



Canterbury Dressage Group

Minutes of the Canterbury Dressage Group Meeting 7pm –16th July 2014 – Addington Raceway

Present: Aubrey McRae (Chair), Andrew Bruce, Melanie van der Pol, Melissa Kennett, Robin Haberfield, Jude Greenslade, Ena Graham, Nicki Ford, Linda Warren-Davey, Viv Brien, Robin Savage, Gill Usher, Charles Usher

Apologies: Gael Kofoed, Chris Lovelady, Charlotte Mooney, Kerry Sutherland, Miranda Luddington

Previous Minutes accepted **Moved** Nicki, **Second** Jude

Matters Arising

Nil

Correspondence In

- Raffle tickets are here, please let Melissa Kennett know if you could possibly take a book to sell. Sold books and money to be returned asap please

Correspondence Out

- Aubrey has emailed Wendy regarding the new rules. We will not be running our August day under the new rules as its too close to the beginning of the month. Following the first day the schedule will be amended and all unregistered riders will be assisted to register with ESNZ as Community members.

Reports

Finance Report: Melanie Van Der Pol

Report attached.

Report accepted **Moved** MelVP, **Second** Jude

Winter Series Event Manager Report: Aubrey McRae

It has been a very busy few weeks with the DNZ Road Show put on by Wendy and Celine, the Dressage Conference held here in Christchurch, the final day of the Winter Series and last week an overview of the Equestrian Entries program given by developers John and Vicky.

The Road Show

The Road Show has highlighted some changes that were going before the board to be signed off which has since been completed at the recent board meeting held the day before conference. A group of about 10 Canterbury members and three from Ashburton attended. Our thanks to Charlotte for the use of the Spectators Bar for the meeting.

The following can now be confirmed: From 1 August 2014

1. ESNZ will launch a new website in August with Dressage having blue themed pages
2. Now two types of membership, Full Members and Community Members
3. Membership – Non graded competitions
 - Riders now need to be a Community Member (free) by registering on line @ESNZ
 - Horses/ponies do not have to be registered.
 - Riders upgrading from a Community Member to an ESNZ Full member, will get their first year free (this will not apply to returning members) and will have to register their Horse/Pony
4. Graded Competitions: Riders (\$60.00) must be full members, and Horses (\$65.00) must be registered = \$125 plus Dressage Annual start. Now Two Levels only of dressage annual starts, Level 1: \$60, Level 2-9: \$90
5. Reduction in costs as follows:
 - Level 1 combination pays: Rider \$60 + Horse \$65 = \$125 + \$60 DR Annual Start = \$185.00
=Reduction of \$42.00
 - Level 2 – 4 combination pays: Rider \$60 + Horse \$65 = \$125 + \$90 DR Annual Start = \$215.00
=Reduction of \$42.00
 - Level 5 – 9 combination pays: Rider \$60 + Horse \$65 = \$125 + \$90 DR Annual Start = \$215.00
=Reduction of \$62.00
6. Young riders have an increase in cost for membership from \$50.00 rising to \$65.00
7. DR Flexi Starts (\$6 for \$30) previously called Dressage Casual Start Stickers

New for 1 Jan 2015

1. \$3.00 T&D levy applies to training events

Warning Cards- These are just what they say “A Warning Card” to be presented to riders who need a warning for EG: Abuse of a horse or official, failure to follow instructions of an official. To be issued at the event when the misdemeanour is not sufficiently serious to warrant a COMPLAINT, which is dealt with by ESNZ Judicial Committee. The Notice of Warning is issued at the event, the official warning is issued by ESNZ National Office.

How does all of the above affect us:

1. Schedules need to reference community members and direct them where to go to become a member
2. Information should be sent to all unregistered riders whom currently enter our competitions about becoming a community member

3. Entry fees for Training classes need to reflect the new T&D levy per class in schedules from 1 Jan 2015
4. DR Flexi starts need to be included in schedules
5. Spring Series schedule needs to be updated to reflect points 1 and 4 after the first event held on 3 August 2014

Dressage Conference

This year hosted by Canterbury. Robert Kofoed and his team did an amazing job at putting a hugely successful event together. The Commodore was a good venue and the evening's entertainment was well received with MC Steve Beale keeping the awards evening running smoothly with a good amount of humour and then followed by the "Funky Mamas" getting everyone up on the dance floor to the small hours. The following day I received several complements on how successful the previous evening was.

