



Canterbury Dressage Group

Minutes of the Canterbury Dressage Group Meeting 7pm – 17th December 2014 – Addington Raceway

Present: Aubrey McRae (Chair), Melanie van der Pol, Melissa Kennett, Kerry Sutherland, Ena Graham, Charles Usher, Gill Usher, Anthea Dixon

Apologies: Miranda Luddington, Robin Habberfield, Andrew Bruce, Ken Wilson, Gael Koeford, Chris Lovelady, Charlotte Mooney, Holly Merritt, Nicki Ford,

Previous Minutes To be read at next meeting.

Correspondence In

South Islands correspondence discussed further on in the meeting.

Thank you letter from Gill Usher for the flowers and chocolates presented at Canterbury champs was read.

Correspondence Out

Reports

Finance Report: Melanie Van Der Pol

Attached

Moved MeIVP, **Second** Kerry

Event Manager: Andrew Bruce

The event ran fairly smoothly and generally successful. Gill Usher did a great job and was most influential in the success of the event, so thankyou Gill (and Charles). A huge thankyou to Stan for his early starts, and an even bigger thankyou must go to Robin Savage, for her assistance getting the arenas up, down and put away, plus stewarding all weekend and helping Stan and myself early in the mornings (well before 6am both days) getting arenas ready for competition. Miranda and Ken both worked tirelessly and the speed and efficiency of results coming out was greatly appreciated; big thanks to them for doing their jobs so well as per usual. Ena as usual was great, thankyou Ena A few technical and operational issues have been highlighted and are being addressed for future – not enough watering done prior to event on grass warm up areas due to Stan being away week prior. Grass arena in oval was good however. Warm up arena and 3, 4, 5 weren't watered due to late

withdrawal of a water truck that had been planned. The judging was a little slow at times, but this was addressed and improved as a result. There was also a conflict of interest with one of the judges that the Stewards have addressed, but perhaps need to be a bit more vigilant. Catering for judges disappointing this year, but Linda is addressing other options. Once again the BBQ was well coordinated with great feedback. Prize giving again ran smoothly and was well organised – thanks Kerry and Mel – but the office is too congested so will allocate a marquee in the oval for collection and coordination by Donny for SI's.

A huge thankyou to Conqueror, and other minor sponsors for their contribution. Sponsors were hard to find for this C/Champs as a lot wanted to hold off for the exciting Sth Islands. Great to have a couple of fantastic photographers at the event, and hope the riders support them by purchasing their photos

A lot of planning has already happened for SI's with most boxes ticked, the committee will meet again in early January, but I am sure the emails wont stop over Christmas break. Thanks to those people involved for all the work that is done behind the scenes, for the time and effort that is put in to running a successful event.

Have a great Christmas and will see you all next year, cheers Andrew

Scorer: Ken Wilson

For 4 years now I have been doing this scoring and still the Canterbury Champs were riddled with mistakes by judges. They just do not seem to get the message of how much time is wasted having the go out to them, always just as another horses has just started it's test, and wait the 5 minutes or so then get either a signature or missing mark. Then talking about marks we are still getting sheets presented by Judges and writers without all the scores going to three digits, even after pointing it out many times some of our local judges still are not completing the bottom area with the .0's.

When it comes to the championships I was questioned with regards to the combined level 6/7 scoring when they were combined for one class. The system is set up so people are scored how the finish in the overall class and not each class separately. It makes no difference to the overall placing in each championship as everyone is treated the same it just means some total scores are slightly lower. Also you my score 57% to get points as per scoring of points with Dressage NZ.

Office Convenor: Miranda Luddington

Canterbury Champs generally went well.

A couple of minor points, firstly I need to make sure that those operating the music are given an up to date list of scratchings every morning otherwise it can make things pretty stressful for them. Secondly and I think this has already been mentioned, it's very difficult for those giving out Ribbons, rugs etc to do this from the room we usually use for scoring as we end up with a bottle neck. it would be good to have another area available for all rosettes, ribbons etc to be given out from over the week end.

Re SI Champs

I have had several requests from pony/YR parents to schedule the Pony classes at the end of /later in the day if possible on the Thursday and Friday as many schools go back on the Wednesday. It's more difficult with YR's on hacks but maybe once Holly has done the draw I can have a look before it goes live and move anyone or forward a list of those it may affect before Holly does the draw (let me know what's best for you Holly ?)

