



**Minutes of the Dressage NZ Planning Forum
held at the Commodore Hotel, Memorial Avenue, Christchurch
5.00pm Friday 29th March & 8.30am Saturday 30th April 2019**

Present:

Board

Lynda	Clark	Chair
Sarah	Hazlewood	Finance Officer
Sue	Hobson	Judges Officer
Scott	McKenna	Rules Officer
Linda	Warren-Davey	Performance & Development
Michelle	Zielazo	Marketing Manager

In attendance:

Wendy	Hamerton	Dressage Sport Manager & Secretary
Celine	Filbee	Partnerships Facilitator
Judy	Collin	Minute Secretary
Jos	Gresham	Calendar & Series Points Co-ordinator
Nick	Pyke	ESNZ

Apologies

Judith Cunningham, Andrea Raves, Dressage Nelson

That the apologies be accepted:

Moved: Jos Gresham

Seconded: Debra Cowen

CARRIED

Committee & Area Delegates (D)

Lois	Andrewes	Dressage Northland (D)
Christine	Latch	Dressage Waitemata (D)
Betty	Brown	Dressage Akld-Manukau (D)
Debra	Cowen	Dressage Waikato (D)
Sue	Harris	Dressage Gisborne
Janine	Van der Horst	Dressage Bay of Plenty
Susan	Tomlin	Dressage Central Districts (D)
Linda	Huitson	Dressage Taranaki (D)
Bernice	Frost	Dressage Taihape (D)
Lyn	Burns	Dressage Nth Hawke's Bay
Sharon	Field	Dressage Sth Hawke's Bay
Suzanne	Halligan	Dressage Wairarapa (D)
Rosanne	Rix	Dressage Wellington (D)
Diane	Wallace	Dressage Marlborough (D)

Chris	Lovelady	Dressage Canterbury (D)
Nicola	Sim	Dressage Ashburton (D)
Marty	Pow	Dressage SCNO
Laura	Hayes	Dressage Otago(D)
Jenny	Affleck	Dressage Southland (D)
Alicia	Zeludko	NI Riders Rep©
Jude	Nickolls	SI Riders Rep©
Rebecca	Copplestone	SI YR Convenor
Judy	Alderdice	DNZ Chief Selector

Members

Karen Shields (Auckland), Sue Wells (Canterbury), Amanda Waddell (Ashburton), Robert Kofoed (Canterbury)

Welcome from the Chair– Lynda Clark

Lynda Clark welcomed members to the meeting noting that all attendees are welcome to participate in discussions and but only voting delegates have voting rights

AGENDA ITEM 1

Minutes of Dressage NZ Committee

held Sunday 1st July 2018 as previously circulated and on pages 5 - 17

That these minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record

Moved: Chris Lovelady

Seconded: Jude Nickolls

CARRIED

AGENDA ITEM 1.1

Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising

There were no conflicts to the agenda notified.

General Business not on the agenda:

- Lock up snaffles (Helen Bowler - Dressage Nelson)
- Use of Voice in lower level tests (Lyn Burns - Dressage NHB)
- HOY Dressage Judges – proposed financial support from areas (Lyn Burns - Dressage NHB)

AGENDA ITEM 2.1

Financial Report YTD 28 February 2019 & Draft Budget

- Wendy commented that there has been no increase in annual starts for 3 years. Future funds are now depleted for International Tour Funds. Based on similar participation to this year, Board recommends that Level 1 annual start fees increase from \$70 to \$80 and Level 2 and above from \$100 to \$120 inclusive of GST.
- Test book printing – Noted the Board decided in favour of printing test books.
- Salaries – Celine Filbee (Partnerships Facilitator) salary has now been included in the admin budget. Event managers contract payments are included in individual event budgets.

Discussion:

The Sport Manager advised budget is open for discussion with signoff in May.

Discussion on increased levies.

- B Brown queried if FEI horses take up more of Sport Manager's time and therefore should pay a higher amount. The SM advised time by new members and FEI level members take time with queries but on a different level
- C Filbee advised that the sport is highly subsidized by sponsors and volunteers. An analysis of Nationals was done three years ago which showed the true cost to be \$274 per rider and adding volunteer time would take this to \$330 per rider.
- The SM noted DNZ was addressing the issue of organisations paying for the use of tests and judges, etc.
- The SM noted there was a slight decrease in Level 1 annual starts and a corresponding increase in Level 2 and above

Suggestion

That the T&D levy is increased to \$4 instead of increasing the annual start fee, thereby moving towards a more user pay system.

