



2016 PLANNING FORUM

WEST PLAZA HOTEL
110 -116 WAKEFIELD ST - WELLINGTON

1.15pm Tuesday 5th April
9am - 3pm Wednesday 6th April



TIMETABLE - Tuesday 5th April

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| 1.15 | Forum Commences |
| 3.00 | Refreshments Break |
| 3.20 | Resume |
| 4.45 | Finish Afternoon Session |
| 6.15 | Dinner |
| 7.15 | ESNZ Guest Speaker Q & A |

TIMETABLE Thursday 6th April

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| 9.00 | Session Resume |
| 10.45 | Refreshments Break |
| 11:05 | Resume |
| 12.30 | Lunch |
| 1.15 | Resume |
| 3.00 | Finish |



AGENDA

E – version Draft

Wednesday 16/3

Agenda for the Dressage NZ Planning Forum
to be held at the West Plaza Hotel 110 -116 Wakefield St, Wellington
1.15pm Tuesday 5th April – 3pm Thursday 6th April 2016

Present:

Board

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| Karen | Trotter | Chairman |
| Sara | Bright | Finance Officer |
| Sue | Hobson | Judges Officer |
| Kat | Macmillan | Marketing & Communication |
| Gen | Denize | Rules Officer |
| Lynda | Clark | Training & Development |

In attendance:

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| Nick | Pyke | ESNZ Board Chair (Tues evening / Wednesday) |
| Wendy | Hamerton | Dressage Sport Manager & Secretary |
| Celine | Filbee | Event Manager |
| Jan | Bird | Minute Secretary |

Committee Area Delegates (D),

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|---------|---------------|---|
| Judith | Matthews | Dressage Northland (D) |
| Robin | Potter | Dressage Waitemata (D) |
| Betty | Brown | Dressage Akld-Manukau (D) |
| Debra | Cowen | Dressage Waikato (D) |
| Sue | Harris | Dressage Gisborne |
| Sally | Isaac | Dressage Bay of Plenty |
| Susan | Tomlin | Dressage Central Districts (D) |
| Dana | Haszard | Dressage Taranaki (D) |
| Bernice | Frost | Dressage Taihape (D) |
| Gill | Morley | Dressage Nth Hawkes Bay |
| Sharon | Field | Dressage Sth Hawkes Bay |
| Wendy | Jeffery | Dressage Wairarapa (D) |
| Rosanne | Rix | Dressage Wellington (D) |
| Janelle | Sangster Ward | Dressage Marlborough (D) |
| Wendy | Sowerby | Dressage Nelson (D) |
| Aubrey | McRae | Dressage Canterbury (D) |
| Nicola | Sim | Dressage Ashburton (D) |
| Marty | Pow | Dressage Sth Canterbury / North Otago (D) |
| Kate | Dodd | Dressage Otago(D) |
| Jenny | Affleck | Dressage Southland (D) |
| Allie | Harper | SI Riders Rep© |
| Alicia | Collin | NI Riders Rep© |
| Helen | Hughes-Keen | (Chair of Selectors) |

Members

Julia Thomson (Tuesday only), Linda Warren-Davey, Judy Collin, Amanda Waddell, Jo Telfer

Apologies:

Vicki Glynn (ESNZ CEO), Andrea Raves

Dressage Planning Forum 2016

Chairman's Introduction & Welcome – Karen Trotter

Forum Procedure:

This forum enables delegates to discuss items raised and the opportunity for consensus of opinion to be gauged. This in turn forms the basis for robust communication and discussion at area level prior to conference.

Speaking & Voting rights: All attendees are welcome to participate in discussions and vote for the purposes of determining a consensus of opinion, but rule changes are only passed at conference, not this forum

Housekeeping:

Please ensure all room accounts for meals, mini-bar, phone etc are settled on check out

TUESDAY SESSIONS

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|---|------|-----------|---|
| 1 | 1.15 | 2 | Welcome & Minutes of Previous Committee meeting June 2015 |
| 2 | 1.25 | 15-16 | YTD February 2015 Financial Report Summary (March to be presented at meeting) |
| 3 | 1.35 | 4 | Election of Appointment Panel Member (one nomination – D Cowen) |
| 4 | 1.40 | 17-29 | Presentation of proposed Changes to By-Law (G Denize) & Implementation |
| 5 | 2.40 | 30-37 | Island Rider meeting reports (A Collin / A Harper) |
| | 3:00 | | Tea Break |
| 6 | 3.20 | 38-39 | Area Submissions |
| 7 | 3.50 | To follow | Rules Review 2016 (G Denize) |
| | 4.45 | | Day 1 Sessions Completed |
| | 6.15 | | Dinner |
| | 7.15 | | Nick Pyke ESNZ. Board Chair - Guest Speaker followed Q & A session |

WEDNESDAY SESSIONS

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|----|-------|-------|---|
| 8 | 9.00 | | Marketing Dressage at Area level (Kat Macmillan) |
| 9 | 10:00 | 40 | National & Regional Calendar 2015/16 |
| | 10.45 | | Tea Break |
| 10 | 11:05 | 41-42 | National Series & Events for 2016 / 17 (Sport Manager) |
| 11 | 11.25 | | National Series – Responsibilities of host OC @ RE (C Filbee) |
| 12 | 11.50 | | Health & Safety Update |
| | 12:30 | | Lunch |
| 13 | 1.15 | | Rio OG & Squads Update (H Hughes-Keen) |
| 14 | 1.30 | 43 | FEI Updates incl FEI World Challenge (Sport Manager) |
| 15 | 1.45 | | Judges Sub -Committee Update (S Hobson) |
| 16 | 2.00 | | Training & Development Update (L Clark) |
| 17 | 2.15 | | TBC |
| 18 | 2.30 | | General Business & QA |
| | 3.00 | | Planning Forum Completed |

3. Election of Committee Representative on Appointment Panel

One Nomination

Debra Cowen: Nominated by Michelle Paterson & Seconded by Nicky Hallen

Moved:

Seconded

Dressage NZ Committee Meeting

Millennium Hotel | Rotorua
Sunday 28 June 2015 at 9.15am

In Attendance

| Voting Delegates : 29 (incl Board) | | | |
|---|--------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| Alicia Collin | NI Riders Rep | Marty Pow | SCNO |
| Allie Harper | SI Riders Rep | Lynda Clark | Board (Training & Development) |
| Aubrey McRae | Canterbury | Mary Davis | Southland |
| Bernice Frost | Taihape | Nicola Sim | Ashburton |
| Betty Brown | Auckland | Robin Potter | Waitemata |
| Dana Haszard | Taranaki | Rosanne Rix | Wellington |
| Debra Cowen | Waikato | Sally Isaac | Bay of Plenty |
| Genevieve Denize | Board (Rules) | Sara Bright | Board (Finance) |
| Gill Morley | NHB | Sue Harris | Gisborne |
| Helen Hughes-Keen | Chair of Selectors | Sue Hobson (2) | Board (Judges) & SHB |
| Judith Matthews | Northland | Susan Tomlin | Central Districts |
| Julie Malcolm | Board (Marketing) | Tracy Johnson | Marlborough |
| Kate Dodd | Otago | Wendy Jeffery | Wairarapa |
| Karen Trotter | Board Chair | Wendy Sowerby | Nelson |
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Observers

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| Amanda Waddell | Ashburton | Nicola Smith | Bay of Plenty |
| Brenda Bellringer | Taranaki | Paula Stuart | Waikato |
| Celine Filbee | Event Manager | Heather Hilder | Waitemata |
| Christine Buchanan | Waitemata | Andrea Raves | Wellington |
| Ian Childs | Wellington | Pam Gilmour | Auckland |
| Judy Alderdice | Auckland | Judy Collin | Auckland |
| Kat McMillan | Bay of Plenty | Judith Cunningham | Waitemata |
| Kellie Hamlett | Bay of Plenty | Otilie Upshall | Bay of Plenty |
| Linda Warren-Davey | Canterbury | | |

In attendance: Wendy Hamerton (Sport Manager/Secretary)
 Vicki Glynn (ESNZ CEO)

Apologies: Sharon Field (SHB)

1. Confirmation of Minutes

Of a meeting of the Dressage NZ Committee, held on 15 & 16 April 2015, having been circulated by email & attached to this agenda) be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Matters Arising: There were no matters arising

Moved Minutes be accepted as correct: Susan Tomlin / **Seconded** Julie Malcolm

Carried

2. General Business not on the Agenda

a. AGM Format:

Andrea Raves considered that whilst the workshops were interesting, there was insufficient time for good discussion about some important agenda items and some members were not given the opportunity to vote on matters which had to be brought forward to the committee meeting.

Betty Brown agreed that agenda items were rushed and that the workshops were not relevant to the AGA

It was agreed these comments be noted when scheduling 2016 conference

b. Dressage Northern Hawkes Bay

Gill Morley advised that Dressage NHB is affiliated to the HB Equestrian Park and have plans to build a large sand arena (to hold 5 x 60 x 20m), 80 covered yards and 100 open yards, noting that the HB A & P Assn venue is expensive to hire and the surface is not suitable.

3. Correspondence

- i. **From Jo Telfer:** re pony sport development; Referred to General Business
 - ii. **From AMDG:** re national series Referred to General Business
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4. Election of Officers

The Chair moved that Celine Filbee & Kellie Hamlett be appointed scrutineers.

