

CANTERBURY DRESSAGE NZEF

Minutes of monthly committee meeting held at the Racecourse Hotel,
on Monday, 17th March 2014 at 7 pm

APOLOGIES: Chris Lovelady, Ena Graham, Jude Greenslade, Nicki Ford,
Miranda Luddington, Pat Ydgren, Linda Warren-“Davey
That apologies be accepted **Carried**

PRESENT:

Kerry Sutherland, Karen Daniel, Aubrey McRae, Melissa Kennett, Charlotte Mooney,
Ann Moore, Gael Kofoed, Judith Mackenzie, Robin Haberfield (in the Chair).

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING - Were confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING from last meeting:

- Winter Series – The profits for this series will go into general funds. Event Manager to check on food availability as Priscilla was not there last year.
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CORRESPONDENCE:

Inward

- Jan Mitchell – thank you to group for support from Judges Travel Fund
- Ann Moore – also thank you
- Nicki Ford – will be dealt with in General Business

REPORTS

Finance – Trish McKeown

The February Finance Report is attached.

Direct credit of entry fees is still a bit hit and miss as to which account they go to. Money from the Judges Training fund is still to be transferred to the cheque account. The aim is to do it as one transfer prior to end of March, so less bank fees.

Summary of the Steinberg payments.

December - we received in \$6875 in lesson payments and spectator fees, we paid DNZ \$7050, so it was a cost to Canterbury Dressage of \$175.

January was held at Selwyn Equestrian at no cost to Canterbury.

Trish wasn't present to answer any queries.

Area Judges Officer - Jude Greenslade

There was quite a contingent of Canterbury judges attending the Nationals this year with Gill Usher, Linda Warren-Davey and Jude Greenslade judging. Robin Haberfield was in attendance wearing his selector's hat.

Jan Mitchell, Effie Deans and Anne Moore were sponsored by the Canterbury Judges' Training Fund to attend – all were allocated sit-ins with really good judges in tests appropriate for their level of judging with Effie able to judge for the Para National Champs alongside Australia's Suzie Cunningham who is an International Para judge. All three found the experience really valuable.

All of us were able to attend an extremely good Clinic on Musical Freestyle judging presented by Katerina Wuest – one of the world's leading 5* MFS judges.

I would like to thank Canterbury Dressage for its support of judges' ongoing training and education by way of the Training Fund. I believe this is such an important initiative with respect to maintaining and raising the standard of judging in our area.

For our local day the first weekend in March we had to fly in Lyn Fox in order to have the correct number of appropriately listed judges to cover the classes offered – this is not something that happens often for our local days – it gave me sympathy for smaller areas that have to invite out-of-area judges for all their competitions.

HOY starts this week and no doubt many people from Canterbury will be there in various capacities. Linda and I will again be judging and Robin as a selector.

On Monday 24th there is Young Dressage Horse clinic with Annette Fransen-Jacobaeus which I am really looking forward to. Linda will be involved as she is a newly official YDH judge and is passionate about the future development of YDH classes in NZ.

All Canterbury judges attending will be reimbursed by the Judges' Training fund. Gael Kofoed will be attending HOY to assist with the Zilco stand and will taking the opportunity to sit in with some of the visiting International judges in the higher level classes.

Two of our squad members – Thomas Oldridge and Sandy Houston will be competing at HOY and I wish them all the very best – great to see they have taken themselves up there to experience the big classes and atmosphere.

We are planning an Autumn List 4 + 5 judges clinic – also for trainee judges and anyone else who is interested in attending.

The intention at this stage is to run it in conjunction with our May competition day.

Riders Liaison - Kerry Sutherland

No report submitted

Training & Development – Mandy Blokland

No report submitted.

Office/Entries - Miranda Luddington

Little to report this month. Day 1 of the Autumn Series saw approx 63 riders entered but just under 25% scratched resulting in a fairly quiet day. Entries for Day 2 are starting to come in, there has been a "glitch" with the system not allowing riders to add ground, admin, on line entry fees etc to their entries. John and Vicki have rectified this and I am currently contacting those riders who have underpaid their entry fees.

Scorer – Ken Wilson

The first day of Autumn was very quiet. Everything went smoothly with no problems and very little by way of missing marks and signatures. I managed to get all classes finished very soon after the final rider and our out of town judge even had time for a drink prior to leaving for the airport.

Again though I do have a worry about the lack of people who are willing to help with scoring! I only had one helper who did one class for me, other than that I did the day by myself. We need to promote people to help on these smaller days so I can have time to train them.

Also it was proved totally correct for us to run our internet via cables as since Donald has left the wireless system has stopped working.

The meeting suggested Ken gets on the microphone and asks for help.

Writers – Charlotte Mooney

No report submitted.

Training Squad - Jude Greenslade

To be updated at the meeting by Karen Daniel and Aubrey McRae. Next lessons 29/30 March. Meeting to be held in Spril to discuss future before the AGM. Have a possible lead for funding to be followed up.

NEC

Robin outlined the minutes of the previous meeting.