Debra & Chris said area groups struggling to pass on increases to riders.

Nicola said Ashburton struggling to run local days and are considering changing to training days.

Local Pony Club is charging \$5 for tests.

ESNZ Chair Nick Pyke noted that ESNZ are aware that Pony Club is able to use ESNZ IP in many ways and are continuing to look at ways of working together.

Increase in Fees Item was put to the vote:

Those in favour...

Increase in TD only – 6

Increase in TD & Annual Starts – 18

Discussion continued:

Alicia Collin agreed with increase but asked if it was possible that for every horse annual start that they automatically become member of local group

Nicola asked if it was possible to put levels in 3 groups....1-3, 4-6, 7-9 for any increases.

AGENDA ITEM 2.2

Draft Budget 2019-20 & Proposed Fees

The SM spoke to draft budget.

- **Annual start levies:** based on \$5 across the board increase.
- **Squad structure:** under review so no confirmed budget
- **New Tests Adoption:** Board recommendation that areas be able to print own test sheets so no income from test pads shown.
Discussion on Apps available for tests and access.
Meeting advised re test licensing costs anticipated
Paperless tests – Need to consider carefully all pros and cons. Need people who can touch type to facilitate

Dinner followed by WEG 2018 Presentation (Wendy Hamerton CDE)

SATURDAY 8.30am

The Chair thanked Wendy for her presentation the previous evening on her experiences at WEG.

The Chair confirmed with those in attendance that the general feeling of the meeting was to support a mix of increases in both T&D levies and annual starts
Scott McKenna voted for annual increase only.

Chris Lovelady (Canterbury) urged DNZ to consider how any increases will be communicated to members, noting increases in TD levies will add pressure to OC's as entry costs to riders will increase. Currently considerable competition from other OC's such as Pony Clubs who do not have the same overheads.

Karen Shields (Auckland) suggested that increases need to be broken down for riders so that they have more knowledge of what it takes to run a high-quality show.

Susanne Halligan (Wairarapa) was in favour of a compulsory membership of area dressage groups.

RE YTD Financial Report circulated.

Betty Brown (Auckland) asked for clarification of the personal grants of \$72,000.00 The Chair ~~da~~ advised that ESNZ High Performance has underwritten the costs associated with the trip and the process of finalizing accounts after WEG is almost complete. ongoing. ~~ESNZ High Performance has underwritten.~~ The SM advised that riders were not fully funded for the campaign. Riders had significant personal costs. ~~No funding was available to return horses to NZL.~~ The SM advised the grant supported horse transport to the US. No funding was available to return horses to NZL.

The Chair confirmed a grant from the International Tour Fund was made of \$20,000 per rider and DNZ fundraising covered a number of other costs.

The NI Riders Rep suggested that DNZ provide figures to members on actual DNZ payments and what fundraising provided for as members wish transparency on this.

Action - The Chair will seek Board permission to present the figures at Conference on how dressage fundraising was apportioned.

RE WEG accreditations: Betty Brown requested more information regarding WEG accreditations handed out to NZL'ers and who paid for these extra accreditations. The SM advised the FEI schedule was clear who gets official accredits, who pays, how many each country permitted and what free accredits are for. Betty asked if there was cost to ESNZ in respect of additional accredits. The SM noted Dressage is not privy to this info except there was no cost to DNZ.

Nick Pyke (ESNZ Chair) advised a lot more became available and were given out. If the WEG OC gave them out, then would be at their cost

The Dressage Chair agreed to check the process and if there were costs to ESNZ.

The SM noted the Year to Date annual start data with the meeting showing overall annual starts very similar to 2018, Level 1 slightly lower, Level 2 and above slightly higher.

AGENDA ITEM 3

Remits & General Business Items

AGENDA ITEM 3.1 | DISCUSSION:

Scott McKenna | Technical Officer

Re: Consider process and timeline for adopting FEI Rule Changes with particular reference to permitted saddlery rules

Scott McKenna addressed the meeting on changes required and suggested that if the FEI makes changes in January, then we should adopt them at this meeting (Planning Meeting). Changes will affect any CDI between January and the adoption of changes

The NI Riders Rep suggested the adoption date be 1st June annually.

