

Susan Hobson – Candidate for President ESNZ

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Re: Nomination for President, ESNZ.

Please find attached my nomination form for the role of President of ESNZ. My nominator is Richard Sunderland, current President of ESNZ and seconder is Scott McKenna, current Chair of Dressage NZ.

I am National Judges Officer for Dressage NZ currently, a position I have held for twelve years. I am responsible for the training and development of all NZ national judges. I work closely with all my sub committee and also the Area Judges Officers around the country. This year we are especially trying to encourage more eventing and pony club judges to work within our system of training and development and also to become Stewards and Technical Delegates. I have also worked with fellow judges in Australia to instigate an Exchange Programme with NZ/Australia for our national judges to gain experience from both sides of the Tasman which is proving to be very successful.

I have also been Finance Officer for Dressage NZ in the past and also Appointee to the Board so have a good understanding of working in Board situations as well as currently on the Board as Judges Officer.

I am passionate about equestrian sport and have competed in Eventing, Show jumping (a few years ago I might add) and Dressage for over 43 years. I started my competitions with Upper Hutt Pony Club on arriving in NZ in 1974 and have never looked back.....I am very positive and always look to the future.

I have international experience as both an FEI 4* dressage judge and also have been a rider on Trans Tasman teams in Australia at PSG and Grand Prix level. I have also competed in World Dressage Challenges over the years in NZL and been on the NZ team.

I have acted as Head of Ground Jury at Horse of the Year for Dressage over past 10 years and worked closely with all Officials at this event. Have also acted as Foreign Judge internationally in Australia.

I have a good sense of humour, very reliable and have excellent work ethics, good integrity and hard working and can be relied upon to complete any task when required.

I work well with others and absolutely understand the commitment all our officials, riders and supporters put into our sport. We are in a very exciting place at this time with a great future ahead – some exciting combinations and there is no reason at all why we can't compete with the best in the world in all disciplines.....equestrian is very much a team sport and I am a good team player!!

I know many participants and officials in the sport in NZ and internationally and travel around NZ extensively with my judging commitments so am always in touch with the riders and other officials.

I can promise I will do the very best job I can if I am successful in this role and would hope you will all support me.

Regards,

Sue Hobson (Mrs)

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PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS

- Positive and forward thinking,
- Good at dealing with all issues and looking at all points of view
- Very competitive and good leader
- Very loyal, honest, trustworthy and discrete.
- Approachable at all times
- Very good communication skills and enjoys travel and meeting people
- Extremely fair in every situation and deal well with any issues that may arise

COMMERCIAL BACKGROUND

- Born in the UK and after leaving College I gained Secretarial/Accounting qualifications
- Worked as PA to Airport Director at East Midlands Airport in UK for three years
- Worked as PA to Mayor at Upper Hutt City Council on arrival in NZL in 1974
- 1980 moved to Pahiatua and set up horsecoach manufacturing business with husband Brian
- Co-Director with Brian of Hobson Horsecoaches and Motorhomes Limited
- National Eventing NZ sponsors for two years 1978/80
- National Dressage NZ sponsors for over 35 years sponsoring the National Challenges.

EQUESTRIAN BACKGROUND

- 1974 Arrived in NZ from UK and joined the Upper Hutt Pony Club
- Joined ESNZ as Life Member
- Competed Novice eventing and C grade showjumping in the early years
- 1977 joined Southern Hawkes Bay Dressage Group and took up Dressage predominantly
- Area Delegate for SHBay Dressage for many years
- Area Chairperson for SHBay Dressage
- Competed in Australia at PSG and GP level on two occasions on Trans Tasman Team
- Competed in World Dressage Challenge at PSG level in NZL
- Became 3* FEI dressage judge and continued to work towards 4* status
- Achieved 4* FEI status and have travelled to Australia regularly to judge, also Austria, Hartpury UK, Asia Games, Jakarta, South East Asia Games, Malaysia, Taipei, Singapore, India, USA.
- Currently National Judges Officer for Dressage NZ where I am responsible for the development and training of all our national judges. I have held this position for twelve years and will stand down in 2021 by rotation on the Board. I have many friends and colleagues around the world and believe this will be very important in any future roles as communication is the key to the enhancement of our sport worldwide. I am also one of the Board members on the Panel for interviewing new candidates to Board positions.