Carried

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| Chair | Karen Trotter | |
| Nominated by: | Dressage Waitemata | R Potter/H Hilder |
| | Dressage Waikato | D Cowen/K Lockhart |
| | Dressage Southern HB | S Field/S Hobson |
| | Dressage Central Districts | S Tomlin/N Bours |
| | Members | R Kofoed/G Kofoed |

Carried

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| Finance | Sara Bright | |
| Nominated by: | Dressage Waitemata | R Potter/H Hilder |
| | Dressage Central Districts | S Tomlin/N Bours |
| | Dressage Southern HB | S Field/S Hobson |
| | Members | R Kofoed/G Kofoed |

Carried

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| Judges Officer | Sue Hobson | |
| Nominated by: | Dressage Waitemata | R Potter/H Hilder |
| | Dressage Waikato | D Cowen/K Lockhart |
| | Dressage Southern HB | S Field/S Hobson |
| | Dressage Central Districts | S Tomlin/N Bours |
| | Members | R Kofoed/G Kofoed |

Carried

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| Rules Officer | Genevieve Denize | |
| Nominated by: | Dressage Waitemata | R Potter/H Hilder |
| | Dressage Taranaki | B Bellringer/S Flitcroft |
| | Dressage Central Districts | S Tomlin/N Bours |
| | Dressage Southern HB | S Field/S Hobson |
| | Members | R Kofoed/G Kofoed |

Carried

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| Judges SC (2 from 3) | Mura Love | |
| Nominated by: | Dressage Gisborne | S Harris/S Watts |
| | Dressage Bay of Plenty | S Isaac/V Knight |
| | Members | D Barke/P Barke |

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| Judges SC | Michelle Paterson | |
| Nominated by: | Dressage Waikato | D Cowen/K Lockhart |
| | Dressage Southern HB | S Field/S Hobson |
| | Members | R Kofoed/G Kofoed |

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| Judges SC | Linda Warren-Davey | |
| Nominated by: | Dressage Southern HB | S Field/S Hobson |
| | Members | M vander Pol/A McRae |
| | Members | R Kofoed/G Kofoed |

Michelle Paterson & Linda Warren-Davey were declared elected as members of the Judges Sub-Committee

Carried

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| Rules SC | Alicia Collin (Alicia advised the meeting she was abstaining from this vote) | |
| Nominated by: | Dressage Taranaki | B Bellringer/N Lumb |

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| | Elisha McCarty | |
| Nominated by: | Dressage Waikato | D Cowen/K Lockhart |

Alicia Collin was declared elected as member of the Rules Sub-Committee
Gill Morley moved the voting papers be destroyed

Carried

5. Remits & Matters Referred from Conference 27/6/15

Reference By-law 17 (Amendment July 01) Dressage Rules for Administration

9b Approval from committee:

- (i) Any consideration requiring alteration to Dressage NZ rules, regulations, or constitution requires a 75% majority of the Committee vote.
- (ii) Any other consideration requires a simple majority of the Committee vote.
- (iii) Any approval that is not unanimous requires a ballot process to be followed.

Discussion Re By-Law 17: Rules for Administration of Dressage

Lynda Clark presented an overview of the changes on behalf of the other sub – committee members, Scott McKenna & Robin Haberfield, Feedback received and discussion

1. Quorum

- The consensus of the meeting considered a quorum of the board should consist of four board members not three as suggested in the proposed changes

2. Board Tenure and composition

- Discussion around tenure resulted in a consensus of 6 yr limit rather than 9, preferred option 3 x 2
- Robin Potter (Waitemata) noted that there were never a large number of applications or nominations under the current system
- Andrea Raves questioned if the appointed positions should have a time limit
- Gen Denize said it was important to make rules which supported best practice, not based on possible outcomes. That the ideal tenure needs to be agreed with a provision that if a vacancy cannot be filled by an individual with the skills required, the incumbent may be approved for a further term. This then does not undermine the general principle. Leonie Coker sought clarification that any tenure limitations would not be applied until the new rule was passed. This was confirmed
- Further consideration be given to maintaining specialized capabilities such as finance officer

3. AGM – (Clause 19)

- Gen Denize noted the process for remits was not properly defined and this should be included so that the process is easily accessible and transparent for members

The proposal that Area Delegates only vote at the AGM created mixed reaction, some members seeing that this was a representative vote and fairer on smaller and outlying areas, otherwise the host area and larger areas could have an undue influence on voting. This view was clearly expressed by SCNO delegate Marty Pow, and Leonie Coker.

The ESNZ CEO expressed the personal view that all members should be able to vote at an AGM.

The Dressage Sport Manager noted that representative voting occurred at the ESNZ AGA for all matters except the election of the President.

Lynda Clark also noted that voting at the AGM of ESNZ Eventing is not open to all members.

4. Membership

- Betty Brown queried the definition of membership as there is currently no facility for individuals to join DRESSAGE. That being an ESNZ member does not mean someone is a member of a Dressage Group. It was noted that an Area group may not collect a membership “fee” to consider an individual being a member, so the word “Financial” needs to be deleted but a clear definition of what defines a “Dressage member” determined. The SM noted that specific group membership would require another level of data base management by someone, and hopefully with a new ESNZ database being proposed, this should be able to be utilized.

5. Area Branches

- Kellie Hamlett noted that groups such as Bay of Plenty who are spread widely geographically and therefore have a number of branches feel the area vote is being diluted. Should area group definition be reconsidered on this basis ?

6. Remits

- Betty Brown proposed to reformat the remit process as currently individuals can put in a remit

7. Voting

- Kellie Hamlett proposed that individual voting be available for members re board elected positions, but felt that representative voting on remits is the preferred option
- Voting at the AGM. It was a consensus that to vote at the Dressage NZ AGM a person must be: an area delegate, or a member of the Board of Dressage, or a riders rep,
- It was noted by V Glynn the ESNZ President is currently a voting member ex-officio. The SM noted the CEO is ex-officio and has voted at dressage conference previously. V Glynn questioned that the CEO should have voting rights. This to be discussed further with ESNZ

8. Conclusion

- Gen Denize and the SC to amend the proposal to reflect the discussion. That a special AGA be held in April to move the final version for adoption in order it can be effected at the 2016 Conference. That ESNZ Board needs to give approval for changes under the current ESNZ constitution. The Chair proposed a vote of thanks to Lynda & the sub-committee for all the work they have done on this project

Wendy Sowerby (Nelson) and Rosanne Rix (Wellington) left the meeting at 10.45am

YOUNG DRESSAGE HORSE DEVELOPMENT & COMPETITIONS

Referred from Conference Agenda 10.4

Linda Warren - Davey spoke to the discussion paper that had been included in the conference agenda which proposed

- Proposed that Areas run two rounds at their regional shows using the EFA and FEI tests and results from these could form the basis of an accumulator similar to the Zilco Musicals with the final at HOY.
- That only qualified YH judges would officiate. Possibly the number of scores would be limited to ensure the young horses are not over competed. Betty Brown asked how many YH judges NZL has and what really is the purpose of the proposal ? Sue Hobson replied 8, x 7 in the NI and x1 in the SI. Linda then suggested list 2 and above could judge these classes. Sue Hobson considered judging YH classes is a specialist area.
- Kate Dodd supported the idea of young horse classes at regional events and riders would possibly need to choose which classes they wished to target eg YH, Challenges, Musicals, Championships with their 4,5,6 yr olds. Alicia Collin also supported these classes which gave riders another option. Marty Pow considered it may encourage riders to register their young horses rather than just doing non-graded at LE. Nicola Sim suggested excluding professional riders to encourage grass roots riders to enter and have a chance of succeeding.
- Judith Matthews considered this would be a lot of work for areas for a relatively small number of horses. Celine Filbee confirmed there are 180 x 4,5,6 yr olds registered across all disciplines. Debra Cowen suggested one class could be run with each age group riding it's own test – similar to TOC
- The Sport Manager suggested that areas be given the option to run YH classes in the coming season and that they should send all results and comments back to LWD to process the data and use this as a platform for the following year. This was agreed in principle. The SM also noted that it was proposed to run the YH final 2016 with no guest rider to see if that encouraged greater participation.

Conclusion:

Linda Warren-Davey to progress YH competition development and it was also agreed to foster a YH judges Training programme

Mary Davis (Southland) and Allie Harper (SI Riders Rep) left the meeting at 11.45am

Sport Manager Presentation to FEI

The Sport Manager gave a verbal report regarding an opportunity all disciplines had to present to the new president of the FEI Ingmar de Vos in Wellington in early June. The main thrust was the challenges NZL faced being so far away from Europe, Olympic qualification, the FEI World Dressage Challenge and the transparency of FEI rules

RULE AMENDMENTS

Art 463. Para 1

- That this para be update to reflect the new ESNZ community membership

Art 463. Paras 2 -6 Re Age /Eligibility of Riders

- That this article be rewritten to clarify the age of young riders to ensure that unless specifically excluded or restricted to riders 17 – 21, that all young riders on a horse are eligible for young rider championships
- That the age of pony riders be consistent with SJ and RAS ie. Riders who are 16 on 1 Aug in any calendar year may continue to compete in that age group until 31 July the following year
- That the 1 Aug be the official age for all pony & young rider age groups

Amendment to Rule 463.7

- CM = Category Masters
- For Riders **50yrs & over**(age from the beginning of the calendar year that the rider turns 50).

