



DRESSAGE CONFERENCE MINUTES 2015

Apologies:

Vicki Glynn (ESNZ CEO), Jane Robertson (Dressage Chief Steward), Donny MacLean (SI YR Convenor) Mura Love, Jacqui Winspear, Avril Semmens, Michelle Paterson, Vaughn Cooper, Louisa Hill, Jody Hartstone, Bill Noble, Julia Fraser, Sharon Field

In attendance:

Wendy Hamerton (Sport Manager/Secretary)

Celine Filbee (Event Manger / Marketing Asst)

Jess Roberts acted as Minute Secretary

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

of the 57th Annual Dressage Conference, held on Saturday 28 June 2014 at the Hotel Copthorne Commodore, Christchurch, having been circulated, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Moved: Gill Morley

Seconded: Susan Tomlin

Carried

No matters arising:

3. GENERAL BUSINESS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

4. CORRESPONDENCE

None

5. MEET THE DRESSAGE BOARD & SUB – COMMITTEES 2015 /16
The Chair notified and introduced the following appointed and candidates for election the following day's committee meeting

Chairman	Karen Trotter
Finance Officer	Sara Bright
Rules	Genevieve Denize
Rules Sub-Committee (1 of 2)	Alicia Collin
	Elisha McCarty
Judges Officer	Sue Hobson
Judges Sub-committee (2 of 3)	Linda Warren-Davey
	Michelle Paterson
	Mura Love
Training & Development	Lynda Clark (re appointed from 28 June 2015)
Marketing	Kat Macmillan (appointed from 28 June 2015)

6. DELEGATES & COMMITTEE 2015 / 2016 YEAR

Young Rider Development Convenor:

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

ESNZ Equestrian Centre Representatives
ESNZ AGA Dressage Delegates

SI: Soo Wells NI: Debbie /Peter Barke
Board plus 3 members TBC

Area Delegates & Riders Representatives - The following area delegates and committee members were confirmed .

(N) = New delegate

Northland	Judith Matthews	Wellington	Rosanne Rix (N)
Waitemata	Robin Potter	Wairarapa	Wendy Jeffrey
Auckland	Betty Brown	Nelson	Wendy Sowerby (N)
Waikato	Debra Cowen	Marlborough	Janelle Sangster-Ward
Bay of Plenty	Sally Isaac	Canterbury	Aubrey McRae
Gisborne	Sue Harris	Ashburton	Nicola Sim (N)
Nth Hawkes Bay	Gill Morley	Sth Cant/Nth Otago	Marty Pow (N)
Sth Hawkes Bay	Sharon Field	Otago	Kate Dodd (N)
Taihape	Bernice Frost	Southland	Mary Davis
Central Districts	Susan Tomlin	Nth Is Rider Rep	Alicia Collin (N)
Taranaki	Dana Haszard	Sth Is Rider Rep	Allie Harper
		Chair of Selectors	Helen Hughes-Keen

Substitutes at the meeting: Sue Hobson for Sharon Field

7. ANNUAL REPORTS

7.1 Chair: Karen Trotter

Feels that attitude at shows is getting more positive, there is a social side to it and something that you do because you are passionate about it. Having the talks and social evenings in the areas - this is the way to go forward in today's environment. Karen credited the board for their contribution and expressed that she thoroughly enjoys working with them. Kat MacMillan was welcomed, and looks forward to developing and marketing dressage. Feel as though with our scores, breeding programme etc that NZ is on the verge of exciting things and really looks forward to coming season.

Moved - Karen Trotter

Seconded - Leonie Coker

7.2 Finance: Sara Bright (YTD May tabled at meeting)

Sara noted it has been a difficult year having lost the Lion Foundation funding but that's indicative of situation for many sports regarding Trust Funding . We did finish the year slightly ahead of budget in spite of this change in historical funding . Test books will probably not be changed for another 3-4 years so there will not be this large chunk of income for at least another couple of years, which accounts for discrepancies in annual earnings, being reflective of last years large volume of test book sales (as tests changed). Test Book sales had exceeded expectations.

