



**63rd Annual Dressage NZ AGM & Conference  
ZOOM meeting  
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2020 - 1.30pm / 5.45pm**

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**WELCOME / ROLL CALL / APOLOGIES**

**Scott McKenna | Chair**

Scott McKenna welcomed all attendees to the AGM of the future and a special welcome to Vicki Glynn, NZ Secretary General to the FEI, and Lynda Clark, ESNZ Board Chairperson.

Housekeeping rules were outlined and attendees were asked to use mute and the chat function if asking a question.

**Present:**

**Dressage NZ Board:** Scott McKenna, Sarah Hazlewood, Linda Warren-Davey, Michelle Zielazo, Sue Hobson, Andra Mobberley

**ESNZ:** Lynda Clark (ESNZ Chair), Dana Kirkpatrick (ESNZ CEO) Vicki Glynn (ESNZ FEI Rep)

**In attendance:**

Wendy Hamerton (Sport Manager/Secretary) | Celine Filbee (Partnerships Facilitator)

Jos Gresham (Calendar /Series Points) | Judy Collin (Minute Secretary)

**Apologies:** Janine van der Horst, Andrea Raves, Christine Lovelady, Helen Hughes-Keen, Carol Going, Marilyn Thompson, Dana Kirkpatrick

	Voting Delegates			Members / Observers	
1	Jody Hartstone	NI Riders Rep	33	Jos Gresham	DNZ Series Points/Calendar
2	Jude Nickolls	SI Riders Rep (5.00pm)	34	Celine Filbee	DNZ Partnership Facilitator
3	Rachel McCallum	Steward General	35	Jodie Thorne	Bay of Plenty
4	<i>Betty Brown</i>	<i>Auckland-Manukau</i>	36	Penny Castle	Nth Hawke's Bay
5	Heather Hilder	Waitemata	37	Wendy Butler	Otago
6	Sally Goldsmith	Canterbury	38	Nicole Sage	Waikato
7	Stuart Bishell (proxy)	Sth Cant/Nth Otago	39	Amy Sage	Waikato
8	Vicki Gibbs	Waikato	40	Carol Bloomfield	Horowhenua
9	Diane Wallace	Marlborough	41	Brooklyn Crowe	Otago
10	Genevieve Quin	Northern Hawke's Bay	42	Lesley Jacobson	Judges SC
11	Suzanne Inglis	Nelson	43	Mary Craine	Southern Hawke's Bay
12	Bernice Frost	Taihape	44	Christine Latch	Waitemata
13	Peter Jenkins	Bay of Plenty	45	Jan Mitchell	SI Selector
14	Rebecca McKee	Southland	46	Sonja Swale	Southland
15	Lois Andrewes	Northland	47	Judith Cunningham	Judges SC
16	Laura Hayes	Otago	48	Christine Weal	Waikato / PD Committee
17	Linda Huitson	Taranaki	49	Karen Shields	Auckland
18	Sharon Field	Southern Hawke's Bay	50	Margaret Carline	Chair of Selectors
19	Peri Scrivenor	Ashburton	51	Vaughn Cooper	Central Districts
20	Rosanne Rix	Wellington	52	Bill Noble(3pm)	Waikato / PD Committee
21	Sue Harris	Gisborne	53	Judy Colin	Minute Sec/Auckland
22	Susan Tomlin	Central Districts	54	Alicia Cameron	Taranaki
23	Wendy Jeffery	Wairarapa (4.45)	55	Dot McDermott	Unknown
24	Scott McKenna	Board	56	Charmaine Racke	Canterbury
25	Sarah Hazlewood	Board	57	Debra Cowen	Waikato
26	Michelle Zielazo	Board	58	Lynley Schollum (	Waikato
27	Linda Warren-Davey	Board	59	Mandy MacPherson	Gisborne
28	Sue Hobson	Board	60	Kelly Couper	Gisborne
29	Andra Mobberley	Board			
30	Vicki Glynn	ESNZ (FEI Rep)			
31	Lynda Clark	ESNZ (Chair)			
32	Simon Bennett	ESNZ High Performance			

## 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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That the Minutes of the 62nd Annual Dressage Conference, held on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at the Sudima Hotel, Auckland, having been circulated, be confirmed as a true and correct record)

**Moved:** Betty Brown

**Seconded:** Susan Tomlin

**CARRIED**

### **Matters Arising:**

Betty Brown asked for clarification of Noseband rule. Scott advised that this was included and the Sport Manager confirmed this rule has not changed (a noseband is required and 2-point penalty per judge if not worn)

## 2 GENERAL BUSINESS NOT ON THE AGENDA

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2.1 Proposal to have a joint AGM/Conference next year in 2021 to be held in conjunction with all other discipline conferences. This was noted.

2.2 Para Athlete dispensations

Betty Brown raised the question of Para athletes' dispensations referred to in Planning Meeting and asked what the OC liability. The question of liability – e.g. Rider doing Grade II now competing at Level 6 and has a dispensation not to wear stirrups.

The Sport Manager advised that following the Planning Meeting clarification in April, that whatever compensating aids the Para athlete has been permitted as a result of the PARA classification process is permitted in Dressage competitions. Any rider is always responsible for their own safety. If Stewards and Judges identify safety issues, in respect of a they may act accordingly and /or stop the test.