The meeting agreed in principle to the policy that FEI rules effective 1 Jan annually are not adopted immediately by Dressage for national application

AGENDA ITEM 3.2 | REMITS

TOPIC 1: SADDLERY | PERMITTED BITS

REMIT 1:

Submitted By: Alicia Zeludko (NI Riders Rep)

CURRENT RULE 477. 4.2 CURRENT RULE

4.2 Snaffle or bridoon and curb must be made of metal or rigid plastic and may be covered with rubber (wrapping of bits with any kind of material and flexible rubber bits are not permitted).

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Discussion:

Scott noted that FEI rules are a little conflicting with their wording of – rigid plastic – rigid and flexible are opposites- flexible allowed. He suggested the meaning was not able to be bitten through/chewed through by horse.

Moved amendment: Change "bits" to "snaffle and bridoon" as doesn't relate to curbs

New rule 477.4.2

4.2 Snaffle or bridoon and curb must be made of metal or rigid plastic and may be covered with rubber. Flexible rubber snaffles and bridoons are permitted. (Wrapping of bits with any kind of material is not permitted).

Moved: Scott McKenna

PASSED

REMIT 2:

Submitted By: Dressage Taranaki: Linda Huitson - Delegate | Seconded by M Verveer

4.2 Snaffle or bridoon and curb must be made of metal or rigid plastic and may be covered with rubber (wrapping of bits with any kind of material and flexible rubber bits are not permitted).

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

4.2 Snaffle or Bridoon and Curb must be made of metal or rigid plastic and may be covered with rubber or wrapped with silicone (flexible rubber bits are not permitted).

RATIONALE:

To remove the ~~wrapping of any kind of material~~

To allow wrapping of bits with silicone tape

To bring DNZ rules in line with FEI rules on bit wrapping.

Discussion:

- The TO noted FEI states that a bit can be wrapped with silicone tape, but requirement is that the bit is smooth.
- The SM advised that Dressage NZ has requested clarification on bit wrapping from FEI.
- Noted that terminology needs to be consistent either **wrapped or covered**.
- The question of thickness of wrapping was raised brought up but this is covered by horse welfare. Types of wrapping also discussed
- Noted the welfare of the horse paramount and overrides such things as thick wrapping. The NI Riders REP noted knew a rider who would want to use this if horse had cut mouth.
- Current national rules say no wrapping and majority of meeting agreed the rule remain.
- The NI rider's rep made the point that we shouldn't always follow FEI rules if we feel that our own national rules are sometimes better
- The SM asked if the meeting would like DNZ to make further submission to FEI to change rules around bit wrapping. It was agreed to wait for clarification

Scott McKenna noted that this remit is in direct contradiction to Remit 1 in respect of bit wrapping/covering which had just been passed.
It was agreed Remit 1 will take precedence and therefore

Remit 2 FAILED

REMIT 3:

Submitted By: Christine Lovelady (Dressage Canterbury Delegate on behalf of Canterbury Area Dressage Stewards)

CURRENT RULE 477. 3 Bridles

PROPOSED ADDITION

All horses/ponies must wear a DNZ approved bridle when within the competition area and within the competition time when being either led or ridden.

Discussion:

Stewards have experienced some situations where the companion horse gets loose without ID. This becomes a Health and Safety issue, especially at arena familiarization.

Scott McKenna said any horse at a competition should be identifiable but is hesitant to put a rule in place as OC's have power to include bridle or halter in conditions of show..

Scott suggested could be covered by the interpretation of familiarisation rule which does not include leading

The NI RIDERS REP suggested that all areas/OCs have a defined competition area for rules such as dogs, etc.and also a designated grazing area.

It was agreed that there are many different ground plans and locations of facilities such as wash bays, arenas etc. Therefore, the TO advised it is not his preference to have an other rule to try and cover every situation. is pPreference to leave this issue with the OC.

Karen Shields commented from a Stewards point of view; it is easy to implement if in the schedule.

It was requested if DNZ could publish a guiding principle to assist OC's. Stewards can address any problems.

