

Agenda of North Island Riders' Meeting

Friday 26th February 2021, 7.30pm

Held in Hunt Room – Taupo NEC during Waikato Premier League Show

Present:

Apologies:

Minutes of Previous Meeting: These have been circulated on Facebook Page

Matters arising from minutes:

- 1) Remit on Jackets was a “partial pass”
- 2) Remit for Evidence of Age for Young Horse Classes “passed”
- 3) Remit for Hoof Boots “passed”
- 4) Who can attend and vote at Rider Meetings

Nomination for Riders Rep:

General Business:

- 1) Unauthorised Assistance Rules – people are being eliminated – maybe we need this only at Nationals and HOY? A caller can walk beside the horse....
- 2) Use of bitless bridles – is this something we want brought into the rules and if so at what levels?
- 3) Young Dressage Horses classes – ideas to get more entries, are tests suitable, whip rules, sitting trot etc
- 4) Amateur Rules – some of the PL shows now only have very small Open Classes but HUGE entries in the Amateur. Should riders regularly scoring over 68% be Amateur at any level? Should Amateurs be able to rider 2 levels below their Category? Hard to police when ESNZ records are not up to date and when is it taken from – The close of entries or on the day? Not something OC's should have to spend time on.
- 5) Schoolmaster downgrade stand down period
- 6) At Nationals there were over 25 Champions awarded – apparently a nightmare for the organisers. What if we move to having an Amateur nationals, and YR and Ponies have their own as well?
- 6) Possible change of bylaws surrounding Riders Meetings – how to vote for Rider Reps, who may attend (currently anybody) and who may speak (currently have to be over 18 and a current Full ESNZ Member)

Any Further General Business

Minutes from North Island Riders meeting.

Taupo Hunt Club rooms, NEC, Taupo 14.02.20

Chair Jody Hartstone

Minutes Kiernyn Walton

Start: 19:00hrs

Present:

Carla Harcourt, Belle Clark, Nicola Smith, Ashleigh Kendall, Sally Linton, Shristine Weal, Zoie Gray, Sarita Kennedy, Kathryn Corry, Sharlene Royal, Misty Crake, Becky Corlett, Lucy Russell, Cooper Oborn, Amanda Lyons, Isabella Chatfield, Maryanne Jefferies, Willa Aitken, Lucy Robertshawe, Liz Jutson, Lilly Jefferies, Betty Brown, Susan Tomlin, Bernice Frost, Christine Hartstone, Otilie Upshall, Kellie Hamlett, Debbie Barke Pete Jenkins, Wendi Williamson, Sam Jones, Madison Schollum, Becki Williamson, Steph Baker, Gaylene Lennard, Lucarne Dolley, Moly Lumb, Nick Pope, Vanessa Way, Renne Etherington, Nicky Paulton, Jen Sim, Jeanette Benzie Caitlin Benzie, Tannah Johnson, Sachleen Kaur, Kyrie Gausden, Charrisse Peckham, Amanda MacPherson, Nicole Fife, Jenny Draper, Daria Draga Hanham, Isabel Hoppe, Christine Reynolds, Jill Pedersen, Rosie Richards, Sheena Ross, Paula Stuart, Nikki Fieldes, Jessica Jones, Penny Castle, Tracy Smith, Vicki Gibbes, David Ringwood, Sam GS.

Apologies:

Alicia Zee, Robbie Greenslade, Carol Christensen, Peter Barke
Jenkins

Jody Hartstone/Peter

Minutes from previous meeting: Accepted Sarita Kennedy/Christine Weal

CDI 2* - Jody reads from explanation as to the reasons 'for' having the level 8 run as a 2* competition as provided by Wendy Hamerton. These include costs, trot up experience, stewards and as opposed to having it as a CDN. Discussion around this. Decided by riders that CDI not necessary.

Nationals Assistance: Jody advises that there is a call out to everyone for assistance with arena maintenance at Nationals and HOY and Judges hosting, which involves transporting, hosting etc.

Hoof Boots – Discussion around hoof boots. Put to vote of all riders regarding allowing hoof boots for competition. Unanimous vote in favour.

Results – request from riders for full overall placing in each championship to be made available on EE. Christine Hartstone advises this would be easy to do.

