

Riders Meeting Minutes HB A&P 23/10/19

Welcome and thanks for coming. Introduced Marilyn Thompson- Jumping Sport Manager, Holly Aliprantis- Jumping Administrator. Introduced and congratulated Audrey Cameron- Personality of the Year

Groom of the Year voting took place, while sponsor Mary Pedersen from Horse and Groom spoke briefly about her services.

There was discussion about the hind boot rule and legal and illegal examples were handed around. There was a reminder about getting your new helmet red tagged. The Blue Card concussion system was discussed briefly.

FEI- the purple and orange passports were discussed and there was a reminder about getting them renewed for the new calendar year.

FEI Children's Classic was discussed and Rylee Sheehan was congratulated for his qualification for the final in Hong Kong.

FEI World Jumping Challenge was discussed and riders were reminded to encourage their Area Groups to support the running of these classes. Christine Dawkins spoke about her successful trip to the WJC in Mexico.

Kylie Ebbett from Equissage, the sponsor of the Horse Grand Prix Series, spoke about her products and the importance riders thanking sponsors. Equissage Spot prizes were awarded to Georgia Bouzaid, Henry Bull, June Berrington, Zara Waldin, Willow Barker, Rylee Sheehan.

The Star Spotters Scholarship, sponsored by NZPH was briefly mentioned and riders were encouraged to support these new members.

In General Business, a new idea of acknowledging the older retired officials in our sport was discussed, with positive feedback.

June Berrington raised the issue that some horse's stud prefixes haven't been registered. This was going to be looked into further and discussed at board level.

Jaime Tiller and Tegan Fitzsimon raised strong concerns about the ground conditions in ring 1 at Hawkes Bay. Claire Wilson explained that she had already heard concerns from the course designer. They spoke to members of the organising committee about improvement options and HB A&P were very positive about making it better.

The top 6 grooms were announced, following votes received earlier for the Groom of the Year award.

Meeting closed.