The TO raised the issue of companion horses and casual users on the grounds during an event. If they come onto grounds, companion horses come under OC jurisdiction
Chris gave an example of McLeans Island where there are different competition areas and open spaces. Halter and lead rope – is it under enough control ?

The TO suggested an addition to the rules

A horse can only enter competition area when it is competing or during when arena familiarisation. Competition area defined as within 10 metres of any area.

This suggestion was supported by the meeting

Remit 3 & Remit 8

FAILED

REMIT 4:

Submitted By: Dressage Bay of Plenty: Andrea Hammond - President

PROPOSED AMENDMENT RULES 477. 3.1 & 3.2

- 3.1 Levels 0 - 4: An ordinary snaffle bridle. A noseband is compulsory
- 3.2 Levels 5 - 9: An ordinary snaffle or double bridle with the exception that the National Dressage selectors may require a horse or pony to be ridden in a FEI test in a simple double bridle where the FEI test would require this if the test was ridden under FEI rules for Dressage. A noseband is compulsory

RATIONALE:

Riders should have the choice as to whether they use a noseband or not. The only rationale currently given for nosebands being compulsory is that they are aesthetically pleasing. The penalty of elimination for not using a noseband is too harsh

The remit to permit the optional wearing of a noseband

FAILED

CURRENT RULES 480: PENALTIES

Noseband Incorrect for bridle used or no noseband – Elimination – deduction of 2 points

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Noseband Incorrect for bridle used or no noseband – Elimination

Sue Hobson (Judges Officer) moved that a deduction of 2 points be applied if a noseband is not worn.

PASSED

Resolved the TO amend all applicable rules to reflect that ~~if~~ an incorrect noseband for a snaffle or double bridle is used, the penalty remains elimination. If no noseband is worn, a 2-point penalty will be applied

TOPIC 2: RIDER DRESS Rule 479

REMIT 5:

Submitted By: Dressage AMDG: Betty Brown - Delegate
Re Shirt /Stock

PROPOSED ADDITION

Stock or tie/choker collar or integrated stand up collar. Buttons on shirts must be done up

RATIONALE:

To allow riders to wear new fashion shirts with or without jackets without a stock, tie or choker collar

PASSED

TOPIC 3: RIDER CATEGORIES Rule 462.5

REMIT 6:

Submitted By: Dressage Taranaki: Linda Huitson - Delegate | Seconded by M Verveer

Article 462:

Proposal: To exclude pony riders under the age of 16 (as determined under Art 462.3.5) from the rider category system.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

On turning 17 and on commencement of the new "season" the young rider shall start at Category 2 (C2) if they have competed at Level 3 and above on ponies.

Discussion:

It was agreed in principle that more needs to be done to encourage riders to transition from ponies to horses, but not by means of the proposed remit.

The SM suggested areas could reward best placed YR in open class for example. Recognize YR/age group riders, instead of trying to create a rule which may advantage/disadvantage some other riders.

FAILED

TOPIC 3: HORSE ELIGIBILITY Rule 460.3

REMIT 6:

Submitted By: Dressage AMDG: Betty Brown - Delegate

Current Rule

Advanced Grade: Horses may compete in any levels they are eligible for within Advanced Level at any event with the exception of Regional, Island or National Events where the schedule specifies that horses/ponies are restricted to levels as advertised in the schedule as follows (this includes all Freestyle points):

- 3.1 Level 6 - Not more than 60 points in Level 7 or above;
- 3.2 Level 7 - Not more than 60 points in Level 8 or above;
- 3.3 Level 8 - Not more than 60 points in Level 9
- 3.4 These restrictions will not apply if a horse is competed by another rider of Category C7 or below.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Delete any restrictions on levels that Advanced Grade horses may compete at

PASSED

TOPIC 4: DOWNGRADING of HORSES Rule 463.2

REMIT 7:

Submitted By: Dressage AMDG: Betty Brown - Delegate

Current Rule

463.2 A horse or pony may be downgraded to the highest level at which the applicant rider has competed but not lower than Level 2 unless the applicant rider is a CN rider in which case a horse or pony may be downgraded to Level 1.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

463.2 A horse or pony may be downgraded to the highest-level rider category level ~~at which the applicant rider has competed~~ **but** not lower than Level 2 unless the applicant rider is a CN rider in which case a horse or pony may be downgraded to Level 1.