- Decisions need to be made as too much discussion

- Complaint from SJ re ground conditions / ground fees
- Costs to be obtained to install wi-fi
- Event Manager for each discipline to let SINEC know of any maintenance issues
- With Donald's departure how is the centre to be managed
- Food vendor complaining about size of monthly fee
- Review of the development to be discussed 9th April with Jim Ellis
- Discussion on staffing, funding, management etc
- Discussion on membership fees – whether all should pay the same
- Not enough money to replace tractor
- Lungeing arena being used as yards at an event
- Speaker system not clear at the stables – to be investigated
- More shelving wanted by caterers in kitchen
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Conference Report – Robert Kofoed

As you are aware Canterbury Dressage is this year hosting the NZ Dressage Conference, to be held at the Commodore Hotel Memorial Avenue on 28/29 June. Details on the final costs are yet to be confirmed by Dressage NZ and I am meeting with Wendy Hamerton at HOY to do so.

Generally registrations for attendance and accommodation commence prior to the April planning meeting held in Wellington. We are still on track to meet this deadline.

To date:

- The accommodation and conference rooms are reserved at the Copthorne Commodore.
- The Commodore airport shuttle courtesy is provided free of charge to pick up delegates.
- A sub-committee comprising Miranda, Chris, Linda, Kerry and Gael has been formed. We will hold a meeting later this month once I have sorted out the details with Wendy.
- Miranda will take and process the conference registrations. The delegates requiring accommodation will book direct with the hotel.
- Mel Van der pol's husband Steve has kindly agreed to be MC.

So the main tasks expected from us are:

- Meet and greet delegates at the hotel
- Assist with registration of delegates, hand out packs and name badges, etc
- Assist at the Saturday night cocktail pre-dinner party and prizegiving – ie greeting, checking attendees against lists and serving finger food, etc
- Assist with hosting VIPs and marshalling other delegates to appropriate tables for Saturday formal dinner.
- Suggestions for a local or a suitable themed entertainment during the Saturday night dinner. I have made inquiries into having Sam Johnson (Student Army) as a guest speaker. I am yet to learn of his availability but at a cost of \$3,795.00 including GST. Unless the group is prepared to heavily subsidise this or get a sponsor, I won't be confirming this?

Canterbury only hosts this event every 10 years so we want to make it enjoyable and we need to be supported by everyone.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- **A&P – Re-allocation of Trophies** – Linda Warren

Andrew and I met with the above committee yesterday and had a positive meeting. The outcome is as follows.....

They will continue to offer registered classes at Levels 1, 2, and 3, and we agreed they can continue to award the respective trophies for those levels.

Approximately 40 horses enter dressage at the Show, totalling around 90 tests.

The trophies will be returned to Canterbury Dressage when and if those classes are no longer held at the A&P Show. The trophies are the Sharon Brown Memorial and the Kate Cup. Two trophies will be returned to Canterbury dressage, the Flush Trophy (level 6) and the Charlie Mears Memorial (PSG).

Canterbury Dressage will now run a registered competition day, offering all levels, and we suggest the date is 9 November.

To continue to promote dressage in Canterbury, a small futurity stakes is going to be offered to the winner or top 3 place getters who enter who enter Levels 1, 2 and 3 at BOTH shows. This will be promoted in both the A&P show catalogue and our schedule. It was also suggested we link the two shows, by including 'A&P show ' into the naming of the November day at Mcleans Island.

Andrew has contacted Wendy Hamerton for confirmation that we can offer the lower levels twice in the Area in the same month and the answer was a resounding Yes, we can do what we like :)

An official letter needs to be sent to the A & P Assn stating what we discussed and agreed upon. I don't mind doing this, as it needs to be followed up sooner rather than later.

Moved Gael Kofoed/Kerry Sutherland "That the meeting approved the outcome of the A & P meeting".

- **Resigning Office Holder's** – Robin has had some offers – points prize, chairman, minute secretary, treasurer. Present office holders who are standing down, please get your job descriptions to him asap.

- **Dressage Planning Meeting** –Nicki Ford's letter as follows.

"As the outgoing rider representative, I have been approached with the following remits and would appreciate them being considered and put forward to Canterbury Dressage on the agenda for the next planning meeting.

- 1 "In the best interests of effective leadership for Dressage New Zealand, we propose that DNZ adopt a board rotation policy. A Board member that has been on the board for three consecutive years cannot be nominated for the same position for a fourth year. This would take effect from 2015 conference." We believe that this will best serve the members of Dressage New Zealand, and encourage new perspectives that will promote creativity and innovation to move the sport forward.
- 2 "We propose that when voting for board member positions, that voting rights are restricted to and only to, one vote per area. This means that individual sitting board members do not have the right to vote" Any situation where areas have a vote, the individual board members do not have a vote. The reason for this is that collectively, the Boards' vote represents in excess of 25% of the total vote and by allowing individual board members to vote does not allow for a decision that is reflective or truly representative of the area and its members wishes.

The meeting felt they were good suggestions but the wording needs some revision. Would come up again at the next meeting and could then go to DNZ AGM.

- **Trophies** – Kerry is preparing a list of trophies and where they were originally to be donated (what level and class). This will be updated on the website. As the list of trophies is apparently under the 'Results' heading suggested that this heading be changed to 'Trophies & Results'

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm – Next meeting 16th April (to be confirmed)