We have 53 riders entered so far

NEC: Robin Habberfield

I will be an apology. You can report that I am told all the open yards have been checked and repaired. I haven't looked at them myself. Remind everyone that there are the yards out by the eventing training that can be used. A final decisions from NZCT for the funding has not been made,

but as we are asking for \$8m, we can expect some close scrutiny of where we are hoping to go in the future.

Happy Christmas to everyone.

General Business

Canterbury Champs

Following Canterbury Champs it was determined that Arenas 3,4 and 5 need to be looked at due to condition.

Fire risk across the grounds also needs to be managed, especially through the summer season.

There were no actual paramedics at Canterbury champs, this was discussed and there will definitely be paramedics at South Islands.

NEC

There are a lot of concerns at the moment about the condition of the grounds and facilities. There is a lot of maintenance that needs to be done.

South Islands

The next meeting with the south islands committee will be January. There are currently 5 sponsors confirmed for South islands.

Funding applications are under way for Judges airfares and also to cover venue costs.

Next meeting **Wednesday 25th February, Addington Raceway**

Meeting Closed 8:30pm

Dressage Canterbury - Income and Expenditure Current Account 020820-0359529-00 Month End November 2014	Nov 14	Oct 14	Notes
<i>Opening Balance</i>	10,276.80	3,087.03	
INCOME			
Judges Training Fund	-	-	
Transfer Other		566.25	
Entry Fees	15,309.00	7,190.65	
Rebank		-	
Test books		-	
Sponsorship		-	
Interest Received		-	
J Steinberg	460.00	-	
Fundraising		-	
Gear Hire		-	
Grants for Training Squad		5,000.00	
Training Squad		326.00	
GST Refunds		-	
Dressage NZ		-	
Conference		-	
Misc	20.00	240.00	<i>Champs BBQ Ticket</i>
Total Income	15,789.00	13,322.90	
EXPENDITURE			
Transfer	5,010.00	10.00	<i>\$5000 to squad grant from Community Trust</i>
Prize Money		875.00	
Ribbons Rugs	87.40	-	
Judges and Writers	540.00	1,156.00	
National Equestrian Centre		-	
Equestrian Entries Online	347.50	433.75	
ESNZ	97.75	-	<i>programmes</i>
Dressage NZ	972.00	909.00	<i>Test blocks \$401</i>
Office Expenses		-	
Programmes		-	
Refund of Entry Fees	44.00	-	
Advertising		-	
Catering	380.00	730.00	
Hire		-	
GST Payable		-	
Training Squad		946.00	
J Steinberg		860.00	
Honorariums		-	
Bank Fees	10.00	10.50	
Misc		23.66	
Stationery		179.22	
Conference		-	
Committee Travel Costs		-	
Total Expenditure	7,488.65	6,133.13	
TOTAL (Balance + Income - Expenditure)	18,577.15	10,276.80	
<i>less unpresented cheques</i>	-	-	
<i>plus unpresented cheques from previous month</i>	-	-	
Closing Balance	18,577.15	10,276.80	
<i>Balance of Bank Statement</i>	<i>18,577.15</i>	<i>10,276.80</i>	
<i>Difference</i>	-	-	

Dressage Canterbury - Income and Expenditure	Nov 14	Oct 14 <i>Notes</i>
Major Event Account 020820-0359529-05		
Month End November 2014		
<i>Opening Balance</i>	3,295.62	3,430.02
INCOME		
Transfer Other	-	-
Entry Fees	2,549.50	431.75
Rebank	-	-
Sponsorship	-	-
Interest Received	-	-
Dressage NZ	-	-
Total Income	5,845.12	431.75
EXPENDITURE		
Transfer	-	566.25
Prize Money	-	-
Ribbons Rugs	-	-
Judges and Writers	366.00	- <i>airfares judges</i>
National Equestrian Centre	-	-
Equestrian Entries Online	-	-
ESNZ	-	-
Dressage NZ	-	-
Office Expenses	-	-
Programmes	-	-
Refund of Entry Fees	-	-
Advertising	-	-
Catering	-	-
Hire	-	-
GST Payable	-	-
Bank Fees	-	-
Misc	-	-
Stationery	-	-
Total Expenditure	366.00	566.25
TOTAL (Balance + Income -Expenditure)	5,479.12	3,295.52
<i>less unpresented cheques</i>		
<i>plus unpresented cheques from previous month</i>		
Closing Balance	5,479.12	3,295.62
<i>Balance of Bank Statement</i>	<i>5,479.12</i>	<i>3,295.62</i>
<i>Difference</i>	-	-

