

Riders Meeting Minutes Hastings 9/3/20

7.10pm Welcome and thanks for coming.

Lauren Watson, the General Manager from SMC Events addressed the riders. She admitted that the lack of shavings in the stables was a problem that they were working hard to fix and make improvements for next year. She reminded the riders about maintaining good behavior and to respect the security personnel. She shared the anonymous phone line that riders could use to report incidents of concern. The riders appreciated Lauren taking the time to talk to them.

The riders watched a video presentation (created by Helen Kippen) of the six finalists in the 2020 Groom of the Year competition. The finalists were; Charlotte Belbin, India Causebrook, Phillipa Gillies, Sarah Peterson, Shanna Lee and Sheree Sheehan. Thanks was given to sponsors, Mary Petersen from NZ Horse and Groom, Jenni Calver and Equestrian Central. All riders voted and Blake Keane counted the votes.

Guest speaker, Edmond Otis was introduced. Edmond is a highly respected Sports Psychologist and he had a lot of advice about maintaining a positive attitude and having self-belief during competition. The riders really enjoyed his engaging and inspiring presentation.

The riders were invited to bring up items of General Business. One young lady expressed concern about the lack of warm up area in the showhunter department of the HOY. Claire asked if anyone had any solutions to this problem. This issue will be directed to the HOY Board.

The 2020 Groom of the Year was announced; Sarah Peterson

7.50pm Meeting closed.

100 Riders attended, plus approx 30 non-riders