## 3 CORRESPONDENCE

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There was no correspondence

## 4 BOARD 2020/2021

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<b>Chairman (Until 2022)</b>	Scott McKenna	<b>(elected June 2019)</b>
<b>Technical (Until 2022)</b>	Andra Mobberley	<b>(appointed June 2019)</b>
<b>Judges Officer (Until 2021)</b>	Sue Hobson	<b>(elected June 2018)</b>
<b>Finance Officer (Until 2021)</b>	Sarah Hazlewood	<b>(appointed July 2018)</b>
<b>Marketing (Until 2023)</b>	Alicia Cameron	<b>(appointment June 2020)</b>
<b>Performance &amp; Development (Until 2023)</b>		<b>(to be elected July 2020)</b>

## ESNZ CHAIR PRESENTATION

Lynda Clark, (ESNZ Chair), addressed the meeting and welcomed all attendees. Lynda thanked and congratulated Board members, Area Groups, officials and riders on the proactive way all have responded to the challenges over the last few months and have embraced the continuation of competition.

Lynda continued with a power point presentation to share ESNZ focus of areas of work. Key points:

The Covid-19 pandemic has resulted in the world and ESNZ to think differently:

- Most meetings, including the Planning and AGM meetings will be held electronically this year.
- Reinstated online e-newsletter sign-up to keep members up to date.
- Membership referral system being worked on.
- Payment options for members to pay their registration over time being worked on.
- A number of “thinking differently” workshops were run by Aktive (Auckland Sport & Recreation) for all sport codes to share ideas and thinking. FINANCES Central financial actions following Covid-19 lockdown:
  - March to June, membership numbers were down 42%.
  - Decrease of approximately \$100k of income.
  - Central applied and received both the wage subsidy and the wage subsidy extension that will help pay for ESNZ Staff though to mid-September. Able to retain all staff on their full pay during this period.
  - Sport NZ actively working with ESNZ to identify areas where their financial support would have the greatest impact. Decision not expected till late September. Direct savings were achieved in rent and travel costs.
  - ESNZ Board placed a freeze on any staff remuneration changes during this period. AFR met fortnightly to monitor and review cashflow

“Change the Rein” is a campaign about a conscious change in direction. The main objective is to create a safe and welcoming culture, fostered by leaders, management, members and anyone who is involved in equestrian sports. Unsupportive or inappropriate behaviour is not normal and not accepted. *“People may not remember exactly what you did, or what you said, but they will always remember how you made them feel”.*

Amongst the achievements to date have been a survey, social media campaign, campaign video messages from Eventing, Showjumping and Dressage (Lucarne Dolley).

The ESNZ board and management decided late last year to end the current contract with the supplier and to start reviewing options for a replacement database. A new vendor has been contracted.

A working party has been established to review the Constitution which is expected to be finalised by May 2021.

Initial discussions have taken place on the Strategic Plan. There is a one organization vision for ESNZ

Scott thanked ESNZ on behalf of Dressage for all the work they have done during the difficult times we have recently experienced.

**Area Delegates & Riders Representatives:**

The following have been submitted by ESNZ Dressage Area Groups & Riders Meetings for confirmation by the Conference.

**(N) = New delegate**

<b>Northland</b>	Lois Andrewes	<b>Wellington</b>	Rosanne Rix
<b>Waitemata</b>	Heather Hilder	<b>Wairarapa</b>	Wendy Jeffery
<b>Auckland</b>	Betty Brown	<b>Nelson</b>	Suzanne Inglis
<b>Waikato</b>	Lynley Schollum	<b>Marlborough</b>	Diane Wallace
<b>Bay of Plenty</b>	Janine van der Horst	<b>Canterbury</b>	Sally Goldsmith (N)
<b>Gisborne</b>	Sue Harris	<b>Ashburton</b>	Peri Scrivenor (N)
<b>Nth Hawke's Bay</b>	Genevieve Quin	<b>Sth Cant/Nth Otago</b>	Marty Pow
<b>Sth Hawke's Bay</b>	Sharon Field	<b>Otago</b>	Laura Hayes
<b>Taihape</b>	Bernice Frost	<b>Southland</b>	Rebecca McKee
<b>Central Districts</b>	Susan Tomlin	<b>Nth Is Rider Rep</b>	Jody Hartstone
<b>Taranaki</b>	Linda Huitson	<b>Sth Is Rider Rep</b>	Jude Nickolls

**Substitutes at the meeting:**

Stuart Bishell for Sth Cant/Nth Otago

Vicki Gibbs for Waikato

**That the Area Delegates and Island Riders Reps be confirmed**

**Moved:** Laura Hayes

**Seconded** Sue Hobson

**CARRIED**

## 6.1 APPOINTMENTS & COMMITTEES

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### **Dressage NZ Marketing (Board):**

The Chair thanked Michelle Zielazo for her contribution to the Board during her three year term in the role.

The Chair confirmed the appointment of Alicia Cameron and welcomed her to the Board. Alicia thanked the Chair and said she is really excited to be involved at this level in the sport.