Moved - Sara Bright

Seconded - Andrea Raves

7.3 Marketing: Julie Malcolm

Julie welcomed Kat Macmillan to the board marketing role and outlined the year activities

Moved - Julie Malcolm

Seconded - Elisha McCarty

7.4 Event Manager: Celine Filbee

Celine suggested conducting another survey around Young Rider Championships given the one earlier this year had a great response rate. She noted the Sport Manager would be happy to answer any questions around the survey. Celine noted she is unlikely to be available for HOY 2016.

Moved - Karen Trotter

Seconded - Judy Collin

7.5 WDC Event Manager: Wendy Hamerton (Sport Manager)

The SM noted this was another successful event. It is a very expensive event to run but at that same time very important in development of riders - for many being the first experience of competition run under FEI rules, learning to trot-up horses etc). It is smaller so don't need as many judges etc but still a "volunteer / resource heavy" for a limited number of riders and not so easy to secure sponsors. Next one will be Tue 25 November in Canterbury. Will be full arena familiarization etc the day prior and selectors will be looking closely at form leading up to the event in respect of choosing the NZ team. This could be the last year for the WDC in its current format. FEI looking to link it more closely to their coaching programme but the new format is still to be approved by the FEI Dressage committee . NZ is a strong supporter of the Challenge.

Moved - Wendy Hamerton

Seconded - Gill Morley

7.6 Horse of the Year Show: Chris Paston

Chris was not present at the conference but her report noted the bumpy start to HOY with the storm but ended well, everyone pulled together and considers this years show to be one of the best. The wonderful job Chris does at this event was noted.

Moved - Karen Trotter

Seconded - Gill Morley

- 7.7 Rules: Genevieve Denize**
By being away from the sport for last 20 years, Genevieve noted she has been able to look at the rules with fresh eyes – she wants to make it easier for people to be in the sport. Really passionate about dressage - excited to be able to provide professional expertise. A good time for her to invest in the administration of the sport.
Moved - Genevieve Denize **Seconded - Elisha McCarty**
- 7.8 Judges: Sue Hobson**
The Judges sub committee has promoted Mary Craine to List 1 status, noting the respect Mary has within the sport. The JSC plans to keep mentors and educators as a small group - 2 new mentors NI Robin Potter and Margs Carline, SI Barbara Chalmers and Tracey Johnson. The JSC encourages trainers, riders, everybody to attend judging clinics which keeps the sport together - keeps everyone together. Sue requested that areas please support their judges' attendance, and thanked Linda Warren-Davy and Michelle Paterson as they all work together as a great team.
Moved - Sue Hobson **Seconded - Andrea Raves**
- 7.9 Chief Steward: Jane Robertson** (refer pages 13/14 of the Minutes for the full report which was not included in the agenda)
Two stewards added to our FEI list, passed their exam in Sydney (Murray and Karen Anderson)
- 7.10 Training & Development: Lynda Clark**
Lynda noted squad announcement should be within next week, and acknowledged time spent with Board, as been a real year of activity.
Moved - Lynda Clark **Seconded - Rosanne Rix**
- 7.11 ESNZ High Performance: Sarah Dalziel**
Sarah was not able to attend conference. The Chair noted she has taken over role from Sarah Harris. Isobel Wessels (5* dressage judge UK) has been secured by ESNZ High Performance for 2 visits to NZ over the next year, hoping to incorporate judges and riders forums into her visits
Moved - Karen Trotter **Seconded - Judy Collin**
- 7.12 Young Rider Convenors: Donny MacLean (SI) & Lynley Schollum (NI)**
The YR Convenors were not in attendance. These volunteers run the YR Dressage camps which are very sought after and productive. Both have put their names forward again to run the camps
Moved - Karen Trotter **Seconded - Andrea Raves**
- 7.13 NI Rider Representative: Scott McKenna**
Scott's report was noted
Moved - Alicia Collin **Seconded - Debra Cowen**
- 7.14 SI Rider Representative: Allie Harper**
Allie noted that although there is an annual riders meeting, concerns are not just to be reserved for these meetings and riders can approach the Riders Reps at any time during the year
Moved - Allie Harper **Seconded - Mary Davis**
- 7.15 Selectors: Helen Hughes-Keen / Robin Haberfield and Avril Semmens**
Helen Hughes -Keen noted that Robin Haberfield had been tasked with producing the 2015 selectors report and has summarized the year very well. It has been exciting times since High Performance squads were created with Penny Castle getting over 70% in Grand Prix at HOY, and for Julie Brougham to beat Mary Hanna's freestyle record with 76.02% was incredibly exciting. Very strong competition in May (over 30 combinations in GP) at Sydney and we represented ourselves well.
Moved - Karen Trotter **Seconded - Helen Hughes-Keen**