- **Carried**

- **Voted against: Taihape, Marlborough, Canterbury**

Art 464 Re Downgrading

- Discussion took place around the current downgrading rule and what should happen if a rider wishes to compete in an NCH or other specified class at the horse's original grade within the 12 mth downgrade period.
 - o It was agreed that this is permissible, but at any point that a rider gets a grading point in the original grade, they may not revert to any lower level.
- Discussion took place around the possibility to downgrade horses and ponies to Level 1
 - o It was agreed CN riders only could downgrade a horse or pony to level 1

Art 479 Re Whips:

- Gen Denize proposed to rewrite the rule to clearly state
 - o When a whip can be carried
 - o When a whip cannot be carried
 - o What length of whip may be carried
- **Agreed that no whips are permitted in any Level 6-9 test at the NCH or HoY.**
- Discussion followed regarding an athlete carrying a whip beyond maximum permitted length in the warm up area. It was agreed in principle that the first offence should entail a warning, but re offending will entail elimination. The RO to word an appropriate rule which clearly defined the penalty with respect to combination/ class / event etc

Art 480 Re Dress Code

Resolved that the new dress code table presented at conference be adopted with the amendments/ additions below

- That the amendments agreed at conference be approved in principle and worded appropriately
 - o Practice days & TE: The Club can specify the dress code required
 - o Gloves are optional at practice days, & non-graded TE, compulsory from Levels 1-5 graded
 - o Black, white off, white or same colour as jacket are compulsory at levels 6-9
 - o That when the OC gives permission for riders to compete without jackets in hot weather, sleeveless shirts are permitted Wellington voted against

Rule 488.14 Re ID Tags

To make PR details compulsory on ID tag worn by horses at events rather than “preferable”

At all other times during the event, horses and ponies must have Identification Numbers, (~~preferably also~~) with the horse's name, and the person responsible name and mobile number attached to the horse (eg on the halter, cover) Engraved metal discs or cattle ear tags are examples of acceptable methods of identification at times the horse is not being exercised or competed.

All the above rule amendments were passed with Gen Denize to format and publish

6. General Business

i. Matters referred from Dressage Board Meeting 26/6/15

- Grand Prix Special Rose: The SM advised that the Rose Fundraising project is confirmed. Roses will be available winter 2016. Price to be confirmed. Areas were all requested to advise who their local co-ordinator will be.
- Shiwon Green & F1 selected to represent NZ and World Young Horse Championships in Verden in August. This is a first for NZ. It has been a complex process given that NZ does not have its own studbook. Approval required from NF NZL, British Dressage, GER Oldenburg Studbook and having met minimum FEI qualifying standard of 68%
- Dressage is working in partnership with Equidays to offer a national Olympic qualifier on Thursday 15th October (GP) and a GP Freestyle on the Friday prior to an official national judges clinic with Peter Holler at approx 3pm. Peter Holler & Susie Hoevenaars will also present a master class on Thursday evening following the GP. Being able to cost share with another organization makes projects more affordable
- Young Rider Dressage Camps planned for both islands in October 2015
- ESNZ AGA. Dressage Delegates to the AGA will be the Board plus three other members to be confirmed.

- ii. **2015/16 Calendar:** The Sport Manager advised that all dates submitted had now been uploaded to the website and any errors noticed should be notified to her for correction. The Sport Manager suggested that with the new earlier dates for NCH and HoY, that areas with suitable venues may consider running RE events. These would not include series qualifiers but could count for selection purposes, national event qualification if appropriate and increased opportunities for judge training. A suggestion was also made that the NICH in their current format could be disbanded and a northern (Upper NI) central (lower NI) and southern (SI) championships could be held making a key event more accessible to more riders. This to be considered for 2016/17 season

- iii. **April Planning Forum 2016:** 5/6 April 2016. Noted

iv. Conference 2016

Dressage Taranaki distributed a flyer with information re the conference in New Plymouth 25/26 June 2016. EOI from SI areas for 2017 invited were invited. No definite EOI.

v. National Series & Sponsors 2015/16

Celine Filbee updated delegates regarding the new SUPER 5 Challenge concept and the plan to run the Challenge finals in a similar manner to the WDC and travel judges inter-island to determine the national winner update. That areas would be asked to run specific combined pony & young rider classes at regional shows as part of a series to encourage participation. More information will be distributed via the website as soon as possible

vi. Performance Awards & Series Format 2015/16

Dressage Auckland- Manukau sought clarification as to how they should manage the Advanced Challenge which is combined for Levels 6/7 without compromising riders chances of entering the Championship at each level when 6/7 is split. Discussion provided some ideas for AMDG as to how this can be achieved. AMDG proposals around series points were noted and the SM advised that there would be some changes made to pony and young rider series in the coming year. That participation had not increased in the Pony & Young rider performance awards competition based on the card system – this seemed to have stagnated and there were increasingly inherent issues with incorrect and late cards being received making management and final results difficult. There was no way to promote the current status of results throughout the series.

vii. Pony Rider/Dressage & Young Dressage Pony Development

The discussion paper from Jo Telfer around pony rider and young pony development was well received and the SM was requested to respond to discuss further what support this group could provide

The Chair thanked Julie Malcolm, retiring Board member, and everyone for their input, and declared the meeting closed at 3pm

The Sport Manager proposed a vote of thanks to the Chair

Dressage NZ

Income & Expenditure Feb:2015/16

| | This Actual | Month Budget | Year Actual | To Budget | Date Variance | Full Year Budget | Last YTD Actual |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Income | | | | | | | |
| Registration Fees | 4,274 | 3,500 | 91,099 | 87,500 | 3,599 | 97,000 | 88,278 |
| Training & Development Levy | 7,375 | 4,500 | 43,416 | 32,300 | 11,116 | 55,000 | 31,473 |
| Downgrading Fees | | 90 | 1,096 | 810 | 286 | 1,080 | 1,009 |
| Annual Conference Income | | 0 | 8,783 | 10,000 | (1,217) | 10,000 | 9,065 |
| Fundraising | 2,609 | 1,500 | 3,529 | 8,600 | (5,071) | 8,600 | 6,270 |
| Grants | 5,000 | 5,000 | 25,630 | 17,000 | 8,630 | 19,000 | 10,722 |
| Course Fees | | 500 | 16,922 | 12,500 | 4,422 | 12,500 | 11,007 |
| Interest Received - TSB | | 0 | 5,623 | 5,660 | (37) | 9,120 | 5,337 |
| Sponsorship | 16,625 | 19,000 | 41,553 | 46,600 | (5,047) | 46,600 | 46,181 |
| Donations | 4,250 | 4,000 | 4,752 | 4,000 | 752 | 4,000 | 352 |
| Entry Fees | (9,835) | (1,000) | 59,348 | 51,200 | 8,148 | 69,200 | 70,960 |
| Event Sponsorship | 261 | 5,500 | 19,622 | 17,100 | 2,522 | 19,100 | 16,824 |
| Other Event Income | 8,667 | 12,000 | 9,785 | 14,000 | (4,215) | 15,000 | 2,380 |
| Stationery Sales | 1,816 | 1,000 | 13,704 | 13,200 | 504 | 14,900 | 18,451 |
| Merchandise Sales | 2,667 | 2,000 | 5,027 | 2,900 | 2,127 | 3,500 | 1,684 |
| Cost of Sales | (1,358) | 0 | (4,520) | (1,500) | (3,020) | (1,900) | (1,623) |
| Sundry Income | | 500 | 2,347 | 2,000 | 347 | 3,000 | 1,749 |
| | 42,350 | 58,090 | 347,716 | 323,870 | 23,846 | 385,700 | 320,118 |
| Expenditure | | | | | | | |
| Accommodation & Meals | 7,269 | 10,000 | 20,728 | 21,720 | (992) | 26,320 | 17,498 |
| Administration | 1,600 | 1,600 | 14,937 | 14,400 | 537 | 22,700 | 22,770 |
| Bad Debts | | 0 | 3,500 | 0 | 3,500 | 0 | 0 |
| Bank Charges | 101 | 20 | 531 | 270 | 261 | 410 | 575 |
| Catering & Bar Purchases | 9,062 | 6,250 | 28,421 | 21,950 | 6,471 | 26,950 | 20,119 |
| Coaches/Lecturers | | 750 | 8,516 | 9,850 | (1,334) | 9,850 | 4,646 |
| Depreciation | 63 | 0 | 563 | 0 | 563 | 2,000 | 0 |
| Computer | | 100 | 162 | 500 | (338) | 500 | 425 |
| FEI Fees | | 0 | | 0 | 0 | 1,500 | 0 |
| Gratuities | 3,870 | 3,800 | 4,775 | 5,800 | (1,025) | 7,800 | 5,115 |
| Hireages | 1,691 | 0 | 1,691 | 0 | 1,691 | 0 | 0 |
| Hospitality | | 0 | 171 | 150 | 21 | 150 | 93 |
| Insurance & ACC Levies | | 0 | 695 | 600 | 95 | 600 | 502 |
| Judging Gratuities | 5,830 | 5,500 | 6,332 | 5,800 | 532 | 6,800 | 1,100 |
| Legal Expenses | | 0 | 2,949 | 10,000 | (7,051) | 10,000 | 0 |
| Medals, Rosettes & Rugs | 7,969 | 450 | 16,809 | 15,950 | 859 | 20,750 | 19,385 |
| Postage & Courier | 4 | 30 | 1,687 | 1,070 | 617 | 1,245 | 968 |
| Printing | 3,830 | 3,000 | 20,704 | 17,505 | 3,199 | 19,305 | 20,277 |
| Prize Money | 18,139 | 12,000 | 18,713 | 12,900 | 5,813 | 14,900 | 2,737 |
| Promotion & Marketing | 2,638 | 1,400 | 5,503 | 3,880 | 1,623 | 4,280 | 3,208 |
| Publicity | | 1,100 | 850 | 1,800 | (950) | 2,100 | 2,456 |
| Result Processing | 1,466 | 1,100 | 1,466 | 1,100 | 366 | 2,900 | 529 |
| Salaries | 4,462 | 4,500 | 46,083 | 44,900 | 1,183 | 60,600 | 44,615 |
| Seminars | | 0 | | 750 | (750) | 1,500 | 0 |
| Sound Systems & RT's | 3,017 | 3,000 | 3,017 | 3,500 | (483) | 5,000 | 1,872 |
| Sponsor Servicing | 240 | 500 | 1,642 | 900 | 742 | 900 | 391 |
| Stationery & Photocopy | 357 | 520 | 3,151 | 3,780 | (629) | 4,840 | 5,042 |
| Sundry Expenses | 4,029 | 5,700 | 12,752 | 13,150 | (398) | 15,200 | 11,043 |
| Telephone & Fax | 298 | 350 | 2,672 | 2,800 | (128) | 3,800 | 2,861 |
| Television/Video Production | 3,725 | 500 | 5,975 | 500 | 5,475 | 500 | 0 |
| Training Grants | | 0 | 500 | 0 | 500 | 0 | 1,500 |
| Travel | 9,339 | 6,600 | 28,717 | 27,100 | 1,617 | 32,350 | 25,686 |
| Travel - Board | 2,303 | 800 | 8,844 | 3,100 | 5,744 | 4,100 | 4,848 |
| Travel - Mileage | 561 | 650 | 3,334 | 2,650 | 684 | 3,550 | 3,916 |
| Travel Subsidies | 2,000 | 4,000 | 10,412 | 16,000 | (5,588) | 22,500 | 8,586 |
| Uniforms | | 0 | 3,348 | 3,300 | 48 | 3,300 | 3,766 |
| Venue/Equipment Hire | 13,974 | 17,250 | 33,690 | 35,000 | (1,310) | 41,750 | 26,642 |
| Veterinary | 107 | 500 | 413 | 500 | (87) | 500 | 0 |
| | 107,943 | 91,970 | 324,251 | 303,175 | 21,076 | 381,450 | 263,174 |