Miranda received the award for "Volunteer of the Year" which is truly deserved for the huge amount of work she does on behalf of Canterbury Dressage.

I will provide a separate report as Area Delegate later in the month once I have the conference minutes. The major changes we need to focus on are detailed in the Road Show. Main points is that we should look at running Masters and Rider Category sections, Auckland run CN – C3 sections with great support.

Rangiora Saddlery Winter Series

The second day was again well attended with 80 odd riders entered. The new schedule format combined with having an overall sponsor providing Championships rugs and having Champion and Reserve Sashes in each level I believe improved the success of the event. I have received several compliments on the event, it was relaxed, not stress, great rugs, well run, liked the new classes and thanks for the young rider sections. Thank you to all of you who put a great deal of time and effort into running these two events.

Our thanks to Ken and his team at Rangiora Saddlery for sponsoring this event and helping to make it the success it was.

Equestrian Entries

Vicky run us through the whole program which was good to see how we could utilise it better going forward. Every body found this worthwhile and improvements are being made to the program all the time. Thanks to Miranda for organising this with Vicky and also Charlotte for the Spectators Bar and Board room.

Squad Funding

Our funding application has got over the first hurdle and has been approved to go to the Net Proceeds Committee meeting which was held yesterday and we await an outcome.

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Grant Number	Primary Contact	Application Summary	Status	Next Meeting
58571	Aubrey McRae	Assist with training costs of 11 selected Dressage riders, trained by professional coach over a 5 month period with a max of 6 riders being selected to ride at the Bates National Championships in 2015	Pending Net Proceeds Committee Decision	15/07/2014

Judges Officer: Jude Greenslade

Many of our judges have been involved judging at the two Winter Series days - keeps the cobwebs from settling during the break in the season!

Others involved in judging for Northern Group.

Another DVD and discussion Evening was held at Rosebank Winery on July 2nd – looking at PSG and Int I levels – was good to have some riders in attendance also – it is so important for the development of our sport that judges, coaches and riders are all involved in discussion and working together to recognise quality work according to the Scale of Training.

The final evening for the winter will be July 30th where Linda Warren-Davey will lead us looking at GP level.

As I commented in my report last month, it is becoming increasingly expected and important for judges to discuss their results after a class. To facilitate this I am very keen for there to be a separate area set aside where this can occur in a way that allows some privacy and doesn't impinge on other activities in the Glyn East Hall. A caravan was mentioned in discussion last month and I believe this would be an excellent solution.

The season starts VERY SOON (!) and I look forward – as I am sure do all Canterbury judges – to having the privilege of seeing the improvement in combinations from the previous season – I always find this a real pleasure and at times quite exciting – seeing combinations progress is one of the real joys of judging.

Entries/Office: Miranda Luddington

There was a lot of positive feed back from the Winter Series, particularly from riders in the development classes. Nearly all the riders who had to scratch notified us which was a big improvement on the first day.

For the Spring Series we have 9 entries so far for the first day with entries closing this Sunday, it has been a very tight time frame as various changes had to be made to the schedule at a very late stage which meant we couldn't upload it to the website as early as we would have liked.

Maybe we should put in place some sort of time frame leading in to our competitions so that the schedule is finalised well in advance, this would take the pressure off Gael, myself and Holly in our various roles and may make it less of a problem if we should find ourselves with technical issues again !

Sorry but am unable to make tonights meeting as i am away.