7.16 NEC Taupo: Debbie Barke

Peter Barke represented dressage on that committee this year. The indoor school is priority - funding is an issue but they are very committed. \$500,000 has been verbally promised to the project. The new covered yards have been well received and has been totally paid for by funding and sponsorship. Still have issues with non-payment for use and people leaving them in a dirty state. But a better system being put in place to address this.

Moved - Debbie Barke

Seconded - Judith Matthews

7.17 NEC McLeans Is: Soo Wells

Karen thanked Soo Wells for her contribution as the Dressage NZ rep on the McLeans Island committee.

Aubrey McRae stated Canterbury Dressage are unhappy regarding some management activities at McLeans Island. A Harrison Lane quote came back at \$850,000 for covered yards - seems that they (MI cte) are out of touch not getting a SI company to give them a quote. Finding it hard to get facilities improved, and have trouble getting a response. Karen Trotter asked Aubrey to email concerns which she will act on on DNZ/Dressage Canterbury's response.

Moved - Karen Trotter

Seconded - Cushla Cain

7.18 Dressage Sport Manager: Wendy Hamerton

Wendy noted the record breaking year achieved by dressage. Across the disciplines there has been a lot of discussion around new HOY date. She considers an earlier HOY date brings us an opportunity to change our thinking around our competition season/s - gives us opportunity to virtually have 2 seasons - a summer, and an autumn/winter/spring season. Need to look to the future and look at every opportunity when change occurs - including this year working with Mystery Creek and Equidays who have secured Susie Hoevenaars and Peter Holler. This is going to be a great partnership that dressage can utilize. She considers we need to form partnerships as DNZ does not have the finances or manpower to offer more a lot more individually at the moment, so it is really worth going the extra mile to develop relationships and alliances that can benefit the sport through shared resource.

Moved - Wendy Hamerton

Seconded - Judy Collin

REMITTS

8.1 FROM: Dressage Waitemata. Re compulsory Horse ID tag info at events

Heather Hilder stated rationale was to take out the word 'preferable' so that ID contact phone numbers are compulsory for ease of contacting horse owner without necessarily having to contact the organizing committee.

It was unanimously agreed to accept this remit to go forward to committee for ratification it being a positive step re the welfare of the horse

Moved – Robin Potter/ Waitemata

CARRIED

8.2 FROM: Dressage AMDG. Re Masters Age (CM)

Betty Brown – noted that as a sponsor of All-In-Flex Masters League, the rationale was to lower the eligibility age to 50yrs to include more riders, an incentive to keep older riders in the sport. There had been some complaints about being a considered a master at 50 (!) but it is optional to compete in Masters League.

A healthy debate ensued about what the age should be.

Feedback with the age in the survey noted there are a good number of riders in the 49-55 age group.

After speaking to a few riders Linda Warren-Davy said all thought 55+ was an appropriate bracket for Masters League. Debbie Barke: are we, by lowering it, putting off the older riders -ie- 60+ riders

Genevieve Denize stated consistency of rules is the key. In her view there is no question that there needs to be consolidation of the age. What is the consequence of increasing or decreasing the age? The survey results - opportunities for camaraderie, competition against your peers, there could be tiers within that competition. Her view is you are taking out a group of people if the 55 age is retained but it could be balanced by having tiers. Geraldine Kawabe stated her view of taking it down to 50 means she has to compete against people in their riding prime, and she is 68, and would probably not enter the League if the age was lowered to 50.

Karen Trotter – noted with delegates that if an area feels the need to create a class for older riders at your own show then that can be done under your own conditions. But on a national level it needs to be kept very simple.