### **Judges Sub-Committee:** (As per the JSC Terms of Reference)

Chair: Judges Officer Elect – Sue Hobson (Until 2021)

2 appointed members: Mura Love until 2022 plus Judith Cunningham reappointed until 2023

Co-opted members: Sue Hobson advised that Lesley Jacobson & Michelle Paterson would continue as co-opted members

### **Performance & Development Committee**

(Chair elect 2020), Margs Carline (Chair of Selectors), Kellie Hamlett (Riders Rep Until 2021)

Christine Weal (Coach rep until 2021), Bill Noble (currently co-opted – no set tenure)

**NI & SI ESNZ Equestrian Centre Representatives:** (TBC at first Dressage Board Meeting following conference)

**Dressage Steward General:** (TBC at first Dressage Board Meeting following conference))

**ESNZ AGA Dressage Delegates:** (TBC at first Dressage Board Meeting following conference)

### **Island Pony & Young Rider Development Convenors**

(NI) Cathy Vennell (SI) Lynda Dann

**Appointment of Patron:** No appointment

### **That these appointments be approved**

**Moved:** Judith Cunningham

**Seconded:** Peter Jenkins

**CARRIED**

## 7. ELECTIONS

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### **Election Scrutineers:**

That Jos Gresham & Vicki Glynn be appointed as scrutineers:-

**Moved:** Scott McKenna      **Seconded:** Michelle Zielazo

**CARRIED**

### **7.1 Performance & Development Board Member Election**

**Nominee:** Bill Noble

**Nominated by:** William Millar & **Seconded by:** Jude Nickolls

**Nominee:** Christine Weal

**Nominated by** Linda Warren-Davey & **Seconded by:** Cherie Pearson

Both nominees addressed the meeting and answered questions.

Christine Weal was elected as the Performance & Development Officer

## 7.2 Election of Committee Representative to Appointment Panel

**Nominee:** Debra Cowen  
**Nominated by:** Michelle Paterson & **Seconded by:** Kara Lockhart

The Chair moved that Debra Cowen, being the only nomination received, be elected as the committee representative on the appointment panel.

**Moved:** Wendy Jeffery **Seconded:** Sue Hobson **CARRIED**

## 7.4 Election of Island Rider Representatives

### North Island

**Nominee:** Jody Hartstone  
**Nominated by:** Alicia Zeludko & **Seconded by:** Christine Hartstone

### South Island

**Nominee:** Jude Nickolls  
**Nominated by:** Philippa Thompson & **Seconded by:** Amy Johnson

As the number of nominations did not exceed the vacancies, that Jody Hartstone & Jude Nickolls be declared Rider Representatives for the 20/21 season

**Moved:** Roseanne Rix **Seconded:**— Peter Jenkins **CARRIED**

## 8. ANNUAL REPORTS

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The Chair advised that all reports were to be taken as read, but questions are welcome.

### 8.1 Chair: Scott McKenna

The Chair emphasised the need for transparency in communication and that he would be happy to discuss any concerns or queries with members. That he is only a ever a phone call  
That the Chair report be accepted

**Moved:** Scott McKenna **Seconded:** Linda Huitson **CARRIED**

### 8.2 Dressage Sport Manager: Wendy Hamerton

The Sport Manager commended all OC's who got competitions up and running again during the upheaval of Covid. Registrations are down a little for the year but may improve by the end of the year. Betty Brown asked for a breakdown of the figures for the different disciplines and the numbers for horses and ponies. Laura also agreed this information would be good to have.

In answer to a query from Laura, Wendy advised that any reason for the reduced registrations in Level 1 would be conjecture at this stage. There is a need to encourage grassroots riders back into the sport. The figures relating to Flexistarts relies on Areas sending in their documentation in a timely manner. The SM advised that DNZ will be requesting access to all area groups Equestrian Entries platforms so that they have access to the data of Flexi and Casual starts.

Betty asked if the Pony Clubs and private organisations paid levies for the tests. The Chair Scott advised DNZ will hold a meeting with PC to sort out the appropriate action.

Heather Hilder suggested affiliated groups should also be contacted re levies . The SM advised there is general compliance by affiliated groups and that it always work in progress managing levies.

Christine Latch advised Dressage Waitemata has experienced lack of availability of judges due to conflicts of competition dates with other groups.

That the Sport Manager rreport be accepted

**Moved:** Wendy Hamerton **Seconded:** Linda Huitson

**CARRIED**

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**3.15pm: A Strategic Planning Poll** was launched and the meeting took a ten-minute break

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### **8.3 Finance: Sarah Hazlewood**

Finance report was taken as read and Sarah asked for questions from the floor.

**Betty Brown:** In answer to a question from Betty Brown, Sarah advised that the copying of tests made no difference to the budget.

**Dressage Waikato:** Asked for clarification on the new ESNZ service fee and reasons why this was not covered by the rider and the horse registration fees.

Sarah replied that this is the second year we have had the ESNZ fee. It is apportioned to each discipline, data, IT, sport, membership services, audit fees to name a few. The Chair Scott added that this fee was increased to cover a wide range of fees.

The Chair & Finance Officer were unsure as to why they are not covered by membership fees.

**Debra Cowen:** In answer to a question from Debra, Lynda Clark advised that the rate is the same for each of the disciplines per number of registrations. It does vary for each discipline and is based on usage.

That the Finance Annual report be accepted

**Moved:** Scott McKenna **Seconded:** Jude Nickolls

**CARRIED**

### **8.4 Technical: Andra Mobberley**

**Judith Cunningham:** In answer to a question from Judith Cunningham regarding rules, Andra advised that we are trying to align with Australia where practicable as sharing same tests and judges.

