

CANTERBURY DRESSAGE NZEF

**Minutes of monthly Committee Meeting held at the Robbies Yaldhurst,
on Wednesday, 17th July 2013**

APOLOGIES: Trish McKeown, Mel Bruce, Miranda Luddington, Ken Wilson, Chris Lovelady, Nicki Ford, Aubrey McRae, Linda Warren-Davey
That apologies be accepted **Carried**

PRESENT:

Ena Graham, Charlotte Mooney, Kerry Sutherland, Jude Greenslade, Karen Daniel, Anthea Gunner, Paula Hippolite, Mandy Blokland, Judith Mackenzie, Gael Kofoed, Pat Ydgren and Robin Haberfield (in the Chair).

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING - were read and confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING from last meeting:

- Nil

CORRESPONDENCE:

Inwards & Outwards

- From Anthea Gunner re Paras at SI Champs – meeting agreed to hold classes, probably 2 x on Friday, 1 x Saturday.
- DSNZ re Young Rider Champs

REPORTS

TREASURER'S REPORT

Trish not present but report attached.

EVENT MANAGERS' REPORT

Marquee to be hired from Johnson & Cousins and cost shared half each between the World Challenge and Canterbury Champs.

SCORING

New system seems to be working well.

JUDGES OFFICER REPORT

Report attached, with following additions:

- Sue Hobson and the national Judges Sub Committee are trying to clarify and standardise travelling judges' expenses. They surveyed the whole country to see which areas were doing what, and what people thought was fair.
- Below is a copy of the Guidelines they have developed that came from that survey and discussion. What will be different for us in Canterbury is the reimbursement of travel expenses for those who drive to the competition – this will now be 50 cents/km which is considerably more than we have been giving.

GUIDELINES TO ORGANISING COMMITTEES FOR REIMBURSEMENT TO JUDGES TRAVELLING BY REQUEST TO JUDGE AT EVENTS:

- All airfares should be prepaid by the OC;
- Transport should be arranged to pick up judge from airport and take to billet/motel/event and back to airport;
- Arrangements and payment should be made for accommodation in motel, etc this should include the cost of breakfast. If a judge is left to obtain an evening meal then a subsidy of \$30 should be paid;
- For judges being billeted, breakfast and evening meal should be provided;
- Travel by vehicle should be reimbursed on the basis of 50 cents per kilometre per vehicle. Best option to be a carpool arrangement
- If OC's are unable to provide any of the above, then the judge should be advised prior to accepting the invitation;
- OC's may provide a judging fee at their own discretion
- The JSC would also recommend that OC's use the standard 'Letter of Invitation' when inviting judges to events

At our meeting we agreed that for our local days with our local judges we will continue to reimburse solely for petrol, not for the higher rate which takes into consideration other costs of using you own car. This is because Canterbury Dressage is our own group and hence we felt that this was not unreasonable. For Regional and Island events we will reimburse travel at 50c/km.

Motion: "For local days we reimburse judges for fuel costs, as we do now" Carried

Motion: "For regional (Canterbury Champs/SI Champs) we will be obliged to pay 50c/km as recommended by National Judges Sub committee" Carried

Jude/Karen/Trish to review distances for local judges for reimbursing fuel costs.

COMMUNICATION

Nil

RIDERS REP REPORT

Nil

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

Jeremy Steinberg coming in August and course being organised – some squad members are slow to commit – they be given a set date from now on so organisers to can fill vacant spaces.

OFFICE CONVENOR

Attached.

SPONSORSHIP

Charlotte Mooney had prepared a Sponsorship Package and will assist Gael & Robert, who have offered to take on this role.

WRITERS

Nil

NEC REPORT

It is hoped members have look at the website and will offer input to proposed development.

TRAINING SQUAD

Report attached.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Conference – report from Robin attached.

Winter Series Review – report from Kerry attached

- Suggestion for next year that we hold two days – June and July – with August date used if one of the other days is cancelled.
- Mandy noted that Anne Cochrane had donated the Zebedee Trophy but that she hadn't been asked to present it to the winner – an oversight and apologies to Anne.

World Dressage Challenge – 24/25 November 2013

A reminder that this is to be held the week before the Canterbury Champs.

Meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Reports

Chairman's Report

Report from Annual General Meeting, 2013

As in the past, I felt much of the time at the AGM was spent on matters of minor significance, and those items of greater significance were scheduled for late on the agenda, and time ran short. I suspect this may have been intentional, but I may just be cynical. The Saturday was uneventful, and at the end of the meeting, I spoke with Nicki who felt, like me, that it was almost a waste of time. On Sunday, the Committee then went through the process again, but was more exciting.