Dressage NZ**Income & Expenditure Feb:2015/16**

| | This Actual | Month Budget | Year Actual | To Budget | Date Variance | Full Year Budget | Last YTD Actual |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Excess Income over | <u>(65,593)</u> | <u>(33,880)</u> | <u>23,465</u> | <u>20,695</u> | <u>2,770</u> | <u>4,250</u> | <u>56,944</u> |

TSB Bank Balances

| | | | Balance | | | | |
|----------------------------|---------------|----------|---------------|----------|---------------|----------|----------------|
| TSB on call Deposit | (60,000) | 0 | 131,556 | 0 | 131,556 | 0 | 12,102 |
| TSB - Cheque Account | (13,840) | 0 | 6,759 | 0 | 6,759 | 0 | 19,075 |
| Forum Cheque Account | (6,060) | 0 | 1,744 | 0 | 1,744 | 0 | 27,125 |
| TSB Term Deposit - 01 | | 0 | 60,000 | 0 | 60,000 | 0 | 0 |
| TSB Term Deposit - 02 | | 0 | 15,000 | 0 | 15,000 | 0 | 0 |
| TSB Term Deposit - 04 | | 0 | 65,000 | 0 | 65,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Accounts Receivable | 10,574 | 0 | 26,585 | 0 | 26,585 | 0 | 10,118 |
| Accounts Payable | 13,969 | 0 | 27,156 | 0 | 27,156 | 0 | (3,095) |

UPCOMING CHANGES TO DRESSAGE NZ BY-LAW

The how, what and why

(Genevieve Denize – Rules Officer Dressage NZ)

The How

Over the last three years the Board of Dressage NZ has undertaken a comprehensive review of the Dressage NZ By-Law which provides the administrative framework for Dressage NZ. A working party was established to review the By-Law and provide a report on areas for improvement and proposals of how this might look.

The working party, consisting of Lynda Clarke (Dressage NZ Board member), Scott McKenna (then North Island Riders' Rep) and Robin Haberfield (Canterbury), presented their report at the 2015 Dressage NZ Annual Planning Meeting. Further feedback was given by Area Delegates and this feedback was collated and reviewed by myself and Lynda Clark. A re-drafted By-Law was prepared incorporating the feedback and generally updating the By-Law to better reflect the functional realities of Dressage NZ. The updated draft By-law was then circulated to Area Groups for further consultation and feedback prior to the Dressage NZ Conference in 2015.

At the Dressage NZ 2015 conference Dressage NZ Board member Lynda Clarke gave a presentation on the updated draft by-law and a summary of the further feedback. Following her presentation, Lynda asked the Dressage NZ Committee for a mandate on how to proceed. That mandate was that Lynda and I were charged with the responsibility of making final amendments to reflect the Committee discussion with a view to the 2016 Board elections being held in accordance with the new By-Law. The proposed By-law has also been reviewed by Dressage NZ Board.

I am pleased to advise that the final draft of the proposed new By-Law is now ready for final approval by ESNZ and the Committee of Dressage NZ. So how does this all work?

In basic terms, the umbrella body for Dressage NZ is Equestrian Sports New Zealand which is governed by a Board made up of a President, a Chair, Chairs of each discipline and 3 appointed officers. The rules which set out how and what ESNZ can do are in the ESNZ Constitution. This Constitution provides that each discipline have its own Discipline Board with its own set of rules. These rules include a by-law which sets out the administrative structure and functions for the discipline.

Under the Constitution if a discipline wants to make any changes to its administrative structure and functions (in this case through amendment to the Dressage NZ By-Law) it must have written approval to do so from the ESNZ Board. In addition, under the existing Dressage NZ By-Law any changes to the Dressage NZ rules require a 75% majority of the Dressage NZ Committee.

While initially it was thought a special Dressage AGM may be required to implement the new By-Law prior to the Dressage NZ 2016 Conference, on further review it is clear neither

the ESNZ Constitution nor Dressage NZ Rules require an AGM for a change to the Dressage NZ By-Law. The only requirements are:

1. Written approval from the Board of ESNZ for the change; and
2. A 75% majority of the Dressage NZ Committee.

It is not specified what must come first.

The What

Because the Constitution and the current Dressage NZ By-Law do not state expressly what should happen, as Rules Officer I have considered what might be the best way forward. In doing so I have considered the well expressed desire of members to see Dressage NZ move forward to a clearer structure which the overwhelming majority of the Committee hoped would be implemented in time for the 2016 elections. I have also considered the need to ensure what we send to ESNZ for approval is clearly what the Committee wants. I have also looked at the timeframes which must be met in order that the 2016 elections could be run under the new By-Law.

In considering all these elements, at our last Dressage NZ Board meeting on 17 February 2016 I sought Dressage Board approval that we proceed as follows:

1. The final draft of the amended By-Law is now circulated to all Dressage NZ Area Groups and the Dressage NZ Committee;
2. At the Dressage NZ Annual Planning I will ask for the Committee to vote on the proposed new By-Law. In the event of a 75% majority in favour of the new By-Law, the new By-Law will be immediately forwarded to the ESNZ Board for urgent written approval;
3. Upon confirmation of the written approval of ESNZ, notification of the new By-Law and election process for the 2016 elections will be made to all Dressage NZ stakeholders.

The Why

So why do we need to change the By-Law? The reasons why the By-Law has been in need of updating are well set out in the reports given by Lynda Clark at the annual planning meeting and conference in April and June 2015. However the key reason is the way in which the structure of Dressage NZ is described in the existing by-law no longer properly reflects how

Dressage NZ now looks and operates. There is a need for greater clarity in the By-Law so all stakeholders know the role of Dressage NZ and the basics of how it operates.

Most importantly there was a desire of the membership to see a move toward best practice in the tenure and rotation of board members. - The key changes in this regard are:

1. Rules Officer, Financial Officer and Marketing and Communications Officer moving from elected to appointed positions;
2. Training and Development, Judges Officer and Chair remain elected positions.
3. A move from 1 year to 3 year terms with a maximum of no more than 2 consecutive terms in a row (ie you cannot be in a Board role for more than 6 years at a time), with appointments and elections occurring on a 3 yearly cycle.

You can view the proposed new By-Law at www.nzequestrian.org.nz/dressage



RULES FOR ADMINISTRATION ESNZ BY-LAW No 17

1. NAME

- a. The name of the organisation shall be Dressage New Zealand, a discipline of Equestrian Sports New Zealand (ESNZ) (INC) ("*Dressage NZ*")

2. OBJECTS AND FUNCTIONS OF DRESSAGE NZ

- a. To promote and encourage the furtherance of Dressage within New Zealand under the Rules and Regulations and By-Laws of ESNZ, and where desirable, under International Rules.
- b. To increase participation in dressage by delivering quality events, administration and education.
- c. Provide opportunities for the acquisition and diffusion of skills and information to riders and non-riding members relating to Dressage.
- d. To consider and approve amendments to the Dressage NZ rules or any substitute rules.
- e. To educate, assess and appoint Judges for Dressage NZ.
- f. Subject to the Rules and policies of ESNZ, to affiliate with any organisations whether operating within New Zealand or overseas, which have objects similar to or compatible with those of Dressage NZ.

3. MEMBERSHIP

- a. Membership of Dressage NZ is open to all members of ESNZ upon fulfilment of any conditions imposed by the Committee referred to in clause 10 of this By-Law.

4. STRUCTURE OF DRESSAGE NZ

- a. The administrative structure of Dressage NZ consists of the following:
 - i. A Dressage NZ Board as set out in clauses 6, 7 and 8 of this by-law;
 - ii. A Committee as set out in clause 10 of this by-law;
 - iii. Dressage Area Groups as set out in clause 11 of this by-law;
 - iv. Dressage Area delegates as set out in clause 12 of this by-law;
 - v. Selectors as set out in clause 16 of this by-law;

- vi. **Rider Representatives as set out in clause 17 of this by-law; and**
- vii. **Sub-committees as set out in clause 18 of this by-law.**



5. ADMINISTRATION

- a. The National administrative functions of Dressage NZ shall be supervised by the Dressage NZ Board pursuant to Article 16 of the ESNZ Constitution (1st August 2014) or any substitute article in any amended ESNZ constitution.
- b. In supervising these administrative functions, the Dressage NZ Board will ensure that the discipline is compliant with the ESNZ constitution and ESNZ General and Veterinary Regulations or any substitute constitution and regulations.
- c. Dressage NZ will maintain rules for the conduct of Dressage NZ's competitive activities, ensuring their currency with international regulations where applicable.