That the Rider category CM be amended to 50yrs

Moved - Betty Brown

Seconded - Debra Cowen

It agreed to accept this remit to go forward to committee for ratification

Against - Rosanne Rix, Linda Warren-Davy, Aubrey McRae, Tracey Johnson, Vicki Reid, Geraldine Kawabe, Lyn Brown

8.3 FROM: Dressage NZ. Rule Changes ex Planning Meeting & misc amendments

Refer to pages 6 - 12

9. EQUESTRIAN SPORTS NZ REPORTS

ESNZ High Performance Manager Report (S Dalziel)

This report was noted and accepted

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

All deferred to Sunday committee owing to time restraints. Refer to Committee Minutes

10.1 From Dressage Board & Review SC. Page 53

Consultation re proposed amendments to By-Law 17

10.2 Dressage Growth Plan update

10.3 Sport Manager Presentation to FEI President

10.3 Young Dressage Horse Discussion Paper (L Warren – Davey)

8.3 From Dressage NZ Rules Officer: June 2015

Article number	Current Article Wording /Issue with Article	Proposed Change	Comments
Chapter 11 Judging, Scoring and Classification	Refer to ESNZ GR 152	Refer to ESNZ GR 135	There has been a change to the GR number - all agreed
Art 440.1	<i>"...highest level their grading List allows"</i>	Remove "grading"	No such term - all agreed
Preamble to Dressage Rules		Include reference to applying FEI rules in circumstances where our ESNZ Gen regs and/or Dressage NZ rules are silent	All agreed
Art 445.3 (page 40)	There is duplication of art 446	Remove the duplication	Appears to be an editing mistake All agreed
Art 446.1	<i>"In all competitions (but see Article 447)"</i>	<i>Subject to Article 448, in all competitions...</i>	Current rule refers to the wrong article number and is not clearly worded. All agreed
Art 447	Additional spacing	Remove additional spacing	Drafting error All agreed
Art 450	<i>"The Judges will not take into account conformation of the horse"</i>	<i>"Unless it is a requirement of the class of competition, the conformation of the horse is not to be taken into account when judged in competition"</i>	All agreed
Art 451	<i>"The President of the Jury"</i>	Proposal to take FEI wording taken from Eventing discipline, as it	Appears to be a new term - no context All agreed
Art 451.7	<i>"fall of horse"</i>	Requires definition - proposal to take FEI wording consistent with other disciplines (Eventing - shoulder touching ground) esp as it is a horse welfare issue.	All agreed
Art 451.9	<i>"...20 seconds is punished by elimination"</i>	<i>"...20 seconds will result in elimination"</i>	Generally Art 451 is untidy and requires general re-formatting and numbering - All agreed
Art 452.1.		Need to include Int A and B	All agreed
Art 452.4	<i>"...in the usual way (Article 451.2)".</i>	<i>"...in the usual way (Article 451)"</i>	Remove ".2". All agreed
Art 455		Needs tidying – prefer reference to table and needs inclusion of penalty for carrying whip with incorrect length	Will continue work on this article. All agreed that incorrect whip length in test results in elimination, not penalty

Art 463.1		Update to include Community Membership	All agreed
Art 463.2.2	Eligibility of riders	Requires clarification so no inadvertent exclusion	All agreed
Art 463.3	Maximum age for pony riders	This entire art is ambiguous and not the same as other disciplines.	Consider revamping and making consistent with showjumping/showing then easier for premier shows such as HOY. All agreed
Art 479.1		479.1 Recommend that the reference to "FEI tests" is deleted and the rule amended to reflect that a whip may not be carried in any Level 6-9 tests, including FEI tests at Prix St Georges and above. That 479.1 be separated into two paras - one about which tests, and the other about the length.	Lack of clarity in present rule. Agreed in principle. RO to reword
Art 481 And Art 478.1.1	Commercial Logos	Currently not consistent with ESNZ gen regs	Needs tidying. We need to make sure we are protecting integrity of brands because we need sponsors - a very important area. All agreed
General Changes	Update references to NF to ESNZ		All agreed
	Check all referencing to other articles, rules and gen regs is correct		All agreed
	Bit diagrams require updating	To be consistent with FEI rules	All agreed
Art 476	<i>Catch weight will apply in all Dressage competitions</i>	?? is this still appropriate	All agreed to delete

From Dressage NZ Rules Officer: Dress Code Rules

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It is proposed that the following table be incorporated into our Dressage NZ rules to govern dress when riders compete. It is intended that members consider the table and provide any feedback prior to conference on 27 June 2015.