PASSED

TOPIC 5: ARENA FAMILIARISATION / TRAINING & WORKING IN AREAS

REMIT 8:

Submitted By: Christine Lovelady (Dressage Canterbury Delegate on behalf of Canterbury Area Dressage Stewards)

Current Rule:

473.4.4.1 Arena Familiarisation

473.5.5.1 Training & Working In Areas

PROPOSED ADDITIONS

Bridles must be worn by all horses/ponies in arena familiarisation

RATIONALE:

To ensure that horses are clearly identifiable and under control.

This remit was dealt with in conjunction with Remit 3

FAILED

TOPIC 6: ELECTION of ISLAND RIDER REPRESENTATIVES

REMIT 9

Submitted By: Jude Nickolls (SI Riders Rep) and Alicia Zeludko (NI Riders Rep)

That:

North and South Island Riders' Representatives will be elected annually by riders who are current and full financial members of ESNZ and who have competed in one graded dressage start between 1st of January and the 31st of December. In the absence of any electronic voting software, riders can vote via email to the opposite island riders rep until such time as a suitable electronic voting system becomes available. The votes shall be kept for one year and may be subject to audit by a person as nominated by DNZ board for transparency.

Discussion:

This remit was well supported. The timing of this vote should be aligned with Conference. Discussion was centred around the technical possibilities of achieving an online system. Consider defining who can vote, whether it be a dressage rider or full competitive member of ESNZ. Some areas have a nominated rider rep at each of their events. Majority felt the rider rep election should be in the form of an online forum and not at a meeting which is sometimes difficult for riders to attend and therefore not a true reflection.

PASSED

Action : The SM to report back at Conference on possible voting system.

Action: Jude Nickolls and Alicia Zeludko tasked with coming back to conference with further recommendations

AGENDA ITEM 3.3

GENERAL BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION

Item: GB1

Submitted by: Betty Brown (AMDG Delegate)

TOPIC: AREA GROUP MEMBERSHIP / TEAM SELECTION

Criteria for team selection-with boundaries changing in Auckland in particular, we have riders who are part of AMDG but geographically they may be Waikato or Waitemata. We would like to suggest that riders be able to nominate the area they participate in and are members of that group to be eligible for area team selection.

- Noted that ESNZ Area Boundaries are not aligned with provincial or local body boundaries
- This topic is relevant to the constitutional review

Noted that this recommendation would require a change to the ESNZ constitution to formally recognise "group membership" which it does not currently do other than via designated ESNZ geographical Boundaries

Item: GB2

Submitted By: Andrea Hammond (Chair Dressage Bay of Plenty)

TOPIC: MEMBERSHIP OF AREA DRESSAGE GROUPS

Dressage Bay of Plenty would like the Planning Forum to further consider making it compulsory for dressage competitors in NZ to become financial members of their local dressage clubs/groups.

Comments as per GB 1

Item: GB3

Submitted by: Betty Brown (AMDG Delegate)

TOPIC: PRIZE GIVINGS

Prizegiving guidelines-with the larger numbers of awards being given out these days, we would like to see if we can come up with a better way to service our sponsors. Currently it is done at the end of a 2- or 3-day show. Many riders have left as they have finished mid day and have hours to drive

home. Not best service to the sponsors to have only a few riders attend and it is not a good look really.

Feedback from meeting discussion:

- Prizegivings involve many stakeholders including sponsors, volunteers, owners
- Some areas hold a social function on the Saturday night and invite sponsors and riders to socialize.
- Photograph area with sponsors sign, flowers, to enable photos at any time
- A board made up with all sponsors logos for photograph area.
- Sunday championship classes problematic for scorers and riders waiting for scores.
- Some riders not attending prizegiving to receive Championships. This was felt to be disrespectful and some members felt it should result in forfeiture.

Action points

Celine offered to write some guidelines on how and when to do your presentations.
Refer to Conference where we can receive feedback from Sponsors and Stakeholder groups.
Rotorua to give feedback following their April event.

Item: GB4

Submitted by: Betty Brown (AMDG Delegate)

TOPIC: NON-COMPETING HORSES

AMDG queried OC responsibility for non- competing horses at local days.

