

NATIONAL SHOWJUMPING CHAMPS

RIDERS MEETING MINUTES

FRIDAY 31ST

Meeting minutes - Olivia Harkerss

Meeting convenor - Becky Pinfold

Meeting opened – 7pm

Attendance – 80 est

- Thanks to NI riders for making the trip down and the Nationals committee for putting on a great show. Riders please make sure to thank the committee and sponsors.

- Skeen Trophy - Emma Barker
North vs South here tomorrow.
Emma will choose teams in the morning
From YR, Junior, Amatuer, Pro Am, 7YO

- Blue Clarke - Any questions for officials.
 - Keep clear of finish eyes if you're in the ring early. Be careful where you ride.
 - Be aware of rules- outside assistance, being handed whip, boots. Excluding things that cause stress. In between flags.
 - Wall to be faultable has to fall. People not to touch until rider has finished the course (gone through flags)
 - Complaints: to go to TD, chief steward, president of ground jury, Riders rep
 - Look at the clock to tell you're bell. Ask judges. They have backup watches.
 - Help if you can.
 - 45 seconds after the bell rings to get through the start flags. Time starts at 45secs.

- Minimum yarding requirements / yard etiquette
 - Etiquette in outdoor yards - studs out.
 - Speak to the committee if you aren't comfortable. Also check before going to show as committees are trying their best. Constructive criticism. (Becky to reach out to Queenstown committee)
 - Yarding: put in notes if you have naughty horses for corner yards, taking studs out.

- Social license - Gus Taylor
 - Don't be complacent about horse welfare as people are trying to ban animal sports.
 - No reprimanding after elimination or after a fall.
 - Be aware of how any images of videos can be perceived on social media.
 - A reminder from Mackintosh family from a rodeo perspective on staying ahead of the ball on social license and animal welfare.

- Nationals rules - either more use of exemptions or taking away the restrictions to improve jumping quality and entries.
 - Horse welfare- exemptions put back in place?
 - New combinations should be allowed exemptions to jump down.
 - Committee of jumping board, put in remit to change rules.
 - Be able to change from horse to combination.
 - Suggestion for rule to change to several placings instead of 1 placings at said height.
 - Application process considering performance and interest of horse instead of competitiveness of class.
 - Gus (committee), too much grey area around exemptions is why they removed them so perhaps rule changes would be a clearer route.

- Etiquette reminder toward volunteers running shows.
 - General etiquette: call out where you are going in warmup. Left to left. Be kind and patient.
 - Ring 2 & 3 warmup @ McLeans problem being too close. Talk to officials or riders rep. Don't be afraid to ask but ask nicely.
 - Coaches hogging fences over young riders. Share warmups.
 - Quality of warmup for warm up. -McLeans warm up flooded and ran out of jumpable ground by Sunday.
 - Put to groundsmen about warmups and stewards.

- South Islands - 12th 13th 14th Dec.
North vs South Teams events- Junior Rider, Young Rider, Senior Full teams for each event riding their own horses.

- Constructive recommendations to committees
 - We are within our rights as riders to make constructive criticism to committee's but please do so through the correct channels. Either reach out to riders rep to do on your behalf, speak to TD at the show or a polite email after the show to the committee.

Calendar

- South Islands - Floating the idea to riders to keep South Islands in one location on a set date to help with disruptions to the show calendar.
 - Katie Meredith likes the idea of its staying put - has to be in a location that grounds are consistent.
 - Pressure on committee if one location or date was set.
 - A lot of riders / committee members in agreement that South Islands should continue to move around SI. It is a good boost for each province and incentivises riders to travel.
 - If SI champs were to stay in one location it would have to be central.

- Premier show location in the calendar
 - Riders keen to have our premier shows spread throughout the season to limit the amount of higher jumping in a tight period.
 - This coming season (25-26) we have SI champs (Prem) and Christmas Cracker (Prem) close together in December. Possibility of changing Christmas Cracker to a regular show - horse welfare. Could we move to ...
 - Canterbury Champs (riders mostly agree this show is best a non prem show as it gives riders that have not gone north to step up a class (especially young, junior, gp horses)
 - Another area - Ashburton held one last year and it was well received. Most riders agree it shouldn't have to be in Canterbury.
- Ideally we would like our Prem shows set in calendar first so the other shows and committees can work around these for several reasons;
 1. A commercially successful show (Blenheim and Ashburton have been greatly affected by running on either side of Nationals
 2. Horse welfare - too much jumping expected currently in a short period of time.
- Nationals date
 - NI perspective - School holidays are preferable especially for pony riders and ideally a couple of shows for a bit of a run.
 - Most riders would prefer there to be a no jumping competition within 10 days of Nationals. We are already limited on shows and riders are having to choose between shows currently for horse welfare. There are plenty of spare weekends in the calendar to space shows better.

Speaking open to any other constructive comments and ideas on the calendar.

- Option of paper programs again for McLeans Island shows as there is poor service for Evo
 - Promise from Spark for a cell tower by April.
- Reminder from the committee members for riders to please thank and support sponsors.
- Usual photographers not present at Nationals query
 - Committee explained that they chose to treat photographers as vendors the same as trade and food and charge a day rate. Some chose not to attend as a result but several others did.

Awards

Volunteer winner: Anna Clearwater

Whoopsie: Lana Meddar

Best turnout: Tyler Mckee

Blonde moment: Skin Thompson

Best Support person: Keith Baker

Best Parent: Amanda Roy

Sportsmanship: Ange Ruddenklau

Meeting Closed 8:15pm