The Chair Scott advised that we have never had any formal policy to align with Australia but if anything deemed appropriate and approved by NZL us then we can adopt their rules. Being consistent with FEI is a higher priority where possible .

That the Technical report be accepted

**Moved:** Scott McKenna **Seconded:** Sue Hobson

**CARRIED**



### **8.5 National Judges Officer: Sue Hobson**

The NJO spoke to her report. She noted one of the focus areas of clinics s Pony Club judges. Two members have signed up as new judges far and two more are keen on being a TD. Clinics are still in progress.

Online system for judges recording and reporting their own activity has been set up. Sue thanked Debra Cowen and Michelle Paterson for all their work on this.

That the Judges Officer report be accepted

**Moved:** Sue Hobson      **Seconded:** Michelle Zielazo

**CARRIED**

### **8.6 Performance & Development: Linda Warren-Davey**

The PD Officer noted how pleasing it is to have the Performance Committee together. Conscious of global, modern and up to date trends. Important our sport stays modern. Performance is the way participation is measured.

Noted the change of name of the Board position to Performance and Development

Focus will be on bringing performance pathways into clearer perspective for all levels of riders. Our sport needs to set benchmarks and targets. Interested into lifting percentages from 65% to 70% and reaching as many young riders as possible and assistance to those who need it.

The PD Officer agreed to send Betty the flowchart used in her presentation.

That the Judges Officer report be accepted

**Moved:** Linda Warren-Davey      **Seconded:** Peter Jenkins

**CARRIED**

### **8:6.1 ESNZ HIGH PERFORMANCE: Simon Bennett**

The report was taken as read and Simon asked for questions

#### **Questions**

Scott McKenna asked if it was considered the Olympic Games in Tokyo 2021 were possible.

Simon used the term “Shifting Sands” to sum this up as it is changing by the month.

He noted the following points –

- Unless there is control of Covid, movement will be restricted. Quarantine will be difficult.
- There are significant problems with travel with Australia because of Covid
- Vaccine – a year out
- Games might be run with empty stadium
- Olympics has cost Japan \$9million so far

They are working on new initiatives which will be shared with other disciplines once formatted.

They would like to support infrastructure at NEC.

Planning has commenced for the World Games 2022.

Margs Carline (Chair of Selectors) asked what type of things available to our HP riders in Dressage.

She was concerned that they are separated from our NZ squad and asked what we could offer them as incentive to continue along that pathway. Simon advised that Sports Psychology would be one, Biomechanics equipment another that we are developing to monitor horse performance, e.g. heart rate, etc

This would add another dimension to selecting horses for squads.

That the ESNZ High Performance report be accepted

**Moved:** Scott McKenna      **Seconded:** Linda Warren-Davey

**CARRIED**

### **8.7 Marketing: Michelle Zielazo**

The marketing report was taken as read. There were no questions.

That the Marketing & Communication report be accepted

**Moved:** Michelle Zielazo

**Seconded:** Heather Hilder

**CARRIED**

### **8.8 Chair of Selectors Report : Margs Carline**

Margs thanked Linda Warren-Davey & the Sport Manager for their support.

That the Chair of Selectors report be accepted

**Moved:** Scott McKenna

**Seconded:** Judith Cunningham

**CARRIED**

### **8.9 Dressage Steward General: Rachel McCallum**

That the Steward General report be accepted

**Moved:** Rachael McCallum

**Seconded:** Laura Hayes

**CARRIED**

### **8.10 Partnerships Facilitator: Celine Filbee**

The Chair thanked Celine for everything she has done for the sport, securing and looking after our sponsors. He noted that sadly, Celine has recently handed in her notice. We will miss her at events as she is one of standout characters who sets the tone at any event.

Celine acknowledged the volunteers and advised that there are 106 subscribers to the Area Dropbox to Areas. She specifically mentioned Southland as it was so very disappointing for them to have to cancel their Premier League / SI Championships event this year.

Celine also paid tribute to some outgoing series sponsors; Equissage, Heritage Equine, All-in-Flex and Sterling Warmbloods.

We have several new sponsors who have joined the team come on board this year -

Oro Equestrian – Small Stars League

Animal Therapeutics – Elementary Super 5

Baldeep Dhillon – Big Barrell (Volunteer of the Month)

Amateur Top 10 League is presently unfilled

Health & Safety: Fortunately there has been a downward trend in serious incidents in the past year.

Although Celine has resigned from this role, she wishes to continue to write articles for the volunteer / official pages in the Bulletin as she truly values their input to the sport.

The Sport Manager reiterated Scott's comments, saying it was an absolute pleasure and a lot of fun having Celine by her side. Noted she was always 100% reliable and knew when to ask the questions and when to proceed independently. Will have lasting memories of the fun. In the past 8 years she has probably gained \$100,000 on average per year worth of sponsorship and funding for our sport. This amount virtually reduces rider cost as key events by 50%. .

