for a two year term. At the end of two years they may be re-elected for a further two year term.

After three consecutive terms, they must stand down for at least a one year period before being eligible for election for the position they vacate

FAILED as written but agreed in principle that the concept of fixed / longer term board term tenures be considered as part of the governance and administrative review and By -Law 17 Rules for Administration

WITHDRAWN

Jody MacDonald stated that everyone is a volunteer and can stand for office, especially if there were no new nominations coming forward.

The Chairman advised that this remit would be a constitutional rule change and couldn't go forward until the AGM next year to come into force the following year.

In light of the review of the general governance to be undertaken in August this year, this matter will be addressed in conjunction with the whole structure of the Board.

The SM said that care needed to be taken in any change of rule, which could impact on any change of structure of the Board. She agreed that it needs to be considered at that time. The review would be undertaken by the existing review panel, Robin Haberfield, Scott McKenna, Jim Ellis, the Board and an independent adviser.

Sharon Field stated that the present system allows anyone to stand for the role of Chairman, they simply had to stand for office and the members would make their decision with their votes accordingly.

The Chairman said she was quite happy to stand down if there was a suitable candidate who wished to stand for election. She also stated that the role of the Finance officer needs to be "appointed" as a member of the Board to ensure the person elected had the appropriate financial qualifications.

It was agreed:

That the remit with regard to a change in the administration to allow for rotation of Board positions was withdrawn with the premise that the issue of rotation and time of tenure be assessed in conjunction with the Governance Review to be conducted in August this year.

Full discussion on the processes in place about the Governance Review and change of rules took place. The discussion included the format of running of our meetings and the costs involved and provision of AGA's throughout the country each year.

The meeting was asked to look at the flow chart showing the consultative process as it presently exists.

The SM spoke to her Discussion Paper on the format and timing of the Conference, AGM and the Committee Meeting format, including the procedure for submitting remits and decision making. She made the comment that time for the submission of remits needs to be earlier which would facilitate the streamlining the process.

Gill Morley said that the provision of all the remits on line prior to the Planning Meeting and Conference was well received by her Area committee to get a full understanding of what was going to be discussed. Then the discussion at the meeting then became more robust.

Debra Cowan agreed that remits coming through to the Planning Meeting would give ample time to report to areas and be able to give a real robust input to members prior to decisions being made at the Committee Meeting prior to the AGA.

The Chairman explained how much the sport had moved on and how professional the organisation had become, but the processes needed streamlining.

The SM said that with remits coming through prior to the Planning Meeting this would preclude the discussions becoming so protracted. The way the structure is in place at present it means that the technical committee is formed by the whole committee rather than a purely technical committee to make the decisions with regard to rules and technical issues and the committee and Conference can then concentrate on a more overall view of the sport.

The Chairman made the undertaking to come back before the end of the Year with the recommendations of the Governance Review. She stressed that any experts and professional input would be brought in to enable the full review to be undertaken. ESNZ also would provide expertise where necessary

This would include the following issues.

GOVERNANCE REVIEW and STRATEGIC PLAN

- Board and delegate tenure and rotation
- Board and Committee Structure of powers
- Strategic Plan priorities etc.
- Review of the grading points system
- AGA/Committee format
- Procedures and remits / Decision making

The Chairman said that most topics had been discussed and asked Committee members for any questions.

The Chairman thanked members for their attendance and wished them a safe trip home.

The meeting closed at 1.30pm.

CHANGES TO ESNZ RULES FOR DRESSAGE



EFFECTIVE 1 AUGUST 2014

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.

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

1 **Local and Regional Events:** Any prize monies will be at the discretion of the Organizing Committee and MUST be published in the schedule. **Prize money is not obligatory at Local and Regional Events.**

ART 478 - BRIDLES, NOSE NETS, EAR COVERS & EAR PLUGS

2. Levels 0 - 4 - An ordinary snaffle bridle.

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.

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Add to the pictures and descriptions of permitted bits

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