The remits took up most of the time on Sunday, and I will comment on how these went. The first ten or so were passed with minimum discussion as they were mainly common sense and/or the way FEI are moving.

Half marks will be introduced at all levels for next season.

Our remits re amalgamation of areas and/or the distribution of voting power at AGMs failed, but as a result of the discussion, a subcommittee (Scott McKenna, Tina Thorowgood, Linda Clark, and me) has been formed to review ways to make the structure for administering our sport more efficient and relevant. We need to come up with a report to be presented at next year's AGM. So, although we failed in our remits, we have achieved probably more than I expected originally. This meant two other remits viz 8.6 and 8.7 will be included in this review.

Several remits were about the Nationals. The outcome was that Nationals will now always be held at Manfeild. All South Island delegates, along with two from the north, voted against this but we were outnumbered. The critical point in the arguments aired was the fact that none of the areas in the upper North Island have suitable facilities to run them – lack of stabling, yards, etc. Bill Noble's suggestion that we run Nationals like the WDC and send the same judges to each of the Island Champs was not greeted with much enthusiasm, even though I thought it had merit.

To add to the disadvantage of SI riders, there was agreement among the majority that there would be six weeks or so between Nationals and HOY, which makes it difficult for SI riders to compete at both.

While we, the SI delegates, were disappointed with this outcome, it was inevitable. We need to move forward and make sure our SI Champs are very special and a real highlight for SI riders. Hopefully, we will be able to link in with Kevin Hansen and the Ride the Rhythm event in Dunedin.

There will be a standardised format for calculation of Championship winners for all Championship competitions.

Test sheets for the new tests will not be downloadable from the web.

NEC Report

No report presented but the Chairman gave an update on the Centre.

Office Convenor– Miranda Luddington

Little to report. The last of the Winter Series days went well although entries were very low. We did have one or two problems with the internet connection which kept cutting out, in spite of this Ken still managed to get the results out promptly.

Riders Liaison – Kerry Sutherland

Nothing to report (that isn't covered under Winter Series).

Winter Series:

The final day of the winter series ran smoothly - despite horrific wind predictions. Thankfully there was a spell through the middle of the day, but it didn't pick up any further from there). A big thank you to all of those who were involved in the running of this event, and specific thank yous to Ken and Karen from Rangiora Saddlery and Linda Warren-Davy from Lifestyle Living with Linda, for stepping in at the last minute to provide sponsorship for the event.

My thoughts from the running of this event were (and most of these are criticisms of myself and constructive feedback, so please don't take this personally!):

- YES, there does need to be a winter series. This gives new riders an opportunity to get involved in the sport, and provides current riders the opportunity to prepare for the next grade up before the season kicks off. This is also our 'fundraising' event, and to lose this might damage us more than anticipated.
- Disappointments this year include the lack of sponsorship in the beginning. For this to be the successful event it has been in the past, the sponsorship needs to be in place by March at the latest. We were very fortunate in the past that Michelle and Canterbury Saddlery were on board, but as the series crept up on us a bit this year, no sponsorship was in place from day one. This left confusion as to whether we would be offering champions, reserves etc.
- The other disappointment which was expressed by many riders (and organisers) was the dates for this Winter Series. From my point of view there are two options. Either cut the Winter Series to two competition days, one month apart (giving us perhaps either June OR August off) or run three days, ALL one month apart. The biggest gripe I received from riders was the 1st day being two weeks after our registered day, and then another two weeks to the second day. This didn't give riders much of a chance to improve - particularly with dicey weather conditions. I would suggest that the 1st day is at least a full month after our competition day.
- There does need to be a separate group of people to run this series. This also needs to be in place by March at the latest for the event to run to its fullest. Without the support of Gael, Chris and Miranda, these days wouldn't have run. It would seem to me to be unfair that these people already put so much in through our normal competition schedule (Ken is also included in this, but I'm not sure that we could bring in a scorer for the Winter Series only - Ken, your thoughts?)
- The biggest success to me from this series appears to be the new scoring and entries system. From what I have heard, those involved with its use are all positive, and I look forward to seeing it used for our registered days. I know I personally liked the online entry system...
- Finally, thanks to all of those people involved in the running of these events.