Notes from Dressage NZ:

1. The OC / stable manager should give prior permission for any non -competing horse on the grounds
2. Non competing horses should be under the control of a “person responsible” who is identifiable and must be a member of ESNZ
3. All the same management rules apply as per competing horses
4. It is the OC decision to charge a ground fee or not, but this is normal practice

Action point:

The TO noted there is an issue of potential liability and will send a memo to Areas.

AGENDA ITEM 4

New Tests Proposal (Sue Hobson - NJO / Sport Manager)

Background:

Conference 2018 gave Dressage NZ a mandate to investigate the adoption of the EA version of the USDF Tests and a review committee was appointed.

Outcome/Actions :

The forum supported the adoption of a new set of tests as proposed, Noting the following

- i. Level 4 tests still to be confirmed. May be slightly easier than current to ensure a good progression between the new levels (Bill Noble to write the tests)
- ii. No change to grading system required
- iii. Amended freestyles for all levels based on current NZ tests. B Brown requested DNZ amend the rules which requires elimination if a higher-level movement is performed, aligning with FEI rule. NJO and TO to discuss
- iv. Support production of a test book
- v. Areas to discuss Test pad production. Recommendation from Board that areas print their own on an as required basis
- vi. FEI levels: Levels 7 - 9 inclusive (Grade Name TBC). There was no decision re the name of this grade

Current	Proposed NZL	AUS EQV		Proposed
LEVEL 0	Training/Introductory			No change to requirements
LEVEL 1 GRADE	Preliminary (Level 1)	Preliminary		<30 pts in Level 2 or above
LEVEL 2 GRADE	Novice (Level 2)	Novice		<30 pts in Level 3 or above
LEVEL 3 GRADE	Elementary (Level 3)	Elementary		<30 pts in Level 4 or above
LEVEL 4 GRADE	Medium (Level 4)	None	No flying CH	<30 pts in Level 5 or above
LEVEL 5 GRADE	Advanced Med (Level 5)	Medium	Single FCH	< 30 pts in CURRENT Level 6 or above
No equivalent	Advanced (Level 6)	Advanced	3 x / 4 x FCH	No restriction
FEI levels: Levels 7 - 9 inclusive				

Judges Grading System:

The NJO (Sue Hobson) advised Judges listings will now be aligned to the Australian Lists of A through to F. (A being the highest listing). Important that Judges complete clinic requirements. A number of judges will be required to sit an exam if they wish to be assigned a slightly higher listing to effect the changeover. This will be at the choice of the judge concerned.

The NJO to email AJO's on Monday advising them of the new system and the steps required and will send a copy of the revised requirements to AJO's when completed

In principle there were no objections to the adoption of the proposed new system for assigning Judge levels. Any further comments should be directed to the Board

AGENDA ITEM 5: Calendar Applications & NICH

North Island Championships 2019/20

Noted that no EOI have been received to date

Alicia reported that the sub- committee appointed in 2018 had sent out 3 emails. It proved to be very difficult to get engagement from areas who have a suitable venue

It could be run in conjunction with an area show or run as a standalone. There would be a financial liability that needed to be considered if areas combined to run a NICH.

Karen Shields advised that when AMDG ran NICH, it was agreed the OC and volunteers would not/ couldn't do both a NI Champs and own regional show. Feedback from riders was that it didn't have atmosphere and thought maybe their expectation is that this show is held at Taupo NEC.

The SM asked the group to consider if a NI Champs is needed given the NCH, HOY are hosted at NI venues. Historically the NICH was held as a pinnacle NI event when NCH were hosted in the South Island.

Debra Cowen offered to that Waikato host NICH instead of running Waikato regional champs. Possibility that entries may be restricted for regional and/or NI. Suggestions were possibly first 200 entered or first paid entries with current registrations. It was questioned if "local" membership may feel disenfranchised if their regional area event was the NICH.

The SM noted If an independent group of people/riders were to run an event they would need to agree that if the show makes a loss, each individual in the group will take responsibility for the loss and conversely if it was a profit, that would be shared. Would need to establish a Limited Liability company or Inc society if running outside of the area group structure. and the OC would need approval from ESNZ.

Michelle Zielazo suggested there could be a possibility of a Triple Crown sponsorship for Waikato NICH, Nationals, HOY.

