

## 9<sup>th</sup> December, Riders Meeting, Hastings (started at 7.15pm)

Claire Wilson, Riders Rep

I thanked The Nations Bar for hosting the Riders Meeting and called for any other issues to be added to General Business, no points were raised.

I explained about the Groom of the Year competition and it's new sponsor AMS Saddlery. Georgie Dormer spoke about how much the award meant to her groom, Danielle Chambers, who won the 20/21 title. Several other riders spoke about their grooms and encouraged riders to vote for them.

I Introduced Lara Baker; the NHB chairman and organiser of the Young Horse Show. She welcomed riders and encouraged more to get involved on their Area Committees.

We presented the 20/21 Volunteer of the Year award (from the Jumping AGM) to John Jenkins and he spoke briefly about the friends he has made, while helping out at shows.

Paxton Conder from Dunstan spoke about what riders can do to show their appreciation to show and series sponsors.

Oliver Edgecombe gave riders an update on the squad selection and High Performance business that has been going on so far this season.

I reminded riders that FEI registrations for Dannevirke needed to be updated ASAP because the ESNZ office will be closed for 2 weeks over Christmas. Also, the Riders Rep position is coming up soon, so see me for more info.

The Groom of the Year Votes were counted and the top contenders were Greta Averill, Chrissy Webb and Jenni Calver. The final vote will be done at the Horse of the Year Show.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm

60+ riders attended