Judges Officer – Jude Greenslade

New Tests:

The new Tests come in to effect on 1 September 2013. The Test books will be available from August 1st 2013. This means that our initial graded day in August will use the old tests, but in September will use the new tests.

2013 Dressage Test Books

The 2013 version of the Test Book is available from 1 August 2013

\$18 per single copy or \$150 for a pack of 10 (both prices include postage or courier)

Available from the Dressage Sport Manager (RD 13 Hawera, 4673 Contact dressagenz@xtra.co.nz) and many Area Dressage Groups & Saddlers.

The 2013 Test Books do not include the FEI tests. These should be downloaded from www.fei.org. All FEI tests will be whichever version is current from the FEI.

There will be a complimentary copy of the new Test Book for each judge at the August 11th Judges' Clinic.

Squad Report

- An initial meeting of the Squad committee was held where administration of the previous year's squad was assessed.
- We learned a lot from the initial year.
- New selection criteria and application forms were agreed upon – see website and facebook for details.
- Twenty three applications were received for the 2013/14 Training Squad.
- A preliminary meeting was held to review these applications.
- Some applicants will ride before the Squad Committee on Saturday 20th July, and squad membership will be announced soon after this.

Training & Development – Mandy Blokland

No official report was presented but Mandy advised that Jeremy Steinberg was to be in Canterbury at the end of August.

Scorer – Ken Wilson

No report was presented but the Chairman advised that the new scoring system was working well.

CANTERBURY DRESSAGE- MONTHLY TRANSACTIONS				JUNE		2013
		DEPOSITS	00 acc			
	banked	E/Fees	for May 19th	1 chq	\$	106.00
		E/Fees	d/c		\$	951.00
	banked	E/Fees	2nd june	chqs	\$	750.00
	banked	Dnz	paid for wine used at nationals		\$	168.00
	banked	Cash	earned from spectators at steinberg		\$	400.00
TOTAL	JUNE	DEPOSITS			\$	2,375.00

JUNE		PAYMENTS	00acc				
DATE	CHQ NO	PAYEE	DETAILS			AMOUNT	
	a/p	Bank Fees				\$ 10.00	
	4815	R Haberfield	Incorporation application fee			\$ 102.22	
	4816	NEC	pavilion hire 19th may & AGM 22nd may			\$ 75.00	
	4817	NEC	2nd june			\$ 55.00	
	4818	Parrots Print	programmes 5th, 19th may 2nd june			\$ 122.40	
	4819	ESNZ	organising dues for 5th may			\$ 41.00	
	4820	online equest entries				\$ 76.00	
	4821	Lincoln Print	box paper			\$ 36.80	
	4822	a Grant	re fund 19th may			\$ 32.00	
	4823	T Boyd	re fund 5th may			\$ 32.00	
	4824	R Haberfield	Battery	Quad bike		\$ 198.03	
20-Jun	A/P	to rapid save	acct 097			\$ 10.00	
TOTAL	JUNE	2013 PAYMENTS				\$	790.45

ACCOUNT B/ BALANCES AS AT		30/06/2013				
CHEQUE ACCOUNT	000acc	\$ 6,935.62	less unrepresented	\$ 903.40	\$ 6,032.22	
RAPID SAVE	097 acc	int		\$ 10.48	\$ 3,432.90	
INTERNET ACCOUNT	001 acc	memberships			\$ 4,655.18	
CASH IN HAND		2 x sets of equal placings prize money			\$ 144.00	
CASH IN HAND		office float			\$ 9.00	
CASH IN HAND		unused writer cash & p/m reuse			\$ -	
CASH IN HAND		unclaimed prize money reuse			\$ -	
Achiever	066 acc	Judge Training Fund			\$ 206.53	
TERM DEPOSIT	03001 acc	180 days	4.30%		\$ 5,424.18	due13.9.13
FIXED TERM INVESTMENT	03005 acc	18 months	4.25%		\$ 12,698.36	due25.2.2014
TOTAL FUNDS	AS AT	30-Jun	2013		\$ 32,602.37	

SOUTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIP ACCOUNT		005 acc	30/06/2013	
CHEQUE ACCOUNT	\$1,193.78	less unrepresented	\$0.00	\$ 1,193.78
TOTAL FUNDS IN STH ISLAND ACCOUNTS				\$ 1,193.78
JUNE	DEPOSITS	005acc		
	nil			
TOTAL	MAY	DEPOSITS	2013	\$ -
JUNE	PAYMENTS	005acc		
	nil			
TOTAL	JUNE	PAYMENTS	2013	\$ -