6. DRESSAGE NEW ZEALAND BOARD

- a. The Dressage NZ Board shall comprise 6 members elected or appointed in accordance with clauses 7 and 8 of this by-law comprising the following:
 - i. The Chair;
 - ii. A Judges' Officer;
 - iii. A Financial Officer;
 - iv. A Rules Officer;
 - v. A Marketing and Communications Officer;
 - vi. A Training and Development Officer.
- b. The president and CEO of ESNZ or their representative have a standing invitation to attend and contribute to Dressage Board meetings and may exercise any power conferred on them in accordance with the ESNZ Constitution.
- c. The Dressage NZ Board must, subject to there being a quorum, appoint a Deputy Chair at the first meeting of the Dressage NZ Board following the AGM by way of nomination and majority vote.

7. ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

- a. The following board positions shall be elected;
 - i. The Chairman;
 - ii. The Judges Officer; and
 - iii. The Training & Development Officer.
- b. Elections for the elected Board positions will take place at the Dressage NZ AGM.
- c. Nominations for board positions must be received in writing by Dressage NZ 42 days prior to the Dressage NZ AGM.
- d. A list of nominees for positions shall be circulated to Area Group Delegates 21 days prior to the Dressage NZ AGM;
- e. Area Delegates and any person eligible to vote pursuant to the ESNZ constitution may vote.
- f. Each Area Delegate must cast their vote for Board members according to the instructions of the majority of the ESNZ members of the Area Group each delegate represents at the meeting of the area group designated for this purpose. However the Area Delegate must be provided with a mandate by the Area Group to exercise discretion in voting in the case of any new information or circumstances arising at the AGM.
- g. Each elected position shall be for a term of 3 years.

- h. Elections shall occur on a 3 yearly cycle as follows;
 - i. Year One - Training and Development;
 - ii. Year Two - Judges Officer;
 - iii. Year Three – Chairperson.
- i. In the event that an elected board member retires or resigns prior to the completion of a 3 year term then a replacement shall be elected by the Committee as soon as is practicably possible for the remainder of that 3 year term.
- j. Each elected board member shall serve a maximum of 2 consecutive 3 year terms in office in any particular board position.

8. APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS

- a. The following board positions shall be appointed by the Appointment Panel referred to in clause 8 (b) of this By-Law:
 - i. The Financial Officer;
 - ii. The Rules Officer;
 - iii. The Marketing and Communications Officer.
- b. The Appointment Panel shall be a sub-committee of the Dressage NZ Board and shall consist of the Chairperson, one other Dressage NZ Board member and one person elected by the Committee, who may or may not be an ESNZ member.
- c. Each board position shall have a term of 3 years.
- d. Appointments shall occur on a 3 yearly cycle as follows:
 - i. Year One – Marketing and Communications Officer;
 - ii. Year Two – Financial Officer;
 - iii. Year Three – Rules Officer.
- e. In the event that an appointed board member retires or resigns prior to the completion of a 3 year term then a replacement shall be appointed, as soon as is practicably possible, by the Appointment Panel for the remainder of that 3 year term.
- f. Each appointed board member shall serve a maximum of 2 consecutive 3 year terms in any particular board position.

9. FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD

- a. The functions of the Board of Dressage NZ shall be:
 - i. To oversee the administration of Dressage NZ.
 - ii. To approve additions, deletions or amendments to the Rules of Dressage NZ as referred to them from the AGM.
 - iii. To develop the Strategic Plan in consultation with the Committee.

- iv. To implement programs and initiatives intended to achieve the objectives of the Strategic Plan.
- v. To be responsible for the finances of Dressage NZ.
- vi. To recommend to the AGM any Annual Fees/Levies and Charges.
- vii. To appoint personnel for specific roles and duties as may be necessary from time to time.

10. BOARD PROCEDURES

- a. The Dressage NZ Board may regulate its own procedure and may co-opt, appoint or employ individuals or subcommittees for any specific purpose falling within its functions.
- b. The Board will make available to the Committee the procedure for any appointment made pursuant to clause 10 (a) of this By-Law.
- c. The Board shall make available to the committee the membership and Terms of Reference for sub-committees.
- d. The Quorum for the Board shall consist of 4 Board Members.
- e. The chairperson of the Board shall have a casting vote.
- f. Non-voting observers may attend any Board meeting if invited by the Chairperson and may only speak at the invitation of the Chairperson.
- g. The Dressage NZ Sport Manager and the ESNZ President and CEO may attend and speak at any Board meeting.

11. THE COMMITTEE

- a. The Committee shall comprise:
 - i. The Dressage Area Delegates referred to in clause 12 of this By-Law;
 - ii. The North and South Island Riders Representatives referred to in clause 17 of this By-Law;
 - iii. The Dressage NZ Board referred to in clause 6 of this By-Law; and
 - iv. The President and the CEO of ESNZ ex officio.

12. DRESSAGE AREA GROUPS

- a. Each area as defined by ESNZ in the ESNZ constitution (or any substitute Constitution) shall be entitled to form an ESNZ Dressage Area Group.
- b. The functions of each Dressage Area Group shall be to:
 - i. Promote the Sport of Dressage within each area's defined geographical region
 - ii. To organise Dressage events within that area's geographical region, this may include, but not be limited to, one regional event within each calendar year; and
 - iii. To fulfil other functions as determined by the Dressage NZ Board in consultation with that Dressage Area Group.

13. DRESSAGE AREA DELEGATES.

- a. Each ESNZ Dressage Area Group shall appoint one delegate to the Committee.
- b. The delegate must be elected by the members of the ESNZ Dressage Area Group at a meeting held for this purpose and in accordance with this By-Law and the ESNZ Constitution; and
- c. The appointment of the Area Delegate must be notified to the Dressage NZ Sport Manager at least four weeks (28 days) prior to the Dressage NZ annual Conference.

14. FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

- a. The functions of the Committee shall be:
 - i. To inform and contribute toward the development of the Strategic Plan implemented by the Dressage NZ Board.
 - ii. To consider the policy of Dressage NZ both within New Zealand and as it applies to New Zealand riders competing overseas.
 - iii. To consider the recommendations of the Dressage NZ Board concerning financial charges for the coming year.
 - iv. To consider matters referred to it by the Dressage NZ AGM, the Chairperson of the Dressage NZ Board, or by ESNZ.
 - v. To elect a Representative on the Appointment Panel.

15. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- a. The Committee shall meet not less than 90 days prior to the Dressage NZ AGM and at least once more during the year. The Chairperson of the Dressage NZ Board shall appoint the date of each meeting.
- b. Any five members of the Committee may request the Chairperson of the Dressage NZ Board to hold a meeting of the Committee. Such a request shall not be unreasonably denied.
- c. Twelve members of the Committee, including the Chairperson of the Dressage NZ Board, shall form a quorum.

16. FINANCIAL

- a. Finances of Dressage NZ are the responsibility of the Board of Dressage NZ.
- b. Two Officers and the Sport General Manager will be appointed by the Board of Dressage NZ to authorise all transactions and at least 2 Officers will sign off on all transactions.
- c. The financial year for Dressage NZ shall be the same as that of ESNZ.

- d. A full set of statement of accounts and all financial documents shall be available to ESNZ.
- e. The auditor for Dressage NZ shall be the Auditor appointed by ESNZ.
- f. The funds of Dressage NZ shall consist of all fees/levies and all monies gained by sponsorship, donations, gifts, bequests, or such other monies as paid to or derived from Dressage NZ.

17. SELECTORS

- a. In order to maintain continuity of Selection for major Events such as Olympic Games, Selectors will be elected for four year terms in a “rollover system” so that only one selector will be appointed in any year.
- b. Selectors will be appointed by the Appointment Panel for a four year term
- c. Selectors will be subject to a yearly review The Appointment Panel for Selectors shall consist of:
 - i. Board chair;
 - ii. Deputy Chair; and
 - iii. An independent person with relevant skills which shall be determined by the Board of Dressage NZ.
- e. The Selectors will nominate one of the three Selectors to be the Chief Selector,

18. RIDERS REPRESENTATIVES.

- a. North and South Island Riders’ Representatives will be elected annually by riders attending the Riders’ Meetings held at the North and South Island Championships;
- b. The two Riders’ Representatives will hold a position on the Committee.
- c. The Riders Representative will organise and Chair the Riders’ Meeting at their respective Island Championships.
- d. Any rider over 18 years who is a current financial full member of ESNZ may speak at the Riders’ meetings.
- e. A parent or guardian may speak on behalf of a current financial full member of ESNZ under 18 years subject to the parent or guardian being a Full or Community Member of ESNZ.

19. SUB-COMMITTEES

- a. the Board of Dressage NZ may form sub-committees for a specific purpose. The Board must inform the committee of the membership and Terms of Reference annually to the Committee.

20. DRESSAGE STEWARD GENERAL

- a. A Steward General for Dressage will be appointed by the Board of Dressage NZ annually.

21. NATIONAL EQUESTRIAN CENTRE REPRESENTATIVES



- a. Representatives from the Dressage Discipline will be appointed annually by the Board of Dressage NZ to represent the Dressage Discipline on the Committees of the North and South Island National Equestrian Centres.

22. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- a. Dressage New Zealand will hold an Annual General Meeting (“Dressage NZ AGM”) which shall be facilitated by the Dressage NZ Board and open to all financial members ESNZ.
- b. To be able to vote at the Dressage NZ AGM a person must be:
 - i. an Area delegate, or
 - ii. a member of the Board of Dressage NZ, or
 - iii. a riders Representative
- c. Other persons may attend as observers but may not vote and may only speak with the permission of the Chairperson of the Dressage NZ AGM.
- d. The AGM will include :
 - i. The Annual report of the preceding year from the Chairperson.
 - ii. Reports from Dressage NZ Board members.
 - iii. The Annual accounts of the preceding year.
 - iv. Election of Officers.
 - v. To receive and confirm the appointment of Dressage Area Delegates.
 - vi. Consideration of and voting on Remits tabled at the AGM in accordance with clause 21 of this By-Law.
 - vii. The Strategic Plan.
 - viii. Any other business the Dressage NZ Board deems relevant.
- e. Any material that is required to be produced for the AGM must be received in writing by Dressage NZ and (42 days) available to Dressage Area Groups electronically at least 21 days prior to the AGM.

