

# Summary of Business – January 2018

Below is a summary of business from the Dressage Victoria meeting held 24 January 2018 at Boneo Park

# In Attendance

Lone Joergensen, Julia Battams, Veronica Steward, Kristy-Lee Brilliant, Jane Ventura, Justine Greer, Lizzie Schirmer, Jan Smith by phone, Annabelle Johnstone by phone.

A very successful dressage event was held at Sale early January with respected A level Judges Jane Ventura and Veronica Steward making the trip to Gippsland thanks to a donation designed to help more remote clubs source high quality judges. Due to the success of the initiative it is hoped to repeat this in other regional areas.

Dressage Victoria (DV) has raised the following issues for discussion at the next Equestrian Australia Dressage Committee (EADC) meeting.

- That the State Dressage Authority (SDA) meetings are increased to two per year, as opposed to the current annual meeting to reflect the need to address the significant amount of business to cover
- That the EADC, for consistency, change the wording on the national Dressage Yellow Cards to be more in line with the FEI Yellow Card system.
- That the status of Para Equestrian is confirmed as an active part of the EADC.

#### **Amateur Owner Rider**

A proposal is being considered to incorporate AOR as an official sub-committee of Dressage Victoria.

#### Official dressage results.

There have been issues with the successful uploading of results to the Equestrian Australia database. Equestrian Victoria is working to resolve the inherent problems attached to the formatting of results that allows for a more simplified uploading process. This process also affects the recording of AOR results. The practice of entry checks for Organising Committees is also under scrutiny, and if conducted efficiently, will eliminate unnecessary errors in results.

#### Dressage Calendar 2018-2019

The Dressage Victoria calendar runs on a financial year model that then aligns with the membership year. Planning is well underway to send all clubs a template that will aid in submitting their preferred dates and conditions of entry for events. Once dates are approved the online calendar will reflect current information and become a more effective resource for all involved.

A meeting at which Dressage Clubs can discuss the various options available to them in drawing up the annual calendar is planned together with a workshop that could cover topics such as strategic planning, rules, options to conduct medication control (swabbing), budgeting etc.

Kristy-Lee Brilliant will take on the role of Dressage Clubs liaison and has contacted all dressage clubs. If you would like to contact Kristy-Lee with any plans or ideas, or you have questions, her email is <u>kldressagestables@gmail.com</u>

#### Events

# Dressage Festival 2017

Final figures will be available soon but the event was successful and greatly increased the

opportunities for integration between participation dressage and the more traditional and higher level classes held as part of both the Victorian Dressage Championships and a CDI event. <u>www.dressagefestival.com.au</u>

# **Australian Youth Dressage Championships 2018**

The event has just concluded, with good reports from social media. A full report will be available at the next meeting. <u>www.aydc.com.au</u>

### Dressage and Jumping with the Stars 22-25 March 2018

Planning for the Australian Young Dressage & Jumping Horse and Pony Championships is well underway. After the successful introduction of Young Event Horse Championships in 2017 the organizing committee is planning to introduce a led horse section for 2, 3, 4 & 5 year old horses and ponies. All information and schedules can be found at <u>www.djwts.com.au</u>

Leading international 5\* Judge from the Netherlands, Frances Verbeek, will be conducting a Young Horse Judges Seminar immediately after the event, together with a riders clinic.

The next meeting of Dressage Victoria will be held 14 March 2018.

If you have any queries, feel free to contact Julia Battams, Chair of Dressage Victoria, 0450 874197 or <u>jbattams64@gmail.com</u>