That the Partnership Facilitator report be accepted

**Moved:** Scott McKenna

**Seconded:** Bernice Frost

**CARRIED**

Bernice Frost and a number of other members thanked Celine for everything she has done for the sport. A big thank you also to Celine for the way she has so capably led our Sport in Health and Safety matters

Sonja Swale (Southland) thanked Celine for all her support, kindness, knowledge and willingness to give of her time which has been immeasurable and extremely appreciated. Sonja passed on thanks from Southland Area Group and wished Celine all the best for her future.

#### **8.11 Bates National Championships: Sport Manager**

The Sport Manger outlined the postponement of the March event and the reasons for opting for November. There were financial considerations re items already paid (accommodation /catering /rugs). These were transferable to November. It was also noted that that leading into HOY there were already 11% scratchings received. This had the potential to climb to 30% if we had continued, which is a huge amount out of the budget.

By having the Nationals in November we gain 1.5 hrs of extra daylight hours. The schedule will try to maximise stabling we have on site. Portable stables will not be available this year. The Board has approved of the system for allocating & rotating stabling.

We will reserve a number of stables for FEI level horses, South Island riders and those north of Whangarei. After that, it will be allocated on a first in /first served basis for non-reserved stables Unfortunately, there is no easy way to allocate stables/ covered yards that will be considered to be fair by everyone.

Riders will not be able to enter without paying. There will be no entry fee refunds without a Vet or Dr certificate but NEC fees will be refunded

That the Sport Manager NCH report be accepted

**Moved:** Wendy Hamerton

**Seconded:** Peter Jenkins

**CARRIED**

#### **8.12 Horse of the Year Show Dressage Section: Chris Paston (Convenor)**

Chris Paston had provided a comprehensive report which was taken as read.

That the HOY Convenor report be accepted

**Moved:** Wendy Hamerton

**Seconded:** Peter Jenkins

**CARRIED**

#### **8.13 SI Rider Representative: Jude Nickolls**

That the SI Rider Representative report be accepted

**Moved:** Scott McKenna

**Seconded:** Jos Gresham

**CARRIED**

#### **8.14 NI Rider Representative: Jody Hartstone**

Jody noted a large attendance for the riders meeting held at the Waikato Champs. She asked if DNZ could look at the validity of voting, re who is allowed to vote and whether they are riders or members. Jody recently conducted a Facebook poll. Some opinions/suggestions came from people that have never been to a dressage competition.

The Chair offered to discuss this with the NI Rider Rep

That the NI Rider Representative report be accepted

**Moved:** Jody Hartstone

**Seconded:** Margs Carline

**CARRIED**

#### **8.15 Taupo Equestrian Centre DNZ Representative Report – Jon Williamson**

This report was taken as read.

That the NI NEC Dressage Representative report be accepted

**Moved:** Scott McKenna

**Seconded:** Jude Nickolls

**CARRIED**

#### **8.16 McLeans Island Equestrian Centre DNZ Representative Report - Soo Wells**

This report was taken as read.

That the NI NEC Dressage Representative report be accepted

**Moved:** Scott McKenna

**Seconded:** Peter Jenkins

**CARRIED**

### **9. GENERAL BUSINESS**

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**9.1 Dressage Fees for 2019/20** The Dressage NZ Board recommends there be no change in annual start or casual start fees for the 20/21 year

That all TD levies will be \$3.50. A .50c reduction from \$4.00 to \$3.50 per start applied for all events support for Premier League & National Events post Covid

#### **Discussion**

Heather Hilder asked if the 50c reduction was going to make a big difference as it was not a lot for Area Groups as Dressage Waitemata would not be reducing entry fees by 50c.

Scott commented that traditionally areas would be running winter events prior to Covid and the Board saw this as something they could do to help those areas during lockdown period. It was the Boards intention that the 50c would likely be going back to area groups.

That the 20/21 fees as recommended by the Dressage Board be accepted

**Moved:** Peter Jenkins

**Seconded:** Sarah Hazelwood

**CARRIED**

**There were no opposing votes**

## 10: Remits from Dressage NZ Planning Meeting April 2020

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### Remit 1

#### Art 461: Eligibility of Horses & Ponies

##### Add as 4.2

- a) The age of all horses and ponies entered for Young Dressage Horse or Pony Classes must be verified by evidence to prove the age of the horse or pony
- b) Horses wishing to qualify to represent ESNZ at the FEI World Breeding Championships for Young Dressage Horses must be registered with a stud book recognized by the WBFSH.

Note: Further detailed information re verification will be referenced Young Dressage Horse Guidelines

**Vote 26 For / 1 Against**  
**PASSED**

### Remit 2.1 Jackets

#### CURRENT RULE/ARTICLE NUMBER : 479 – DRESS

##### REMIT:

##### Jackets

Riding jackets are optional at all levels. Tailcoats are permitted at Advanced to Grand Prix  
A rain jacket may be worn in wet weather

##### Shirt/Stock/Tie

An athlete must wear a shirt with a stock or a tie, or an integrated choker collar or a choker collar  
If an athlete chooses not to wear a jacket, the shirt must have short or long sleeves and any stock or tie must be suitably pinned down.

Pony Club or Riding Club uniform may be worn at Training Events (TE) and Non-Graded Competitions

**Vote 15 Against / 13 For / 1 Abstain**  
**FAILED**

##### Amendment in principle re Jackets

Jackets are optional at Training and Local events at all levels. Jackets are compulsory at Regional and above events unless the OC advises otherwise (in extreme heat)

**Vote 21 For / 2 Against**  
**PASSED**

### Discussion re Jackets

**Susan Tomlin (Central Districts):** The way remit is worded now, you could decide NEVER to wear a jacket at any competition which CD were against.