NEC: Robin Habberfield

Draft Minutes from NEC meeting attached

General Business

- Aubrey would like to set up a Sub Committee of 4 people to review and update all schedules for the full year to make it easier when a competition comes up following the changes to rules from ESNZ. Sub Committee members to be decided.
- Linda and Andrew are meeting with the A&P association 30th July to discuss the schedule for the show and our event to be run in conjunction. This will ensure the 2 schedules are in line with each other. Also, looking for ideas to name the November day to link it to the show. Aubrey raised the possibility of Prebbleton Vet being a prospective sponsor for Level 3 for this event.
- Following the Dressage NZ AGM we have been allocated \$1000 to put towards National judges travelling to South Island Champs. This show will also hold the National Challenge Finals. This means there will only be one class for these finals, we can not split classes into 2.
- The group is aiming to be able to contribute towards sending the winners from each level of South Island Championships to Nationals to help boost our presence there.
- Conference ran very smoothly, thank you to Robert Kofoed for leading the organisation of this. In particular it was noted the awards went very smoothly and it was a particularly good idea to have these in a seated environment.
- In the interest of increasing young rider involvement we will now be running top teen teams competition at both Canterbury Champs and South Island Champs, this aims to boost numbers of younger riders in dressage. This will be promoted through schools and Pony Clubs.
- Following Judes request last month for an area for Judges to discuss tests in Private it has been requested we have the musical caravan located close to the Glyn east hall and available for the judges to use for the Spring Series.
- NEC maintenance – it is noted the condition of the arenas and yards is slowly deteriorating and given the level of event we are aiming to hold this needs to be improved. We need to find out what is covered by our fees to NEC and what we need to do. MelK will compile a list of any maintenance issues at the NEC regarding arenas and yarding and send through to Robin to take to the NEC committee. Following this we can determine if we need to hold a working bee or get a contractor in to do any work.
- Training squad – the squad has been shortlisted, there are 4 riders trialling this Saturday, it is hoped the squad will be announced on Monday. We had approximately 20 entries this year. Aubrey has also arranged that Christine will be here for the October competition as part of the squads training so she can assist with warm ups and watch the riders at a competition.

- At the last show there were a couple of show jumpers training, this is not allowed and they were asked to leave. However we need to ensure the dates on the gate are correct to assist in this not happening again.

Improvement Plans and Goals

- Jude put forward Young rider participation and also making the Glyn East Hall and competition days in general feel more inviting for competitors/officials and also spectators.
- Linda put forward Young dressage horse training as a goal – including assistance for both riders and judges
- Aubrey will add these to the goals chart and we will discuss further how to implement and finer details of these.

Next meeting **Wednesday 20th August, Addington Raceway**

Meeting Closed 9:15pm

Minutes of the national Equestrian Centre (McLeans Island) Committee

held on 16 July, 2014 in the Glyn East Hall.

Present: K Bowden (Chair), S Wells, G Skene, R Haberfield, B Avery, C Shore, N Pike, A Gunner

Apologies: J Ellis, A Watters, L Tennekoon, D Robertson

Minutes of the last Meeting confirmed as correct.

C Shore/S Wells Carried

Matters Arising from the Minutes: Nil

Correspondence: Nil

K Bowden informed the meeting that Rudi from Coffey Group would not be attending the meeting and up-dated the Committee with where Coffeys were at with regard to the development of the NEC. They are still to send costings for each project, in the order we had established previously.

Treasurer: G Skene presented the accounts for the last month.

Previous members of the NEC are to be emailed about renewing their membership. A Hinds to action this.

Moved that the person who damaged the automatic gates is to be sent an account asking for recompense for the cost of repairs.

N Pike/A Gunner Carried

Moved that R Haberfield to ascertain for sure the identity of the said person.

G Skene/A Gunner Carried

The Coffey Group are at present in limbo as there is no contract between them and the NEC.

The Working Group including rider representatives has not yet met.

Health and Safety: nothing to report at present. N Kinloch is to be asked to attend our next meeting to discuss future requirements at the NEC.

Tractor Funding: Head Office says they have the application under control, but it is a little slow in happening. In the future, we will do our own applications.

Power Audit: The electrician had promised to have had it done but it has not been completed.

Centre manager: The Job Description for the position has not been finalised. When it has been, it is to be distributed to Committee members for their comment. J Ellis and L Tennekoon to action.

Membership of NEC: These will continue in the present format for this year, but will need to be reviewed in the next 12 months. Discussions will need to be had with each of the main user groups

with a view to establishing rules, expectations, etc. Any changes in the future need to be simple and controlled by the NEC.

A new hot water boiler has been installed in the kitchen at a cost of \$1800 (approx.).

Turftech: C Shore has been in contact with J Murphy from Turftech regarding a date for sampling the Hampton Oval surface. A date has not been set yet.

New Arena behind the stables has had the boulders removed, has been repacked, and a new top surface laid. In addition, 15 posts have been driven around the perimeter to enable boundary tape to be used if necessary.

The meeting closed at 3.15pm.

Next meeting: 2.00pm, 20 August, 2014