

Minutes of the Riders Meeting – South Island 26 Jan 2018

Start Time: 5.15pm

Present: Giselle Conway, Emma Copplestone, Lorraine Ward-Smith, Rachael Powell, Barbara Chalmers, Diane Wallace, Nicola Maley, Debbie Hendry, Maria Hendry, Rhiannon Moss, Paula Hippolite, Rachel White, Robin Savage, Lynda Clark, Soo Wells, Rodney Wallace, Charmaine Racke, Nicki Ford, Sarah Carnwall, Joy White, Charlie Carran, Kerry McLean, Tessa van Bruggen, Franzi van Bruggen, Sophie Griffith, Emma Rowe-Pledger, Vicki Byrne, Tracey Heywood, Helen Broomfield, Jenny Scotter, Helen Trotman, Jan Morice, Dale Allison, Kate Dodd, Wendy Butler, Sonya McLachlan

Apologies: Wendy Hamerton, Jenny Affleck

Minutes from Previous Meeting: were read and confirmed. Moved Lorraine Ward-Smith, Second Marlene Parkinson

Any Matters Arising from Previous Minutes from 10 Feb 17:

Trophies – discussion again around upgrade and repairs to trophies that wasn't completed in the prior year. Debbie Hendry put her hand up to take the trophies and look at putting them in separate cases. All trophies are to be presented at the prize giving and then held back to be checked, repaired and boxed. Each area still agreed to pay \$100 towards costs – we will look at this more closely once we have quotes. Thank you to Debbie for taking this on.

History of trophies – all of this is to be chased up by Jude – once Jude has a list of all the names of trophies she can track the history of each one and record it – to be kept with SI Champs minutes and at Dressage NZ so this history is not lost. If anyone has any information regarding the trophies, please contact Jude Nickolls judenickolls@gmail.com

Correspondence

In: Nil

Out: Nil

Nominations for Riders Representative: One nomination Received – Jude Nickolls. Nominated C Lovelady – voted in by quite a few at the meeting – thanks all.

General:

Facebook page discussed as being a great forum for people to discuss dressage and hear about different things that happen. Please encourage riders to use this. Also, just to reiterate that it's a friendly forum and any negative or derogatory comments will be deleted. Also, no advertising of any business – if its commercial it's a business so please keep any of these comments out of this forum.

Arena Familiarisation – Discussion on this at events. They do not need a steward to run these, BUT the committee do need someone to be there to ensure rules are followed, and have to have the arena's re groomed afterwards – comes down to man power. Please put your hand up for this if you would like to see more of them. On the other side – when there are familiarisations available can

committees please advertise the days, times and arena's they will be held in more publicly as riders feel it's hard to find.

SI Champs Venues going forward – it was noted that there are only two venues that can hold the SI Champs – this is McLeans Island, Chch and Gore as they have the horse facilities and the surfaces to cover such a large event. Canterbury is 2019, Gore proposed 2020 and will confirm at their next meeting.

SI Champs – jobs – it was discussed that the SI Champs jobs (toilets, runners, arenas etc used to be shared around the area's as it's a South Island event therefore shouldn't be just on one committee. Area's agreed that this would be a good idea going forward – jobs during the weekend are assigned to an area and its up to the area to organise the people to carry them out.

Nationals – Discussion on moving Nationals from Manfield to Taupo pros and cons. Show of hands was Taupo 17, Manfield 5 – therefore we will be voting Taupo for Nationals going forward.

Length of Season – this was discussed as our season seems to be so short with a lot of Area Champs pushed into a small number of weeks so if we want to compete at them it seems hard on the horse, rider and pocket. We feel we are governed by Nationals and HoY and Sponsors contracts for these events so not sure where to go from here with that. Hard to fit all events in when area's share the grounds with other disciplines also.

Judge Feedback with Riders – This was discussed as Judges are here because they love the sport and riders are here because they love the sport – if we all work together we can start to see Dressage in NZ blossom more. Discussion on how we could make it work – all judges that Jude had spoken to prior to this meeting were in favour of this happening. Not at large events but maybe area Champs or small local events we could look at something – time put aside at lunch or after the tests on day one. Riders must have their test sheet and a video would be helpful also but noted that this would not be a negative meeting, this is just for more understanding of what the judge is looking for in the movement and how riders can improve their marks – all positive and constructive. It was also noted that Riders should write for judges as much as they can as this gives a lot of insight to what the judge can see from the ground.

Videoing tests – discussion held around videos as it was noted that when people travel its hard to find others to video as a lot of riders are on their own. Mentioned that riders could leave their smartphones or iPad somewhere near the arena with their name and time of their test so that others watching would be able to video for them. More ideas for this type of thing is welcome – please contact Jude Nickolls. Idea behind this is that once we watch our videos we see more on how our test went which can help understand the comments on the judge's sheet. Its great learning.

World Dressage Challenge – 2019 WDC will be held in Christchurch. It was discussed if we wanted this to stay as part of Canterbury Champs or wanted it changed to later in the year and be part of Festival of Future Stars (in April). It was voted to be in April going forward and be part of Festival of Future Stars. They are also doing this in the North Island now too.

Jude Thanked everyone for their attendance.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6pm