	PROPOSED NEW DRESS RULE FOR EVENTS RUN UNDER DRESSAGE NZ RULES					
	Hat	Jacket	Boots	Shirt/Stock	Jodhpurs/Breeches	Gloves
<p>**Training Events & non graded Competitions</p> <p>Graded Levels 1 to 5</p>	<p>A properly fitted, securely fastened, correctly maintained helmet meeting the following standards MUST be worn at all times when mounted on the Event grounds, and must comply with one of the following standards: PAS 015 (British Standard) BSEN 1384 (joint British/European Standard) EN 1384 (European Standard) AS/NZS 3838 (joint Australia/New Zealand Standard) ASTM F1163 (American Standard)</p>	<p>Short Jacket/coat</p> <p>** Pony Club or Riding Club uniform may be worn at TE & non-graded events up to Level 3</p> <p>OC may give permission for rain jackets to be worn</p> <p>Club may specify dress code at TE & NG competitions</p>	<p>Long Boots or Jodhpur Boots</p> <p>If gaiters are worn they must be same colour as the jodhpur boots.</p> <p>Suede chapettes are not allowed</p> <p>Add: with the exception of unregistered/non-graded days</p>	<p>Stock or tie/choker collar</p> <p>If permission is given by OC to ride without jackets owing to weather conditions, then a long or short sleeves shirt and an appropriately pinned down stock, tie or choker collar must be worn</p> <p>Commonsense with a view to inclusion - all agreed</p>	<p>white, off-white, light canary, banana, light grey or beige jodhpurs or breeches</p> <p>If “full seat” style breeches or jodhpurs are worn, dark colours black, brown or grey are allowed in the “full seat”</p>	<p>Optional</p>

	Hat	Jacket	Boots	Shirt/Stock	Jodhpurs/Breeches	Gloves
Level 6 to GP	<p>A properly fitted, securely fastened, correctly maintained helmet meeting the following standards MUST be worn at all times when mounted on the Event grounds, and must comply with one of the following standards: PAS 015 (British Standard) BSEN 1384 (joint British/European Standard) EN 1384 (European Standard) AS/NZS 3838 (joint Australia/New Zealand Standard) ASTM F1163 (American Standard); or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A rider 18 years and over may wear top hat or bowler which must be black, dark blue, or the same dark colour as the jacket. They should be plain with only minor decoration such as a plain ribbon band round the crown of a top hat or bowler. (Ribbon the same colour as the hat). Note: In Europe/UK they have removed the safety standard EN1384 that does not mean that they are illegal in NZ - there is no change. We follow NZ Safety Standards. 	<p>Black or dark jacket/coat OR black or dark tail coat</p> <p>* *Dark is defined as those colours within the international HSV colour scale with a “v” value less than 32%. Colours with a “v” value greater than 32% may be approved on application to the FEI. Colours approved by the FEI will be approved by Dressage NZ on proof of FEI approval.</p> <p>OC may give permission for rain jackets to be worn</p>	<p>Long Boots black or same colour as jacket</p>	<p>Stock or tie</p> <p>If permission is given by OC to ride without jackets owing to weather conditions, then a long or short sleeves shirt and an appropriately pinned down stock or tie must be worn</p>	<p>White or off-white breeches</p> <p>If “full seat” style breeches or jodhpurs are worn, dark colours black, brown or grey are allowed in the “full seat”</p>	<p>White, off white or same colour as jacket</p> <p>All agreed</p>

Service Dress Uniform dress (military, police etc) is allowed, with permission to the rider from the service concerned, from Level 6 and above. ESNZ and DNZ safety helmet rules will apply, uniform caps/hats may only be worn by riders 18 years and over from level 6 and above.					
Side-Saddle	Rules as above depending on level ridden	Aside riders may wear an apron which should be the same colour as the jacket.			Dark coloured breeches/jodhpurs are allowed

Dressage Steward Generals Report 2015 Conference

Jane Roberston

With this season Steward General's report I would like to begin by thanking all our hard working stewards for their efforts and dedication to the job. I feel very positive about the future because of the good people who begun their stewarding paths with us this season and those established stewards continuing to develop their skills. My thanks to Murray Anderson and for the training and support he has provided to those interested, sometimes at the very last minute.