Outcomes:

Debra Cowen to discuss with her area group
No decision re NICH 2019/20 from this meeting

Draft Calendar presented approved in principle with NCH date still to be discussed

AGENDA ITEM 6: National Championships Update 2020

The SM outlined the current date 2020 NCH Taupo NEC 26 Feb - 1 March, conflicts with Willinga Park CDI 4*(AUS). HOY scheduled Tues 10th - Sun 15th March. Willinga Park will possibly host a FEI Regional Forum, to be held during the week of 24th February. This will potentially have a negative impact on the NCH. (Judges, riders, fans). The date had been set later in Feb to avoid FEI 5* judge meeting and to give more time for regional events to be held

The SM noted some riders at NI riders meeting thought NCH should be reduced to three days. This would be achievable using up to 10 outdoor arenas at the NEC, noting that up to five will most likely be on grass for the lower grades and using the Cambridge Sand arena and some grass areas for warm up.

Event Management:

An Event Manager is still to be secured for 2020. Areas were asked if there is a task or tasks that their area, or an individual in their area, could undertake reporting to the event manager / co-ordinator to assist this event. A change of location will require a new set of volunteers for several tasks.

[Insert model - team lead and then various areas of responsibility - Wendy outlined on the white board](#)

Offers to Volunteer:

Heather Hilder & Nicole Powrie had offered to be Event Secretary and produce the programme.

Sue Hobson offered to organize judges.

Celine offered to run the CDI component of the show.

The SM advised the event will require volunteers to come forward to cover the other tasks listed.

2020 Date:

A lengthy discussion about date options followed noting that Taupo NEC is available 25-27 Jan (Auckland Ann long weekend) 26-29 March, 2-5 April

Option 1

25-27 Jan U25CH Champs – (Holidays– could go Wairarapa on the way if coming from SI)

10 – 15 HOY March

26-29 March Nationals

VOTE for 18

Option 2

Nationals to 23 – 24 Jan

HOY 10 -15 March

YR Champs 1 – 5 April

VOTE for 2

Option 3

25-27 Jan U25CH Champs – (Holidays– could go Wairarapa on the way if coming from SI)

HOY 10 – 15 March

Nationals 1 – 5 April

VOTE for 1

It was resolved that the NCH be held 26-29 March with the schedule still to be discussed and confirmed

From memory Also noted that this needed good communication to riders re why the change.

AGENDA ITEM 7: ESNZ Legal System Proposed Changes

Discussion:

Scott McKenna (TO) advised there would no longer be warning cards. Any incident (protest or complaint) at an event would go to the event Ground Jury for resolution Members of the public could make a complaint which would be dealt with by the Ground Jury. - can we check this??

Points raised

1. that this could/would be difficult for smaller communities where everyone is known to each other if a penalty is to be issued for in respect of a complaint
2. Few officials (GJ) have any training in conflict resolution
3. Concern about lack of consistency re penalties applied across the country and ESNZ needs to set guidelines for penalties
4. Need a process whereby a serious complaint can be referred on to ESNZ

The TO advised further recommendations would be made to ESNZ

AGENDA ITEM 8: ESNZ Constitutional Review

The meeting divided into groups to consider four main points in respect of the review

Question 1: Role of Area Groups

- Sport promoters
- To run a healthy, local dressage group
- Meet the needs of all Area Members
- To help members
- Promote dressage
- Grow dressage
- Encourage young members and riders
- Offer master-classes and subsidise members
- Encourage local riders
- Debt collectors
- Voting rights
- Event Managers
- Run shows
- Run local and premier events
- Run competitions
- Volunteer Wranglers
- Encourage volunteer participation
- Support and grow judges
- Understand the rules
- ESNZ needs to support Local Clubs
- FEI support for international competitions

Question 2: What would you like the role of Area Groups to be?