**Vicki Gibbs(Waikato):** Wants an Amendment – optional only for local and training level shows, Regional and above to revert to jackets as per Waikato committee decision

**Celine Filbee:** From a marketing point of view – recommend we encourage riders to wear jackets at those key events. The look is what helps to sell our sport. For that reason alone I would not like to see all riders without a jacket. Esp those doing really well.

**Bernice Frost (Taihape)** support principle of amendment but not happy with wording.

**Scott McKenna(Chair)** Compulsory wearing of jackets in extreme heat is an H&S issue.

**Sue Hobson (Judges Officer)** – new jackets are very lightweight. Totally agree with Celine’s comments. Jackets are part of the uniform of the sport we have chosen. Possibly reduce temperature consideration.

**Rosanne Rix (Wellington)** lightweight jackets are available

**Jody Hartstone (NI Riders Rep)** Suggest set a slightly lower temperature when jackets can be removed. OC to read weather report at start of day. Predicted high – for whole of day – expected high temperature therefore jackets not compulsory.

### Remit 3

#### Re: Grading Points

**CURRENT RULE/ARTICLE NUMBER:** Article 460 - Grading of Horses & Ponies

**REMIT:** That grading points be amended to the following:

%	Proposed Pts	Current Pts	Change
75 +	10	7	+ 3
70 – 74.99	7	7	No change
67 - 69.99	5	7	-2
63 - 66.99	3	5	-2
60 - 62.99	2	3	-1
57 - 59.99	1	1	No change

**It was agreed that** implementation be deferred until all the current results are reloaded and confirmed as correct using the current point allocation

**Vote 23 For / 6 Against  
PASSED**

## Remit 5

### Re: Hoof Boots

#### 477.11.1

Black or brown Hoof boots are permitted. They must be low profile, not to cover the coronet band or the heels of the horse.

#### Amendment from from Susan Tomlin (Central Districts)

Susan noted the original remit is quite restrictive in terms of the type of boot that would be permitted and requested an amendment be accepted to permit the use of full boots aligning with the submission made by Anna Drabble

That full boots be permitted. That black brown or grey hoof boots be permitted

#### Notes:

1. No opportunity for this to be discussed with members by Area Delegates and was not what was passed at the Planning Meeting.
2. FEI would not permit boots over the heel as can hide too many issues, In same way as a bell boot fully covers heel. The Chair agreed a full boot would effectively also act as an overreach boot.
3. Betty Brown considers this would need further discussion.

#### 2 Polls launched:

1. That low profile Hoof boots that do not cover the heel be permitted

**Vote 22 For / 2 Against**  
**PASSED**

2. Amendment S Tomlin – that boots that cover the heel and have a strap to secure be permitted.

**Vote 7 For / 17 Against/4 Abstain**  
**FAILED**

## Remit 6

### 477.3 STIRRUPS:

#### Proposed New Rule

1.3 Amend to align with current FEI rules

Stirrup leathers and English style stirrups or safety stirrups are compulsory and must be attached to the saddle and used in the conventional way.

Stirrups must have closed branches, and no attachments. Safety stirrups may have an opening on the outside branch.

Unless official ESNZ Dressage dispensation is approved (Art 483) the rider's boots must not be fixed to the stirrup iron by **any means** (e.g. magnets) and if used as such without dispensation will result in elimination.

**Laura Hayes** requested clarification on the word FIXED – did this apply to spikes on stirrups, treads, etc??

The Sport Manager advised the wording is directly from the FEI rules. It is intended to mean mechanically fixed

**Susan Tomlin:** Queried that some form of safety stirrup have opening branches on inside this rule would exclude them. Opening on inside.

**Jody Hartstone** explained the common usage of some safety stirrups where the opening was used on the inside for jumping and the outside for Dressage

**Rachel McCallum** clarified that children’s enclosed safety stirrups are not considered an attachment

#### **Poll**

It was resolved to relaunch this poll, amending the “on outside branch” to read “**on inside or outside branch**”

**Vote 24 For / 1 Against**  
**PASSED**

#### **Art 477.3 & 4 BRIDLES:**

##### **Proposed New Rule**

A plain snaffle bridle is required to be used with a regular cavesson noseband, a dropped noseband, a flash noseband, a crossed noseband, a combined noseband or a Micklem or similar design of bridle. The Micklem or similar bridle must be used with a permitted bit and without bit clips

Except for the buckles and padding, the headstall and noseband must be made entirely of leather or leather-like material. Padding is allowed on bridles. Nylon or other non-metal material may be used to reinforce leather in the headstall but must not be in direct contact with the horse. Elastic inserts are permitted in the crownpiece and cheek pieces only and must not be in direct contact with the horse or the bit.

A browband is required, and except for the parts that attach to the crownpiece or headstall, is not required to be made of leather or leather-like material.

The crownpiece of the bridle must lie immediately behind the poll and may extend forward onto the poll but must not be fitted to lie behind the skull.

A throatlatch is required except when the combined noseband or Micklem bridle are used.