Dressage Canterbury - Income and Expenditure	Nov 14	Oct 14 <i>Notes</i>
Squad Training 020820-0359529-01		
Month End November 2014		
<i>Opening Balance</i>	481.00	1,449.00
INCOME		
From -00		540.00
Squad Lessons	640.00	840.00
Fundraising	1,256.00	<i>Quiz</i>
Community Trust Grant	5,000.00	
Total Income	6,896.00	1,380.00
EXPENDITURE		
Christine Weal - lessons	-	1,080.00
Aubrey McRae Airfares Christine Weal	-	942.00
Transfer to -00 C Weal airfares	-	326.00
Total Expenditure	-	2,348.00
TOTAL (Balance + Income - Expenditure)	7,377.00	481.00
<i>less unpresented cheques</i>		
<i>plus unpresented cheques from previous month</i>		
Closing Balance	7,377.00	481.00
<i>Balance of Bank Statement</i>	<i>7,377.00</i>	<i>481.00</i>
<i>Difference</i>	-	-

Dressage Canterbury - Income and Expenditure Judges Training Fund 02-0820-0359529-066 Month End November 2014	Nov 14	Oct 14 <i>Notes</i>
<i>Opening Balance</i>	3,563.94	4,558.51
INCOME		
From Dressage Canterbury	-	-
Interest Received	2.73	3.43
Total Income	2.73	3.43
EXPENDITURE		
Transfer	-	-
Video Evenings	-	-
Petrol Reimbursement	-	-
Attending J Steinberg	-	-
Airfares and Accomodation	-	998.00 <i>Local Judges travel</i>
Bank charges	-	-
Total Expenditure	-	998.00
TOTAL (Balance + Income - Expenditure)	3,566.67	3,563.94
<i>less unpresented cheques</i>	-	-
<i>plus unpresented cheques from previous month</i>	-	-
Closing Balance	3,566.67	3,563.94
<i>Balance of Bank Statement</i>	3,566.67	3,563.94
<i>Difference</i>	-	-

FW: SI Champs

From: **Aubrey McRae** (aubrey@movelogistics.co.nz)
Sent: Thursday, 11 December 2014 2:18:57 p.m.
To: Melissa . (mel.kennett@hotmail.com)

Hi Mel

This is what I have for the meeting so far.

Cheers

Aubrey



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From: Andrew Bruce [mailto:andrewb@nzcds.co.nz]
Sent: Thursday, 11 December 2014 12:04 p.m.
To: Linda Warren-Davey; MERRITT Holly
Cc: Miranda Luddington; Aubrey McRae; Viv Brien
Subject: RE: SI Champs

Unsure I will be there either but will compile the points raised along the way

Will address a couple of things now –

The group needs to purchase a few more radios, as two of the five weren't working on the weekend

Agree on the catering situation – will cancel Nova once David comes back with details

After discussing it with Donny over the weekend we will be dedicating one of the marquees to him, where he can deal with riders at certain times of the day, and give out rosettes, organise his prizegiving etc – and hopefully relieve Miranda of a few queries

Regarding the watering situation – unfortunately I wasn't aware that Stan was away for the week prior to the champs – not for the lack of trying though – so watering out the back wasn't done, although he did have the big sprinkler going out there on Saturday night. His system is so convoluted with supply and pressure of water to the sprinklers, he doesn't show anyone how to do it, but will show me hopefully. Agree on the warmup arena, and my fault as I should have had Stan put the k lines in there too. I did however have a plan that changed mid week prior unfortunately – we were borrowing Charlottes watering truck so I could do all of the watering outside of Arena 1 & 2 within our control, but this then became unavailable. I have been assured it will be there for SI's though – and will keep on at Stan to water out the back

