



DRESSAGE
Dressage NZ Committee Meeting
Hotel Distinction Hotel – Palmerston North
Sunday 1st July 2018 - Commencing at 8.45am

1. WELCOME / ROLL CALL /

Lynda Clark | Chair: Welcome & committee procedure/standing orders

Present:

Dressage NZ Board: Lynda Clark, Scott McKenna, Sarah Hazlewood

In attendance:

Wendy Hamerton (Sport Manager/Secretary) | Celine Filbee (Event Manger / Marketing Asst)

Robin Friend (Minute Secretary)

Apologies: Sue Hobson (Judges Officer) Michelle Zielazo (Board Marketing) Helen Hughes-Keen (Chair of Selectors), Sharon Field, Linda Warren-Davey, Marty Pow, Nicola Sim, Helen Bowler, Debbie Barke, Soo Wells

That the apologies be accepted:

Moved: Judith Matthews

Seconded: Jos Gresham

CARRIED

Voting Delegates		Observers	
Alicia Zeludko	NI Riders Rep	Judith Cunningham (JSC)	Waitemata
Bernice Frost	Taihape	Saskia Brosnan	Central Districts
Betty Brown	Auckland-Manukau	Robin Friend	Central Districts
Christine Latch	Waitemata	Jos Gresham	Central Districts
Christine Lovelady	Canterbury	Andrea Raves	Wellington
Cushla Cain	Sth Cant/Nth Otago	Amber Disley	Waitemata
Debra Cowen	Waikato	Jody Hartstone	Waikato
Diane Wallace	Marlborough	Michelle Middelberg	Nth Hawke's Bay
Genevieve Quin	Northern Hawke's Bay	Juliet Iremonger	Bay of Plenty
Suzanne Inglis	Nelson		
Jane Robertson (Steward General)	Canterbury		
Janine Van Der Horst	Bay of Plenty		
Jenny Affleck	Southland		
Jude Nickolls	SI Riders Rep		
Judith Matthews	Northland		
Laura Hayes	Otago		
Linda Huitson	Taranaki		
Mary Craine	Southern Hawke's Bay		
Amanda Waddell	Ashburton		
Rosanne Rix	Wellington		
Sue Harris	Gisborne		
Susan Tomlin	Central Districts		
Suzanne Halligan	Wairarapa		

AGENDA ITEM 2: MEETING ADMINISTRATION

Agenda Item 2a: Conflicts Relevant to the Agenda

No conflicts advised

Agenda Item 2b: Health & Safety

Referred to Item 8

Agenda Item 2c: Minutes of the Previous Meeting

That the Minutes of the Dressage Committee Meeting held on 10/11 April be confirmed as a true and correct record

Moved: Debra Cowen

Seconded: Judith Matthews

CARRIED

Agenda Item 2d: Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

Agenda Item 2e: General Business Not on the Agenda

There was no General Business not on the Agenda notified

Agenda Item 3

Correspondence Inwards - verbal summary

1. From Bill Noble re Test Review.
Noting concern re the possible introduction of flying changes at level 4, considering this may have the opposite effect of improving training
2. From Bill Noble re Taper Gauge
Noting that the principle of loose or no nosebands is welcome, but that the mandatory use of the taper gauge is not desirable his view

That the inwards correspondence be accepted

Moved: Susan Tomlin

Seconded: Jude Nickolls

CARRIED

Agenda Item 4

Finance

The end of year/annual financial (unaudited) report was presented at conference and accepted.

Noted important to encourage new members and volunteers. Celine to look to source funding for a volunteer programme

Agenda Item 5

SPORT MANAGER REPORT

a) BULLETIN

Noted there is no immediate plan to change the format but this continues to be reviewed by the Board and is on agenda for next meeting

b) TOP TEN LEAGUES

Noted that AllinFlex is not renewing their sponsorship for Amateur Series this coming season. A vote of thanks to them for this popular series. Delegates invited to think of a replacement as this series will require a new supporter to continue.

c) ESNZ WEBSITE

Progress noted but there is still a lot of work to be done. That Dressage is doing well in the viewing stats is encouraging.

d) CONTRACTS & APPOINTMENTS

NCH Event Manager

Noted discussions with a candidate for the NCH manager role are progressing favourably.

NI Young Rider Convenor & TID Camp

Leanne Stokes from the Waikato has been appointed. Camp scheduled for 28-30 Sept 2018 (not 22/23 as per agenda)

e) HOY 2019 & MUSICAL FREESTYLE LEADERBOARDS

The HOY Dressage section will introduce separate Level 6 & 7 Titles in 2019. Suggested schedule:

Level 6: Warm up 6B, Title PSG & Level 6 Freestyle

Level 7: Warm up 7A, Title Int I and Level 7 Freestyle or FEI Int I Freestyle

Betty Brown suggested using FEI Young Rider Freestyle for level 6. SM noted needs to be same for Nationals and HoY. Extra level title class at HOY may mean no prize money for all warm up classes. SM in discussion with HOY. Over \$20,000 to lay surface at HoY. Warm up arena very bad and must be improved for 2019 show

V Glynn noted HoY struggling to break even; sometimes things need to be cut at last minute. Sponsorship at 85% to date for 2019 show.