- Grow the sport
- Welcoming to new members
- Grass roots
- Have funds to run clinics for grass roots riders
- Coaching days
- Training
- Develop mentoring to new members and encourage participation
- Becoming a local body for members
- Being a member of a local area
- To have happy volunteers
- Increase social activities
- Fun - social - fun
- Community
- Education of judges and riders
- Help encourage and partially fund officials
- Getting judges and riders
- Encourage and support Elite riders (celebrate)
- Identify as DNZ members not ESNZ
- DNZ to receive horse and rider registration fees - pay an affiliation fee to ESNZ

Question 3: Geographical Grouping

- No problem with how they are currently
- Some geographic boundaries work - some in urban areas are easier than more rural or smaller areas
- Some consolidation
- No concerns with geographic areas (SHB - friendly, unique, small, hard working; Wellington - small but perfectly formed; Southland - hard core;
- Central Otago - needs to stand alone, needs to have opportunity to grow
- Could be reduced to save costs
- Travel times, number of volunteers, population of equestrian community needs to be considered
- Don't work as not meeting needs of 21st century

Question 4: Membership

- Must be a financial member of Local Club
- If you are not a member of Local Club, it means there is no incentive
- Yes, must be a member of where you reside but can belong to others
- Young Riders: school/varsity location
- Cost of entry is cheaper for riders and shows better numbers for funding (if local group membership)

- Yes, can be a member of more than one area (SHB - small fee paid; Wellington - paying too much; Central Otago and Southland - no charge)
- Agree can be a member of multiple groups

AGENDA ITEM 9: Dressage Board Role / Performance Committee

- Noted the title of the Board Member (previously **Training & Development**) has been amended to **Performance & Development**, and the Position Description for this role has been updated. This reflects the role is applicable to horse/rider only and not intended to include officials training.
- The **Performance Committee** Terms of Reference have also been amended with changes approved by the Board. Proposed to introduce a position on the committee for an advisory coach and Riders Rep. Jude Nickolls has been appointed as the Rider Rep and Sarah Hazlewood as administrator. The coach position is being advertised
- **Squads:** Linda Warren-Davy spoke to this and referred to the Performance Pathway document on the website. That the squad structure / programme for the coming season will be announced soon. Consideration is being given if ~~current~~ the current structure best reflects what riders want from the programme. There may be a possible name change to DNZ YR Development Camp (previously TID Squad).
- **Tokyo OG qualifications**
The SM updated the meeting on Tokyo Olympic qualifications. NZL is contesting one individual place in FEI Olympic Group G. It will be the nation with athlete with highest FEI Dressage World ranking at 31 Dec 2019
Predict criteria with NZ Olympic Committee / ESNZ is likely to be 73% approx.

AGENDA ITEM 10: Conference 2019 /2020 Update / Elections

Noted the following positions are available for appointment and election in June 2019

Elections

Chair (Lynda Clarke) Eligible for a further three-year term

Appointment

Technical Officer (Scott McKenna) Eligible for a further three-year term

Judges Sub-Committee

1 appointed member (Linda Warren-Davey until 2019, eligible for a further three-year term)

Committee Member Appointment Panel (Elected)

Debra Cowen Eligible for a further one-year term

Board Appointments

- Dressage Steward General (Jane Robertson retiring in 2019)
- NI & SI ESNZ Equestrian Centre Representatives
- ESNZ AGA Dressage Delegates
- Patron

Conference June 2019

The 2019 Dressage Conference & Awards Dinner followed by Committee meeting will be held at the Sudima Hotel, Auckland Airport 29/30 June Dressage Waitemata and AMDG are organizing. Nomination forms and Registration forms will be distributed soon.

Conference AGA 2020

ESNZ has proposed a central venue / date for all discipline AGA/conferences in 2020 and combined Awards Dinner with key awards only to be presented. The concept of discipline AGM's held at a common venue was supported but there was a desire at the same time to retain the uniqueness of the Dressage Awards Dinner to celebrate our winners and honour the Dressage national sponsors.

AGENDA ITEM 11: General Business Not on the Agenda

1. Bit for re evaluation in double bridle

Correspondence from Helen Bowler re “lock up” snaffles was noted. This query is related directly to Dressage NZ's request to the FEI re rule clarification and explanation for not being able to use lock up and no further action to be taken until a response is received from the FEI.

2. Use of Voice -- Lyn Burns

Lyn Burns requested discussion on use of voice as a softer training aid. Riders at lower and younger levels could use it. The SM advised this could only be a discussion and needs [to come eee](#) forward as a remit next year.

3. Support of judges to HOY Northern Hawkes Bay – Lyn Burns

The SM clarified HOY organisation and advised that at present HOY supports 3 judges flights plus other gratuities. Area delegates to take back to remind groups to look at supporting judges in covering some expenses where they can to pinnacle events.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 3.55pm