23. REMITS

- a. For the purposes of this By-Law and the Rules of Dressage NZ a remit is a recommendation or request to amend or include rules governing dressage in New Zealand.
- b. All remits must be submitted using a remit template approved by Dressage NZ.
- c. Remits must be received by Dressage NZ not less than six weeks (42 days) prior to the Annual Planning Meeting.
- d. Remits will be considered at the Annual Planning Meeting.

- e. With the exception of a remit seeking amendment or variation to this By-Law, in order for a remit to be put forward for consideration and approval at the Dressage NZ AGM the remit must be subject to approval by a majority vote of the Committee at the Annual Planning Meeting.
- f. In the case of any remit seeking amendment or variation to By-Law 17 a 75% majority vote of the Committee will be required for the remit to put forward at the Dressage NZ AGM or a Special Meeting of Dressage NZ.
- g. Recommendations to request or amend rules governing Dressage NZ must be provided to Dressage NZ not less than 6 (42 days) weeks prior to Annual Planning Meeting.
- h. Remits that are put forward by the Committee for consideration at the AGM will be briefly discussed at the AGM, facilitated by the Rules Officer of Dressage NZ Board after which the Chairperson of Dressage NZ will call for a vote on each remit.
- i. With the exception of any remit seeking to amend or vary this By-Law, a remit will be passed if it receives a majority vote at the AGM in favour of the remit. In the case of a remit seeking amendment or variation this By-Law a 75% majority vote at the AGM in favour of the remit will be required in order for the remit to be passed.
- j. Notwithstanding the above, a Special General Meeting may be called, in accordance with clause 14(b) above, to allow for a vote on a remit seeking amendment or variation of this By-Law. Such a vote will be subject to clause 21(f) of this By-Law.

North Island Riders Meeting

23 January 2016, Solway Showgrounds Marquee

Meeting Commenced 7.00pm

Opening and welcome by Debbie Barke acting as chair on behalf of Alicia Collin.

Attendance:

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|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Peter Barke – BOP | Vaughn Cooper – CD |
| Jutta Rosenblatt – CD | Jacqui Thompson – Wellington |
| Susan Tomlin – CD | Liz Hutson – Wellington |
| Willa Aitken – NHB | Sophie de Clifford – Waikato |
| Hannah Van der Horst – BOP | Janine Van der Horst – BOP |
| Brooke Harris – BOP | Jane Hunter – CHB |
| Rosanne Rix – Wellington | Nicky Birch – CD |
| Sheena Ross – Auckland (AMDG) | Geraldine Kawabe – BOP |
| Andy Daines – Auckland (Waitemata) | Pip Stalker – Taihape |
| Christine Weal – Waikato | Victoria Middleton – Taihape |
| Zoie Gray – Waikato | Chelsea Sinnamon – Waikato |
| Kellie Hamlett – BOP | Alex Matheson – Waikato |
| Sophia Blackbourne – Waikato | Lisa Blackbourn – Waikato |
| Wendy Skelton – Waikato | Otilie Upshall – BOP (minutes) |

Apologies: Alicia Collin, Wendy Hamerton, Raewyn Passey.

Moved that apologies be accepted: Rosanne Rix, Seconded: Jutta Rosenblatt.

Minutes of the previous meeting:

None available, so they could not be verified, and there were no matters arising.

Inward correspondence:

1. Recording of scores in the ESNZ database.

The general consensus was that genuine buyers and sellers of horses understand that horses have “off days” and it is important that the performance record is an accurate reflection of a horse’s career.

All present agreed unanimously that this proposal was not feasible, nor would it uphold an honest and accountable performance record for horses.

2. Naming / use of term “Amateur”.

The term ‘amateur’ is not an accurate representation of the situation, ie, ‘amateur/professional’ as defined in most sports (unpaid vs paid). We have a large number of riders who are very experienced, who would be defined as ‘amateur’, and some ‘professional’ riders who may not be highly skilled in dressage.

Alex M suggested that 'amateur' might be a route for previously experienced riders who have been away from the sport to make a comeback.

It was agreed that the criteria for divisions, and terminology could be tweaked, and it was suggested that this is a matter to be taken back to areas for discussion.

A comment from the floor that the UK has a new system Bronze-Silver-Gold, opinion was divided however due to differences in demographics preventing a similar system from working in NZ. It was suggested that the new system should be watched with interest to see how it pans out in the UK.

Overall, the feeling is that progress has been good and that the current system is generally liked, but riders would like to see some stats if there are any, on how the changes to the system may have influenced participation by grass roots/newcomer riders.

The general consensus was that 'Restricted/Open' is a better reflection of the situation in our sport when we want to allow riders to compete against others with similar levels of experience. This use of terminology also emphasizes that it is the class that is restricted, not the rider being labelled.

3. Extension of the season.

October to March is a narrow window of opportunity to be considered for selection.

The 3 big championship shows are again too close together – ICH, NCH, HOY. Debbie explained how the dates for these major competitions had been decided and how a number of factors contribute to this happening.

The season is short because areas only want to run RE's during summer months, due to weather conditions, however many areas run smaller winter/spring series events, which should, given the correct assignment of judges, count for qualification/selection purposes.

It is a basic principle of the sport that, regardless of a show's size or status, judging should be universally consistent, provided the judges are properly qualified and there are the requisite number of judges.

Encouraging areas to run this standard of shows through the winter would surely also benefit judges' upgrading.

The idea of running another "RE" is off –putting for OC's as they (rightly or wrongly) envisage the traditional "Regional Event" /Championships format: putting on Super 5, Musical freestyle, printed programmes, getting sponsorship etc which is all a lot to ask of volunteers to do more than once a year.

It was suggested that riders directly contact their areas and groups by letter or attending a meeting to explain that what is being asked for is a normal show, but to ensure that the right

judges are assigned. It was further suggested that riders be appointed from the floor to take this forward to their areas. These riders are listed below (incomplete):

Jutta & Susan – CD

Geraldine – BOP

Christine – Waikato

Sheena - AMDG

Questions arising from this discussion:

- Can areas begin immediately from this season (will performances be recognized or does it have to pass through further process to be implemented)?
- Do the existing national sponsorships (super 5 etc) extend to these competitions? Will the same level of recognition be expected?

General Business:

Arena Familiarisation - why are OC's so strict?

Many OC's are under the impression that the walk only/around the edges policy is a rule, however it is in fact up to the OC's discretion. Riders should ask OC's why they are not permitted to use the competition arenas for schooling, become more involved in implementing change.

Riders have also been told off for schooling in the designated warmup areas.

Riders choose a venue on the basis of the competition surfaces, so are understandably disappointed when the warm up is not on a comparable surface. It was noted that it is an FEI rule that warm up areas should have the same surface as the competition arena – while this is not always achievable, it is something to aim for.

Riders feel that warm up surfaces are a horse welfare issue, and that OC's should consider opening up unused arenas for warming up when possible.

Volunteer burnout – what can be done?

Focus on retaining volunteers, ie parents, former participants – keep them in the loop, keep them interested in the sport, make them feel included in the community.

Look for local volunteer organisations that will provide services for a donation ie, scouts, CWA.

FEI Challenge – format change: riders who are interested need to make themselves aware of the changes.

Young Riders Championships – when was the date set and why?

The April date excludes University students. On reviewing the available dates, it became clear that there was not a lot of option but to go with the date they have got.

National Championships: huge jump in stabling and camping fees – are these increases really passing on costs from Manfeild? Why is it different to other user groups?

Amount of paperwork to enter Nationals is very time consuming. Why are Equestrian Entries not being used for entries – would save a lot of manual data entry, time and money.

Attendance at riders meeting: disappointment expressed at relatively low turnout.

Election of North Island Riders Representative for 2016/17

In the absence of any further nominations it was moved that Alicia Collin continue in the role of North Island Riders Representative for the coming season: *moved by Rosanne Rix, seconded by Jacquie Thompson, passed unanimously by a show of hands.*

Meeting closed 8.09pm

My first year as North Island Riders Rep has been interesting but fairly uneventful.

I did not receive much correspondence in until I sent out information in respect to the North Island Riders Meeting. I have found that people seem to view the role of riders rep as one where only gripes and complaints are received – I would love to see this change into one where people approach the Riders Rep's with positive ideas about taking the sport forward.

The biggest issue of contention has been the "short season". To clarify, riders have had issues with the regional, Island, and National championships being condensed into a five month period. Five riders from across the North Island have been tasked from the North Island Riders Meeting to go back to their respective area's to discuss opportunities to run regional status competitions later in the season. I think all riders appreciate that running a large competition over winter is not practical in New Zealand. There appears to be a breakdown in communication as to what riders want, and what O/C's feel is being asked of them. Further rider cooperation with O/C's will hopefully progress this matter to a point that improves the sport for all.

I have heard a lot of excited chatter about the scores of our top Grand Prix combinations. The fact that a number of these horses are New Zealand bred, and nearly all have been bought through the grades in New Zealand is acting as inspiration for all New Zealand riders. This year to have so many Grand Prix combinations excelling appears to have provided a change of feel about the sport – something I hope will continue.