To those Organising Committees who understand the steward's role and always make sure we have what we need, a huge thank you. Thanks also to all the supportive and knowledgeable judges and other great officials we work with. To be part of a good team is a really rewarding experience which I enjoy.

The HOY in Hastings was its usual challenge. There was an extra dimension this year because of the wet weather and stormy conditions early in the week, which resulted in the grounds being closed for a time. As the week progressed the weather and conditions improved. I had an injured leg but was still able part of an amazing team ably supported by Murray Anderson and Rachel McCallum. The hardest days were again the Wednesday and Thursday when we have competition all day at both areas. We were lucky to have Susie Hoevenaars as the President of the FEI Ground Jury as it is she is clear in her expectations and very supportive. We all enjoyed working with Marcia Bayley our Technical Delegate with her excellent knowledge of horsemanship, rules and no nonsense approach.

Murray managed the Polo fields admirably again and this time, all is it because of the ground conditions, we were supported in keeping the Polo fields just for those competing over there which was very good for our riders. Rachel McCallum ran the Main Oval side and it worked really well. The stewards were rotated through both competition areas and I am delighted by the progress, enthusiasm and dedication to the job shown by all and it is always good to have some stewards back in their familiar roles. My wish for the riders would be more areas for schooling and warming up as they manage incredibly well with the little space they have.

Once again the Nationals were held at Manfeild and I think this venue improves every time I go there. The only downside was the weather, again! Although the entries were smaller than usual I think it was a very good competition and it ran extremely well. Mary Seefried was the FEI Ground Jury President and it is always a good experience to be part of a team with her. Karen Anderson stepped up and ran the team very well, my thanks to her. With Jos Gresham as stable manager that aspect was well covered too. The grooming was done often and efficiently which contributed to good ground conditions for the competitors.

The FEI World Challenge was a change of role for Marcia as she was the Chief Steward for this competition rather than her more usual role of Technical Delegate. The competition was held at the National Equestrian Centre in Taupo. Once again this proved to be an enjoyable competition with some valuable knowledge and learning provided by the International Ground Jury.

Rachel McCallum was the Chief Steward at the South Island Dressage Championships held at McLeans Island. She and her team worked well together following up a number of incidents that were reported to them. The nature of these grounds presents an extra challenge with three competition areas and a variety of schooling and warming up options. It is of course complicated by trees!

I was going to run a stewarding course at the North Island Championships which Judy Alderdice, the Sport Manager for Para, had organised for Para Dressage and AB dressage stewards. I was also to be the Chief Steward but just before I was due to go I injured myself. Murray Anderson with very short notice picked up my preparations and very quickly took over. I understand the course was enjoyable and there were enough issues to keep the trainees interested.

We were disappointed that the planned course for FEI Dressage Stewards did not eventuate due I think to a lapse in head office and I am hoping that in the new season we will have the opportunity to send some people on course hopefully not too far away. Four of us attended the FEI refresher and Level 1 course in Australia run by Nigel King, two to be refreshed and two to become level 1 FEI dressage stewards. My thanks to Dressage New Zealand for their support in my attending this course.

This season there have been a number of opportunities for basic stewarding training. The trainees are then able to become candidate Dressage steward's .Either Murray, Rachel or I have presented a common training programme at these times. I would like to thank those organising committees for making this happen. I would also like to take this opportunity to ask that in the future the initial contact for steward training is made by organising committees with me because I would like to make sure all areas are involved.

Throughout the season at different venues a number of riders were reminded of their obligations in the warm-up areas. The steward's main role is the protection of the horse and we must be vigilant at all times in this aspect of our role. Remembering of course that any show is right in the public eye and the perception of the public may differ from that of the rider, trainer or owner. Riders need to be aware that what was acceptable in the past may not be acceptable today. Anyone who has seen Charlotte Dujardin ride will be aware of the obvious changes in our sport.

Looking forward I would to develop a more structured steward training programme for the country and think it would be advantageous to have a seminar, course or training day in each Island annually. This would enable our stewards to keep current, keep informed and share experiences. Also I would like to be instrumental in the promotion of some of national Stewards to FEI Level 1. I intend to be more involved and available so call me!

Thank you,

Jane Robertson