A rein is a continuous, uninterrupted strap or line from the bridle bit to the hand. Rein additions or attachments are not permitted. Each bit must be attached to a separate rein and reins may only be attached to the bit. Reins must not be made of rope or rope-like material.

**Vote 25 For / 0 Against**  
**PASSED**



## Art 477.4 BITS

### BITS:

Snaffle, Bridoon and curb bits must have a smooth surface. Twisted and wire bits are prohibited. Bits must be made of metal, rigid plastic, or durable synthetic material. Bits must not place mechanical restraint upon the tongue. Wrapping of bits with any kind of material is not permitted

E.g. A Dr Bristol Bit i.e., where the link plate is long, flat and set at an angle to the horse's tongue; is not classed as an ordinary double-jointed snaffle.

The diameter of the mouthpiece of the bridoon/snaffle and/or curb must be such so as not to hurt the Horse.

Add minimum diameter of 12mm for horse/snaffle

Minimum diameter of mouthpiece to be twelve millimetres (12 mm) for curb bit, and ten millimetres (10 mm) for bridoon bit. Snaffles must have a minimum diameter of twelve millimetres (12 mm) for horses and ten millimetres (10mm) for Ponies. The diameter of the mouthpiece is measured adjacent to the rings or the cheeks of the mouthpiece.

### SNAFFLE BITS

3.1 Snaffle Bits –Snaffle bits are permitted when the use of a double bridle is not required. (Refer 3.2)

3.1.1 Snaffle bits may be used with loose ring, D-Ring, Eggbutt and hanging cheeks. Single or double-jointed snaffles may also be used with upper or lower cheeks, full cheeks or Fulmer cheeks. Loose rings may have a sleeve fitted around part of the ring.

3.1.2 **Flexible rubber** or synthetic mouthpieces **are permitted**.

3.1.3 A snaffle may have up to two joints. A barrel or ball joint is permitted as the centre link in a double-jointed snaffle, however, the surface of the centre piece must be solid with no moveable parts other than a roller. The centre link may be tilted in a different orientation from the mouthpiece but must have rounded edges and may not have the effect of a tongue plate.

3.1.4 A double jointed snaffle or snaffle with rotating mouthpiece may be shaped to allow tongue relief. The maximum height of the deviation is 30mm from the lower part of tongue side to the highest part of the deviation. The widest part of the deviation must be where the mouthpiece contacts the tongue and must have a minimum width of 30mm. The mouthpiece of a jointed or unjointed snaffle may be shaped in a curve within the dimensions specified above.

3.2 Bridoon bits – a bridoon bit is defined as a snaffle bit that is used together with a curb bit to form a double bridle.

3.2.1 Bidoons may be used with loose ring and eggbutt cheeks.

3.2.2 Bidoons must have one or two joints. A barrel or ball joint is permitted as the centre link in a double jointed bridoon, however, the surface of the centre piece must be solid with no moveable parts other than a roller. The centre link may not have the effect of a tongue plate.

3.2.3 Bidoons where the centre link(s) of the bit can lock and have the effect of a mullen mouth snaffle are not permitted.

3.2.4 Flexible rubber/synthetic bridoons are not permitted.

## CURB BITS

### 3.3 Curb Bits

1.3.1 The length of the lever arm below the mouthpiece of the curb bit is limited to ten centimetres (10 cm). The upper cheek must not be longer than the lower cheek. If the curb has a sliding mouthpiece, the lever arm of the curb bit below the mouthpiece should not measure more than ten centimetres (10 cm) when the mouthpiece is at the uppermost position.

1.3.2 Curbs may have straight or S-shaped cheeks. They may have rotating lever arms.

1.3.3 The mouthpiece may be straight or shaped to allow tongue relief. The maximum height of the deviation is 30mm from the lower part of tongue side to the highest part of the deviation. The widest part of the deviation must be where the mouthpiece contacts the tongue and must have a minimum width of 30mm.

1.3.4 Curb chain can be made of metal or leather or a combination. Cover for curb chain can be made of leather, rubber or sheep skin. Curb chain hooks can be fixed or not fixed.

A curb chain may never be as tightly fixed so as to harm the Horse

Vote 25 For / 0 Against  
PASSED

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## Art 418.3 POSITION & SEAT OF THE RIDER

### Proposed Rule (from FEI )

Riding with both hands is obligatory at Dressage Events.

When leaving the arena at a walk on long rein, after having finished the test the Athlete may, at their own discretion, ride with only one (1) hand.

Apart from the halt and salute, where the athlete must take the reins in one hand, **riding with the reins in both hands is obligatory**, but a discreet 'pat on the neck' for a well performed exercise, or for reassurance, is perfectly acceptable (as is the situation of an athlete needing to wipe a fly from their eye, or other situations such as adjusting clothing, saddle pads etc).

However, if the rider intentionally takes the reins into one hand in order to use either the reins or the other hand to produce more impulsion from the horse, or to promote applause from the spectators during the test, it will be considered a fault and will be reflected in the mark for both the movement and the collective mark.