Minutes of the SI Riders Meeting 28th January 2016

Start Time: 5.30pm

Present: Allie Harper (RP) (Canterbury) Aubrey McRae, Melanie & Andrew Bruce, Soo Wells, Kerry Sutherland, Helen Williamson, Kathryn Brought, Robin Savage, Jenny Scoter, Jane Earl – (Nelson) Julie Fraser, Helen Trotman – (Marlborough) Janelle Sangster-Ward, Louis Schindler – (SCNO) Candice Nichol, Lorraine Ward-Smith, Chris Waller – (Otago) Anya Durling, Gillian Edgar, Kate Dodd, Dale Allison, Donny MacLean, Kate MacLean – (Southland) Marlene Parkinson, Helen Boyd, Kerri Morrison & Corrine Ward (Minutes Sec)

Apologies: None

Minutes from the Previous Meeting: Were read & confirmed Moved Helen Boyd/Kate Dodd – Carried be accepted

Any Matters Arising From Previous Minutes from the 29th Jan 2015 – None

Correspondence:

In: Nil **Out:** Nil

Nominations for Riders Representative: for the ensuing year was called for. One Nomination received – Moved S Wells/H Boyd that Allie Harper be re-elected – Carried

General:

- Allie Talked to the meeting on behalf of Dressage NZ – Reminder about SI Riders Travel Fund (Everyone should have their tickets and monies in by now) & to get your “Grand Prix Special Rose” Fundraiser orders in (that assist with DNZ budgeting for next year and hopefully keep the fees, costs etc down) your area Delegates are taking the orders

- **Re Nation Equestrian Centre Christchurch** - Soo Wells and Andrew Bruce spoke on developments at the NEC McLean’s Island, as they are the two dressage representatives on this Committee. Much has been happening lately, after planning for the future has been undertaken. Necessary to decide placement of future buildings, arenas etc so that power, sewerage, water and other boring, expensive but necessary services can be provided in the right place at the right time and also budgeted for.

Fencing around the Hampton Oval has been replaced as the old fence was dangerous and rotting. Also the rails, around 1 and 2 dressage Arena. An updated kitchen has been put into the Hall and construction of a new covered yard stable block with approx. 65 yards should be underway shortly. There will be a new building at the East end of the existing stable block which will house a First Aid room, Vet box, possible farrier room. Also hoping to gain sufficient funding to bring more power capacity onto the grounds, this requires a new transformer, not cheap! Once this is done then a truck park in front of the new covered yard block will have power points available. Also planned as funding allows a new shower and toilet block, which will have to have an upgraded septic tank system. All this is expensive and requires constant funding sourcing by your Committee, bringing in an upgraded power source alone is \$50,000.00. For the future possibly another high quality all weather competition surface, which in future could have a roof over it.

The new all-weather working arena behind the existing stable block has some problems with the base coming through, the NEC Committee are working with the builder to try and rectify this, and also upgrade the surfaces on the other all-weather surfaces. Some new sand has recently been put on the arena 3,4 and 5 area.

Except during Events, the competition arenas 1 and 2, 3,4, and 5, the grass oval, all that area beyond the flagged off area at the end of truck parking and camping area are closed to riding. This is to keep the surfaces etc in top condition for events. The grounds are now used by many people, which is great, but too many people using those areas all the time do damage and often the few damage it for the many! There are many other areas now with all-weather surfaces, which are being upgraded as we can, cross country practice fences and show jump practice areas, these are available to casual users. Notice should be taken of costs and rules when entering the grounds to use these facilities. We have a new groundsman now, Steve Irwin has taken over from Stan Brown who has retired, Steve is now employed full time and the grounds are looking better every day now he has more time, he will also be policing the use of the grounds and checking casual users have paid. So the grounds are getting an upgrade that will see them into the next 25 years.

- **Re Up grades of Arenas etc** - Aubrey McRae (Chairman of Canterbury Dressage) & Andrew Bruce (Appointed "Canterbury Dressage Rep" for SNEC) also spoke to the meeting, about the upgrades & Surfaces, (Because the South island area's where very concerned after "Canterbury Champs" in November that the all-weather surfaces where lacking surface & Maintenance) they spoke to the meeting about how & why that had happened, and said that they are working with the new caretaker "Steve" and the needs of the Dressage group prior to major competitions, Aubrey told the meeting how the "Canterbury Dressage Group" Paid for more Top for Area's 3,4 & 5 – 3/4 loads of River Sand was applied 2 days before competition started.. Allie Thanked "Canterbury Dressage Group" on behalf of the South island Riders.. Sue told the meeting that the committee hadn't had a meeting in Jan, with Christmas etc and that Canterbury Dressage will be reimbursed for the monies paid out for the surface and cartage..
- **Re Opening up the Grounds** - Marlene Parkinson Asked if they could open the grounds up a few days before the competition for the riders competing at the show to use the warm up arenas & Expose your horse to the grounds near the Arenas. Even if we are allowed to just walk our horses around arena 3, 4 & 5, When the Caretaker isn't grooming the arenas etc, All the riders at the meeting where in agreement of Marlene's idea, so Aubrey was going to arrange this with Steve before each major competition
- **Re Area's 6/7** – (Allie fielded concern from riders on Day one, & spoke to Aubrey asking why the Arenas 6&7 were in the Hampton Oval "On Grass" & not on the All-weather surfaces, the weather hadn't helped with heavy rain all day & night days leading up to the competition, the arenas could be slippery, & for safety reasons could the arenas be moved - The Committee where onto it & decided that the arena's where to be moved out the back, to the Eventing arena's, before the Arenas where used – "Aubrey Thanked the small group of Riders that helped moved these arenas in the rain on Thursday afternoon" & Also spoke to the meeting why the committee had decided to put the arenas there "To have the show more connected" - they hadn't planned on so much rain, with the oval been irrigated all week, to give it good footing on the grass. Kerry spoke on behalf of the local Riders & said they all would've rather ridden on the grass, than like November on the Hard surface's. The Riders at the meeting spoke, that for next time they prefer the surface to the grass & would like to be notified in the schedule, If Arenas where be on "Grass or Surfaces", so they can decide if they would entre or not.

- **Re Date Change of South island's** – Aubrey talked on behalf of Canterbury Dressage Group to the Meeting about Changing the Dates of "Festival of Dressage" (South island Champs), He asked what the riders thoughts where on changing the dates etc & if another Area is wanting to Take up the event for 2017, then back to Canterbury the following year, He talked to the meeting why Canterbury where wanting a change of date, with their major Championship show in Late November it makes it hard, on the core committee to run back to back competitions with Christmas in the middle & also for the riders having Nationals the following weekend, saying a lot of South Island Riders have to choose between the 2 events, So he purposed later in February before HOY or after HOY late March, There was allot of discussion on this subject, The Riders felt it wasn't fair that they had to choose between South Islands & Nationals, The Riders at the meeting where all for changing of the dates unless nationals Changes it dates closer to HOY or after, but 2017 National Dates are locked in, so the Riders felt we need to change our Dates of "South Island's" for 2017, Canterbury Dressage Group will be having a meeting after this tournament to deicide dates & if they wanted to do 2017 or another Area to pick it up (Southland said that they would take it, if Canterbury or another area didn't want to do it in 2017) - Kate Dodd suggested that it would be great to keep the Super 5 League going for another year or so, to see how it goes..
- **Re Level 6/7 Been Split** - Soo Well Discussed how level 6/7 should be run separately, Most Riders agreed & Soo wanted riders to go to their Areas and see what other riders thought

Allie thanked everyone for their Attendance

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.40pm

SUBMISSIONS TO DRESSAGE NZ PLANNING FORUM 2016

1. From Dressage Auckland – Manukau

SUBMISSION:

Dressage NZ Rule

477.3.7 Ear covers are allowed. These should be discreetly coloured and must not cover the horse's eyes. Stewards should check for ear plugs after the completion of the test if ear covers are worn.

FEI rule-428-7.1

7.1. Ear hoods are permitted for all Events, in a thin material and may also provide noise reduction. However, ear hoods must not cover the horse's eyes and ear plugs are not permitted, with the exception of Article 428.7.2.

Rationale for Submission

Change our rule to allow ear hoods to provide noise reduction. We need to be in line with the FEI rule for the stewards to rule at events where both national and FEI classes are conducted.

Dressage NZ Note:

The current national rule is silent regarding the type of fabric permitted and noise reduction properties whereas the FEI rule specifies "thin material" which may provide noise reduction. The definition of "thin" is non-specific and therefore subjective. The FEI rule is also silent on colour of hoods and checking of ear plugs.

Recommendation from DNZ Rules:

Remove "discreetly coloured" from national rules.

Add 'and may provide noise reduction'

Change "ear covers" to "ear hoods"

Amended rule to read:

3.7 Ear hoods are permitted for all events and may also provide noise reduction. However, ear hoods must not cover the horse's eyes and ear plugs are not permitted, with the exception of Article 477.3.8

2. From Dressage Auckland – Manukau

Re Grading Points / ESNZ Rider & Horse Performance Records (Profiles)

We have had riders request that %'s that do not earn grading points not be recorded with the ESNZ. Very low %'s can affect future sales and true performances of horses if they go thru a bad patch. The rules seem to back up recording of grading points but nowhere does it say all starts must be recorded if no grading points are gained. While people can search thru results to see a horses performance if they want to, the ESNZ results should record %'s that gain grading points only under the horses performance record.

Current rule:

8. Percentages received by horses/ponies competing in Introductory or unregistered classes do not count for Grading Points.

9. Grading points are taken as at the evening prior to the commencement of an event.

10. All points earned during an event will be added to the horses grading points at the level at which they were earned.

3. From Betty Brown

SUBMISSION:

Dressage NZ rule 440 5.1

A Judge must declare, to the OC, their interest in any person or horse competing at National events e.g. ICH, NCH, HOY and other named events specified by Dressage NZ that the Judge has trained within six months preceding the event;

The FEI rule under the CODEX for FEI Dressage judges reads:

Training a horse/rider for more than 3 days in 3 months before an FEI event (that we would run in NZ.)

Rationale for Submission

This makes it difficult at a regional or national show where there is a conflict for judges who judge both national and FEI classes.