Scheduling / Prize giving etc. I am sure Holly can work with Linda's suggestions, but the big decisions will be surrounding making the Saturday night prestigious. Please correct me here, but we have 4 major prizes to be awarded (Level Champions, Musical Accumulators, Challenge Accumulators, National Challenge Finals) and most of those results will have been decided earlier in the day / weekend, with just the higher level Musicals and subsequent Champions to be ridden. My intention is that we schedule a time within the running of the higher levels on the Saturday evening, for each of these presentations; and then score and present the top few levels asap after riding their tests. A mounted prizegiving for the bottom 5 (??) levels could be held at maybe 5pm ish, which then leads into the evening

Friday evening could be the riders meeting, followed by the prizegiving for the Thursday and Friday morning tests, with Saturdays class rosettes collected from Donny in the marquee without a formal prizegiving as such

The good news is that the sun will set on the Saturday at 8.57pm and moon will have an 88.3% Illumination

Will put some more effort into the scheduling soon, but just give some thought to the above and what issues may arise

Regards

Andrew Bruce

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From: Linda Warren-Davey [mailto:ponytail007@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, 11 December 2014 7:08 a.m.
To: MERRITT Holly
Cc: Miranda Luddington; Andrew Bruce; Aubrey McRae; Viv Brien
Subject: Re: SI Champs

Hi All,

As much as I would like to be there, I don't think I will be up to it.

Work xmas lunch that day, hic! I think it's fine to have to have a debrief by email though?

The points i wanted I bring up was the arena time tabling; there still needs to be a little more time between some of the change of tests. A gap after every 6th horse in the large classes. 3 minutes between freestyle tests, instead of 2. 10 minutes for the YdH.

It would be good to have a Wilkie talkie in the C box on arena 1.

I have asked Cheryl and Amelia French for a quote for the SIs for catering.

The food really was not up to scratch, and it's time we lookd for new and cheaper ! Caterers.

Why couldn't we set up a satellite office in the Marquee, for dealing with all rider and scoring enquiries, rosette collection etc etc?

That's about me at this stage:)

Linda Warren-Davey

Ohoka Park Truffiere

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Sent from my iPad

On 10/12/2014, at 11:14 am, MERRITT Holly <Holly.Merritt@customs.govt.nz> wrote:

Hi Guys

Unfortunately I can't make the next committee meeting and I think we've run out of time for a SI's meeting so I thought I would email you with my thoughts (and those gathered from other riders) from Canterbury Champs.

All in all things ran reasonably smoothly considering the issues we were having in the few days leading up to the event.

Level 3 Riders

I didn't end up having too many complaints from the L3 riders regarding their quick turn around on Saturday. There was more concern that they were having to ride their two (important) accumulator tests on the same day (this affected the L3 and L5 only). I suggested that we could look to move the Level 3 and the L5 National Challenge Finals to the Friday and these levels would then ride their respective 'A' test on the Saturday along with their freestyle. This was considered a preferable option by most. If this is agreed on by the committee then Miranda would need to make the changes in the system prior the closing of entries.

Dust and Watering

A number of riders made mention to the amount of dust coming from the warmup arena for arenas 1 & 2. It was very unpleasant and it was obviously effecting the horses as well. Also of concern was the lack of watering done out the back on the grass for warming up for arenas 3-5. Could consideration be given to organising a tanker to water both warm up arenas during the lunch break. Also could someone arrange with Stan to make sure the grass warm up areas (between the rubber and 1,2 warmup arena and out the back) be adequately watered both leading up to and during the event.

Prize Collection

Viv mentioned that it was a rather large headache having riders coming into the hall wanting to collect their prizes for prize giving. This was basically due to how the office is set up. She suggested that a tent be used to display all the rugs and sashes etc throughout the competition and then riders can collect their prizes from there rather than everyone amassing in the office.

Andrew/Linda – I understand you want to have a prize giving on the Friday afternoon. Do you have a set time for this? I presume there will be a mounted prize giving on Saturday at some point. Could you please let me know what things you have scheduled for what time and if you have any special requirements in regard to when the higher levels ride etc so I can work this into the draw.

From the 19th Dec you can contact me on 0274699478 or at Paul.Merritt@placemakers.co.nz

Hope you all have a safe and happy Xmas and we'll see you next year.

Cheers Holly

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