

Riders Meeting Minutes Taupo 20/12/19

Welcome and thanks for coming. Introduced: myself, Sarah Forman (Northern Riders Rep) Marilyn Thompson (Jumping Sport Manager) Holly Aliprantis (Jumping Sport Administrator) Heidi Bulfin (ESNZ Sport Administrator)

New Zealand Horse & Groom sponsored Groom of the Year voting took place

A reminder to support and encourage the New Zealand Performance Horses Star Spotters.

There was discussion about the Hind-boot rule conditions for this and next season.

Human drug and alcohol testing is taking place at this show, Heidi explained that those who were tested were positive about the testing, but all returned a negative test.

The Complaints process was discussed and noted that issues need to be dealt with on the day they arise.

The Nationals Show in Christchurch was mentioned and riders were encouraged to support it.

There was a reminder about warm-up area etiquette and general manners.

International riders Tom Tarver and Richard Gardner spoke about their experiences overseas and their plans leading up to Tokyo

Guest speaker Nigel Cowan from Poli Payments spoke to the riders. Poli Payments are the kind sponsors of the World Cup and Premier League Series and the Young Rider and Talent ID Squads. The riders thanked him for his generous sponsorship.

In general business; allocating stables to horses competing in higher classes was discussed. Some shows are giving stables on a "first in first served basis", which is resulting in upper level horses missing out.

There was a suggestion that show organisers need to be encouraged to place the Area Teams event at a suitable time in the schedule to enable teams to be filled more easily.

The votes were counted from the Groom of the Year were counted and the main nominees were: Shanna Lee, Charlotte Belbin India Causebrook, Sheree Sheehan Leeshelle Small

Spot prizes were given out to good sorts, kindly donated by AMS Saddlery and Tania Scott; Kirsten Hence, Tyla Hackett, Isabella Narracci, Liam Rutland.

75 riders attended