### Freestyles

**Riding with one hand is permitted in Freestyles**

Reference Document:

**Directives for assessing the degree of difficulty in Freestyles Tests**

<https://inside.fei.org/fei/disc/dressage/useful-docs>

Vote 25 For / 1 Against  
PASSED

## Art 402: HALT & SALUTE

To align with AUS and remove potential for penalty

### PROPOSED RULE

At the salute, Athletes must take the reins in one hand. The head should be bowed while the other arm is held straight down to the side. In the case of two or more judges officiating on the competition, the salute is taken by the Chief Judge only. A whip may be held in either hand at the salute

**Vote 26 For / 0 Against**  
**PASSED**

## ARTICLE 451.18 UNAUTHORISED / OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE

### Proposed Rule:

#### Rationale: Clarify and align with AUS

Any intentional outside intervention is considered assistance to a rider or horse and is penalised by elimination. This includes but is not limited to: Assistance by voice, signs, earphone and/or electronic communication devices

## ARTICLE 451.18 UNAUTHORISED / OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE

### New Para : Re Mounted riders being led

#### Rationale: Clarify when mounted riders may be led and align with AUS

- i. Mounted riders may have their horse attached to a lead line when at walk when proceeding to or from the warmup area. Riders may not be led when mounted in the warmup area
- ii. Horses can be led into and out of the warmup arena but once in the warmup arena the groom is to take the horse off the lead
- iii. Mounted riders may have their horse attached to a lead when proceeding to and from the competition area but not in or around the competition arena. This will be considered outside assistance and will entail elimination.
- iv. Any assistance to get the horse into the dressage arena or the area directly around the arena including being led by another horse around the arena is considered outside assistance
- v. Not applicable for riders with exemption cards or for riders competing in lead rein competitions.

**Vote 22 For / 1 Against**  
**PASSED**

## ARTICLE 451.18 UNAUTHORISED ASSISTANCE re COMMANDED TESTS

### Proposed Amendment (Align with AUS)

Where commanders are permitted, it is the responsibility of the competitor to ensure that only the printed text, or extracts thereof, are read out and that no other form of assistance is given. E.g. signal, remarks or inflexion of the voice. The caller may read each movement once or twice only. Failure to observe this rule **may entail elimination**

**Vote 23 For / 0 Against**  
**PASSED**

## 1. Strategic Plan (2020 - 2023)

Two multi-choice polls were launched. All attendees were asked to select a maximum of four priorities for each period for the future: Short, Medium & Long term  
Short term is the next 12mths. Medium and long term til 2023

### POLL RESULTS

Short Term		Medium – Long Term	
Increased participants all levels	<b>84%</b>	Financial Sustainability	<b>86%</b>
Financial Sustainability	<b>76%</b>	Development & Education Opportunities for all Members	<b>86%</b>
Volunteer Succession Planning & Development	<b>76%</b>	Improved Competition Facilities	<b>75%</b>
Development & Education Opportunities for all Members	<b>73%</b>	Communication to all stakeholders	<b>64%</b>
Communication to all stakeholders	<b>45%</b>	Development Equine Athlete	<b>64%</b>
Improved Competition Facilities	<b>43%</b>	Team at WEG 2022	<b>57%</b>
Increased recognition of Dressage	<b>35%</b>	Growth Development Pony Dressage	<b>39%</b>
Development Equine Athlete	<b>29%</b>	Increased number FEI level Horses	<b>29%</b>
Individual at Tokyo OG	<b>22%</b>		
Increased number FEI level Horses	<b>12%</b>		

## Announcement of Dressage NZ Squads 2020 -21

The Chair of Selectors Margs Carline announced the Dressage Squads for 2020/21 and congratulated riders on their selection

### YOUTH SQUAD

Becki Williamson

Stephanie Baker

Morgan Beere

Lucy Cochrane

Reece Downham-Smith

Don Tobio

Popstar MH

Redwood Furst Affair

Gymanji

Georgia MH

### DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

Wendi Williamson

Casey Burton

Mandy Littlejohn

Rebecca McKee

Vanessa Way

Haydee Wells-Parmenter

Tessa van Bruggen

Amanda Berridge

Lorraine Ward-Smith

Don Vito MH & Don Vito MH

Fanfare MH

Dolce Vita RB

Solo

NRM Timbermill Prequel

Royal Dream & Foxleigh Mr Darcy

Fiorenza

GS O Jay

Fernlea Diamond Day

### SMALL TOUR SQUAD

Brina Carpenter

Chanel Flyger

Leo Donna

Hot Chocolate MH

### MEDIUM TOUR & GRAND PRIX SQUAD

Vanessa Way

Amy Sage

Lucarne Dolley

Victoria Wall

Kieryn Walton

Melissa Galloway

NSC Pronto

RM All About Me

Ardmore

Letty Lei EDN

Rosari Don Carlos

Windermere Johanson W

### ESNZ HIGH PERFORMANCE FUTURES SQUAD

Chelsea Callaghan

Christine Weal

Gaylene Leonard

Sisters II Etta

Schindlers Liszt

Jax Johnson

### ESNZ HIGH PERFORMANCE SQUAD

Wendi Williamson

Melissa Galloway

John Thompson

Don Amour MH

Windermere J'obei W

JHT Chemistry

**The Participation Survey** results were noted

**Election results:**

Interim Election for Performance & Development Officer : TBC in email following scrutineers checking of votes

**Christine Weal**

The Chair congratulated Christine and looks forward to working with her.

The Sport Manager thanked everyone who responded to the participation survey

**The Conference concluded at 5.00pm**

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Scott McKenna | Chair***

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