I would like to see the DNZ rule brought into line with the FEI CODEX.

4. From Dressage Canterbury

That Level 6 and Level 7 be split for the Super 5 and Zilco Musical Series

Rationale for Submission

When we run our regional and SIFD shows, advanced horses just do one test per day. In our Super 5 Hobson Horsecoaches advanced series we use the Level 6 PSG test as we feel any Level 7 test is too difficult for some of the newer Level 6 horses. Level 7 riders like to be part of a series as other riders but want to ride a Level 7 test and have a true Level 7 Championship.

This also makes it fairer for the Level 6 horses not having to compete with the Level 7 Horses.

This would be the same for the Zilco musical as well. All year we run L6 - L9 as separate classes to give the riders the chance to ride in their grade, this should not change at a Regional, Island or National show.

5. From Dressage Waitemata

National Championships Amateur Criteria

1. Amateur classes at NCH be restricted to Level 5 and below
2. Rider criteria - the rider can not have ridden in competition above Level 5

Rationale for Submission

- Level 6/7 can become depleted of the best quality riders
- The riders at this level have to be more than amateur to have achieved training to this level
- The riders really should be judged against their peers by this level

| NATIONAL & REGIONAL DATES 2016/17 DRAFT | | | | |
|--|---|----|------------------------------|--|
| 23/24 April | Samsung GTL Networks NZ Pony & YR Championships | NI | Taupo NEC | |
| 25/26 June | Dressage NZ Conference | NI | New Plymouth | |
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| 21/23 Oct | NI Championships @ Taupo | NI | Taupo NEC | |
| 14/16 Oct | Equidays | NI | Mystery Creek | |
| 28/30 Oct | Dressage Central Districts Championship Show & CDIW | NI | Manfeild Park | |
| 28/10/2016 | World Challenge | NI | Manfeild Park | |
| 12/13 Nov | Wellington Dressage Champs | NI | Solway Showgrounds | |
| 18/20 Nov | Auckland-Manukau Dressage Group | NI | Clevedon Show Grounds | |
| 19/20 Nov | Gisborne Dressage Championships | NI | Gisborne Showgrounds | |
| 27/28 Nov | Nth Hawkes Bay Champs | NI | Hastings SG | |
| 3/4 Dec | Southern Hawkes Bay Champs | NI | Dannevirke | |
| TBC | Waikato Champs | NI | TBC | |
| 9/11 Dec | Dressage Waitemata | NI | Woodhill Sands | |
| 17/18 Dec | Dressage Taihape | NI | Taihape | |
| 14/15 Jan | Dressage Taranaki Championships | NI | Egmont Showgrounds | |
| 14/15 Jan | Dressage Northland | NI | Barge Park Whangarei | |
| 21/22 Jan | Wairarapa Dressage Championship Show | NI | Solway Showgrounds | |
| 4/7 Feb | Bates National Championships | NI | Manfeild Park | |
| 7/12 Mar | Horse of the Year Show | NI | Hastings SG | |
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| 8/9 Sept | South Canterbury / North Otago Dressage | SI | Winchester Showgrounds | |
| 12/13 Nov | Dressage Otago Summer Championship | SI | Otago Taieri A&P SG | |
| 19/20 Nov | Ashburton | SI | Ashburton SG | |
| TBC | Marlborough Champs | SI | Marlborough Equestrian Park | |
| 3/4 Dec | Canterbury Championships | SI | McLeans IS | |
| 10/11 Dec | Southland Champs | SI | Gore SG | |
| 28/29 Jan | Nelson Super 5 Tournament | SI | Rough Island Equestrian Park | |
| 10/12 Feb | SI Champs | SI | Gore | |
| 25/26 Mar | SI Festival Future Stars | SI | Canty Ag Park | |

Dressage Planning Forum

Session 9 : National Series 2016/17 | Sport Manager

Overview 2015/16 Super 5 League: The inaugural Super 5 League which replaced the 25 year plus Challenges appeared to create a new interest with the National Final determined by holding semi-finals in both islands with the same judges officiating at both levels. The cost of flying the judges inter-island to achieve this was approximately \$3,500 paid for by Dressage NZ via Super 5 sponsorship. OC's paid accommodation costs and utilised the judges for other classes at the event. In addition Super 5 prize money was supported by the League sponsorships in both islands. Island League Series (Points tables) also operated separately in each island with new look trophies for the winners at each level plus sashes for placegetters 1st – 5th

Positive Aspects: Increased interest, high standard of competition, riders from both islands competed against each other without inter-island travel

Aspects to Consider:

Qualifying: The qualifying scores to enter were unfortunately missed from the SICH schedule and at close of entries there were 32 entries in each of Level 1 & 2, but approx only 12 had qualified (63%) meaning the OC had to run an additional class to determine the grade champions and some Super 5 Judges were occupied for a whole day as they had to also judge this ancillary class. The entries were stronger in levels 3 and above and the same problem did not exist at those levels.

Options for 2016/17 SICH & NCH :

1. No qualifying standard - maximum participation by all who want to enter – good for the sponsors exposure and reduced classes / prize money for OC
2. Lower qualifying standard eg 60% for Level 1 & 2 (in line with higher levels) a good compromise perhaps between options 1 & 3 1 & 3 ? / OC's decide if to run ancillary class or not (Note at NCH the Super 5 does NOT count for Championship points)
3. Retain qualifying standard at 63%

Semi-Finals Dates:

Some negative feedback was received from SI members that the date of the SICH and NCH in 2016 led to the majority of SI riders having to choose between the NCH & SICH. The date / venue proposed by Southland for SICH 2017 (weekend after NCH at Gore) will have the same result, and highlights the problem the sport faces of availability of willing OC's and venues, that from time to time results in events are not being able to be held on the preferred or optimum weekend for participants. Note the NCH dates are locked in because of the PAL WC final.

It is recommended that for 2017 we revert to Island League Finals and Island League Series with a national ranking established similar to FEI World ranking where the judges are not the same. It will be recommended that wherever possible, one judge from each island should judge the island finals, but these need not be the same in both islands.

Levels: Dressage NZ is endeavouring to secure a sponsor to establish a level 7 League

Sponsors: 2015/16 sponsors are all secured for a further year

Zilco Dressage To Music Series:

This proved to be very popular and successful again. Zilco are secured for a further year. The submission regarding splitting the Zilco series level 6/7 separately requires thought around the test compulsory movements and the impact on OC where numbers at this level are not always high. The test used provides for optional movements so no horse is forced to perform a higher level. This is already a high value sponsorship that the sport is very fortunate to have. A redistribution of rosette numbers, and prizes etc would be required. Recommendation that the number of levels remain as is for a further year and review again when statistics can be collected from this year. OC's can extract the results of L6 and L& horses for purposes of championships from a combined class if required

Fiber- Fresh Amateur Young Rider Awards

A new sponsor is being sought for this series and the revised conditions will be reviewed when results are known.

Karmargen Equestrian Amateur Rider Awards

The current sponsor agreement expires this year. Under review when results are known.

All-In-Flex Masters

The current sponsor agreement expires this year. Under review when results are known.

AMS Saddlery Pony & Young Rider Performance League

The current sponsor agreement expires this year. Has been very strongly contested.

Prestige Equestrian / Prestige Italia Dressage Futures

The current sponsor agreement expires this year. Has been very strongly contested.

All-In-Flex Judge & Volunteer Awards

The current sponsor agreement expires this year. Will be reviewed

Stable of Stallions

A project with good potential for an income stream but disappointing outcome this year with only one service sold. Under review.

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Session 14 : FEI Updates | Sport Manager

1. FEI Rule Changes:

The FEI rules amended at 1 Jan each year at sometimes the changes are subtle and sometimes more far reaching. A major change this year was the change to penalties for course errors with Elimination effective on the 2nd instead of 3rd penalty and a total 2% deduction off the final score which has a much greater impact than previously (as our riders discovered at Manfeild CDI) These changes have not been implemented at national level. Dressage Australia has adopted the 2016 FEI tests but retained the original penalties. They have been given permission by the FEI to rebrand the tests with the EFA Dressage logo for national use. Our scoring system have been modified accordingly for national and international competitions

Recommendation: *That NZ follows this same action*

2. FEI WDC New format

Delegates have already been sent the new rules which can be posted on area websites for rider information

FEI WDC will be on Friday 28th October at Manfeild in conjunction with CD Champs and CDIW

12-15 yrs at Elementary only, Seniors from Med, Adv, PSG & Int I

The only eligibility restrictions for riders will be as per the FEI WDC rules, other exceptions that,

- downgraded horses must compete in their original grade
- Med – not more than 30 level 5pts at nomination date
- Adv- not more than 30 Level 6pts at nomination date
- PSG – not more than 60 Level 7pts at nomination date
- Int I – not more than 60 level 8pts at nomination date
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All previous WDC tests are now obsolete – refer to rules for the FEI tests to be used this year . Areas are encouraged to offer these tests at spring events to enable riders to familiarise themselves with them . It would be useful to know at the Planning meeting dates of shows you may like to run these classes so they can be well advertised in advance and selectors / riders notified

Mary Seefried 5* FEI Judge from Australia has been secured as the foreign judge

Application process for riders will be advised after the Planning Meeting

3. FEI Sports Forum 2016

A hot topic will be the Olympic Games format for 2020. How to “popularise” the sport without losing the integrity of the principles with a lot of thought around TV viewing numbers, audiences

Officials are also under the spotlight – who should appoint officials, how much they should be paid .

Supporting documents and Programme : The FEI Sports Forum supporting documents and programme are now available on www.fei.org Stakeholders and FEI Sports Forum participants may contribute to the discussions that will help shape the future of our sport by either participating on the online platform or by providing no later than 21 March 2016 a specific document concerning one of the topics being presented at the FEI Sports Forum for publication. Please send your document(s) to feisportsforum@fei.org.