Area delegates agreed to run separate Level 6/7 Zilco Musical. Dressage NZ to confirm with sponsor

f. ESNZ AFFILIATIONS

As of 1 Aug ESNZ is implementing a tiered system for all OC's offering events using ESNZ rules. The Dressage Board to discuss further how this will relate to dressage competition. ESNZ OC's note perceive "unlevel playing field" re cost of event delivery by unaffiliated clubs using ESNZ IP

AGENDA ITEM 6: CALENDAR

The SM noted an extra date available for a Premium League Show and should be in northern region to benefit northern based riders. Ideally this should be able to host Zilco and Super 5 Leagues. Debra Cowen asked if could just run Super 5 League on one day. Noted sponsors have an agreed level of advertising / servicing at a PL show. Areas invited to comeback with proposals
Subcommittee to discuss where and when NI Champs be held each year, perhaps rotating once every 7 yrs.
Report back April 2019.

SI Champs. Jude Nickolls noted a proposal to possibly hold in December 2019 was not acceptable.
Southland to host first weekend Feb 2020. Suggestion that nationals be one week later to give SI riders more time to travel from Southland to Taupo

Sport Manager reminded delegates

- If any dates are to be changed for any reason, please ensure the Google calendar is updated
- Any date amendments must be notified to the Sport Manager
- Link to Google calendar for your device or desktop

AGENDA ITEM 7: SERIES & PREMIER LEAGUE EVENTS

Celine Filbee gave an overview of requirements and reporting for national series noting the Area Groups obligations to sponsors. There is an agreement that their business or products will be promoted and Area groups need to uphold this agreement. Important to keep sponsors pleased with their promotions via the series.

Noted that announcer notes are not always used, and she will spend more time supporting areas with series promotion. Can burn announcer notes to CD's and send out to OC's. Delegates supported this Will be in with OC's contact before regional shows. All information will be uploaded into Area Dropbox.
Delegates to share this information with their own OC and/or event secretary. Delegates can contact Celine via email in order she can share dropbox with areas/event manager. Suggested topic for roadshow – how to use dropbox.

Banners and pull up banners. Take special respect and care. Send back if broken leave a note so it can be repaired. Of three one broken and one missing

AGENDA ITEM 8: HEALTH & SAFETY

The SM advised she is aware that not all areas and OC's are reporting incidents
Areas advised to refer to the Official Word Newsletter attached for updates on Concussion & Serious Injury Blue Cards. Concussion Cards were distributed to delegates for area officials. Any Incidents need to be reported on the ESNZ Google incident form in order the SM can start to see trends and take action. Monitoring small trends can stop a major incident. Immediate reporting desirable in order to report accurately – photos can be helpful. Incident forms can put on back of judge's board to be filled out immediately then uploaded from there. Area Groups need to retain a copy for their own files
Forms can be filled in manually and sent to the H & S Officer but not the preferred option. Celine is now the go to H & S person. H & S a good roadshow topic.

AGENDA ITEM 9: ISSUING WARNING CARDS (YELLOW CARDS)

Delegates were referred to the Official Word Newsletter attached for update on issuing of warning (yellow) cards.

Scott McKenna presented a .ppt overview and Q & A session

It was agreed to put this .ppt into the Area Dropbox for future reference

Noted in brief an Official Warning is given for less serious issues by judges, stewards, TD's (a steward is most appropriate). Three key steps are involved

Step 1 – The Filter

Step 2 – The Process – “Am I unbiased” - Make a Record – Give person opportunity to be heard – make a decision and do more investigation – go online to website and follow procedure to notify ESNZ

Step 3 – Notification to person involved

When submitted to ESNZ a copy is sent via email back to the person who submitted the warning card form to ESNZ

Protest: Noted that a protest involves “in competition misconducts” (during actual competition) Only Member can protest

Complaint: A complaint is more formal / serious incidents and goes to ESNZ for possible disciplinary action

AGENDA ITEM 10: TEST REVIEW

The Judges sub-committee has recommended the adoption of the USDF tests v 2018 subject to viewing the final version and with Dressage NZ approval.

Data outlining the income derived from the sale of test sheets and books showed net income over five years of \$75,407 (ave pa \$14,749) This equated to approx \$11 per registered horse per year. No detail around possible license agreements is yet known.

Data showing the % of riders and tests ridden in each level showed that 85% of registered horses compete at level 4 and below

A copy of the most recent JSC report on the adoption of the US tests was noted. The main point is that until NZ can view the tests no decisions can be made

Some concern was expressed by delegates and observers about making the sport “too hard” for a larger number of riders if flying changes are introduced in level 4.

It was agreed that when the tests are available a stakeholders group be formed comprising coaches, judges, riders, pony club, riding clubs and Eventing NZ.

Key discussion points re adoption of USDF tests

Must understand the Licence – in consultation with Australia
Licensing Agreement – discussion about possible loss of income

Stakeholder consultation involvement very important around this; esp. changes in tests Level 3 & 4

Must look at keeping grass root riders – being as inclusive as possible

NZ is very different from US and Australia.

Level 4 – will a double bridle be introduced again at level 4 if flying changes introduced

Can we have Levels within levels?

How to improve performance

Better access to education - opportunities

What is motivation to change tests – To bring NZ in line with Australia and US. More global.
Opportunities to take advantage of Australian Judges grading system.

Can we make changes within tests if they are adopted – level 2 sitting trot?

Australia has permission to make some changes. The Sport Manager recommended that NZ should agree to adopt the changes made by Australia if we adopt the tests and not make further changes.

If the tests are adopted, NZL will also adopt the Australian judge's system level F up to A which provides good education pathways.

A question from the floor- has there been any consultation with Eventing NZ (Answer - not at this time)

The Chair advised the meeting that the culture & values workshop planned would not proceed owing to time factor and that delegates had worked really hard over the previous sessions and perhaps best value would not be gained by the session

Re 2019 Conference: Auckland offered to host near the airport, possibly at Holiday Inn

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 12.15