Renaming of Amateur to Restricted – Discussion around this. Voting feedback to be sought on FB. A remit will be submitted should a name change be voted in by riders. Survey to be distributed on FB page.

Amateur Stand Down period – At the moment there is no standdown period but some would like to see it introduced. Discussion around the 'spirit' of Amateur. Eventual decision to leave as it is at the moment. Survey to be distributed via FB page and feedback to be provided.

Youth going from Pony to Hack – At 18 years. Riders felt that regardless of a pony riders ranking at the time they get off a pony and onto a hack, they should go back to a C2 rider as riding hacks is a whole new experience to riding ponies. General agreement on this.

Prestige Future Young Horse – Felt by riders that exclusion of GP riders is unfair as it is about the young horse, not the rider. There are so many awards for Amateurs now and Open riders are very restricted by their ranking. The best young horse should win. This was carried by all.

Covered Yards at shows: Phillipa Gibbons withdrew her entry to Waikato due to not being given covered yards. Some riders felt that priority should be given to higher level horses. Most felt that the first in first served was fairest.

A lot of the issue is due to the cost of entries and having to find the money months before the show. It was suggested that the use of After Pay be considered through EE, thus allowing the riders without a ready cash flow to be able to get entries in earlier. Jody to speak with DNZ about this option.

NEC Yards – The NEC is looking into the cost of constructing 40 stables under a big roof. The stables would be portable ones. Debbie Barke spoke about the NEC currently sourcing pricing etc. Potentially 250k. The NEC is very open to suggestions for fundraising etc.

Officials discussion – Two riders who are board members were asked NOT to attend the riders meeting as some riders felt quite intimidated by them when they offer discussion points or opinions. Some riders felt that if they challenged the board members or disagreed with them, it could jeopardise their possibilities in the future (squads etc).

Kieryn Walton said she was disappointed to hear that 2 riders had been excluded as they are riders first and foremost, and we should not be excluding any rider from the meeting.

Discussion held around this. It was raised that at other group meetings board members and employees are excluded due to a 'conflict of interest'.

Discussion around it being emotive and offensive when it's a 'decision' to exclude prior to the meeting as opposed to it being a 'rule'.

A vote was held regarding 'For the sake of an open discussion, that – A member of the board and any paid employee can only attend the Riders meeting on invitation, this excludes the Riders Rep who must attend'.

The vote was in favour of the above.

Those that voted against and wished to have their names recorded as being opposed were:

Betty Brown, Susan Tomlin, Liz Hutson, Bernice Frost.

CDI fundraising – Debbie Barke suggested a CDI fee be taken from each rider at entry to any Regional Show, to be a 'CDI Fee'. This was felt to be reasonable by the riders.

Further discussion around each area holding Master classes utilising the FEI level riders that they have in their District and using all funds raised to put towards the CDI fund.

Jacinda Younger suggests we be "Problem solvers" and more proactive about issues that arise in our sport. Riders felt that in order to do this, they need to be more informed.

Nationals Costs – Riders discussed the considerable increase in the cost of entries at Nationals and they lack of forwarning regarding the total removal of prizemoney.

No discussion, no transparency. Riders felt that had there been total transparency much earlier, there were funding avenues that could have and should have been investigated and utilised. Ie pub charities, EE Fees, Region fund raising. There is some real knowledge and skills among riders that could have been utilised had riders been aware of the help required.

Jody Hartstone talked about the fact that she had brought the issue to a special meeting held during the BOP Champs back in October – this meeting was for Squad and FEI riders only re the potential issues that may be faced at Nationals this season – so some riders at least were aware of impending issues.

Transparency – The above discussion then raised the issue of transparency re the World Championship and the selection process and criteria, funding provisions etc to the selected riders.

Arenas – It was raised that the arena were not in a good state at all when the riders arrived at the venue on Thursday afternoon. Is it possible to have the arenas prepared prior?

Clothing – Health and Safety issues around waiting for the Organising Committee to decide if jackets can be removed.

A vote was held re Jackets 'never' being compulsory which most were in favour of.

A Remit is to be submitted.

Meeting finished at 21:00 hours.