



Dressage Committee Summary of Business 22nd JANUARY 2024

The EV Dressage Committee met on 22nd January 2024 and is pleased to submit the following summary of business.

Social Media & Communications	<p><i>Facebook Group and Instagram page have grown in numbers, with Facebook reaching 2000 members and Instagram reaching 1500 followers. Throughout December 2023, the Dressage Victoria Social Media pages focused on advertising and generating engagements with the Victorian Dressage Festival. The Facebook group has continued to be a valuable tool to share the calendar to members each month.</i></p>
AOR	<p>AOR Nationals are planned for Boneo 21-22 Sept 2024. Schedule and Nominations for TD and Chief Steward must be approved by the EADC.</p> <p>A squad weekend was held at Lardner Park in October with 20 participants. Rachelle Wilson and Dirk Dijkstra coached, plus a Mindset Coach and a talk with a Mitavite Feed Representative.</p> <p>Another squad weekend is being held at Werribee 17/18 Feb and a development weekend is planned for 4/5 May also at Werribee. We are looking at running a protocol day on 6 April with Sue Chandler.</p> <p>Squad members appreciated the opportunity to attend a Q&A Session with Vanessa Way at DF. This was perceived as a real benefit of being on the squad and we hope these initiatives can continue at future events.</p>
Clubs	<p><i>Elmore Competition on May 25th will be run as a Fundraiser for the DF. Test being offered from Preliminary to FEI with separate Pony Classes if entry numbers warrant.</i></p> <p><i>New Clubs Representative will be Jan Donald, being the only EOI. Pam Buxton-Barber taking over as Chair of the DV Committee. Michael Bragge is the new Club Rep for Berwick District Dressage Club.</i></p>
Pony Rep	<p>EV Pony of the Year – Issue with Time Frame. Pony Leader Board taken from 1st January to 31st December. As the 2023 Leaderboard is already advertised and completed, the winners will have to be awarded. The next Leader Board can be advertised as being 2023 / 2024 and re use the 1st July – 31st December results and then add the 1st January to 30th June 2024 to get the result over 12 months.</p>
Rider's Rep	<p><i>Rider's forum held during the DF gave riders the opportunity to express any concerns and questions that they had in relation to dressage and the management of the sport and competitions in Victorian and Australia. Approx 150 people attended with riders from all levels from Preliminary to Grand Prix. A proposal was put forward that more CDI's be held in Australia. This was strongly supported with the aim being to make it easier for Australian based riders, including Para's, to gain qualifications to compete in International competitions.</i></p>
DOEC	<p>The DOEC ran a very successful A&B seminar at the Dressage festival with Jobina Kennedy as the presenter. The</p>

	<p>Theory section was run via Zoom and had 17 attendees and the Practical session had 14 attendees with judges from Tasmania and Queensland attending. The 1st session involved watching and shadow judging part of the PSG and the second session was the Grand prix. The DOEC has purchased 10 headsets, and these were used at the Practical session and proved invaluable as Jobina could comment on individual tests and movements without disturbing the riders. Candidate judges also got a chance to comment and judge individual tests.</p> <p>There is a rules Update Zoom session with Jan Smith and Lee Howells on January 31st and an E&D seminar on February 4th at Boneo with Ginny Creed as presenter. Plans are under way for the Young Horse seminar in March.</p> <p>There have been 2 new judges join the G level, Dallas Mills and Beth Rowley and we have candidates getting ready for their practical exams at F level and D level.</p>
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<p>Young Rider</p>	<p><i>256 Test Ridden at the Youth Championships. Question and answer sessions well received as was Mini Olympics with Hobby Horses. Sponsors Dinner well organised and very successful. EOI to be submitted for the National Youth Dressage Championships for 2024.</i></p> <p>YR Dressage & Developments Program</p> <p>Currently has 50 registered riders for the new squad year Training weekends for 2024 will be held at WPNEC on the following dates, 2nd & 3rd March, 25th & 26th May, 13th & 14th July.</p> <p>YR Squad (November)</p> <p>48 riders per day attended. Coaches were Peter Fischer, Karen Blythe, Deb Court, Gitte Donvig, with Pilates Coach Ashla Magill and a Veterinary talk with Emma Thomerson.</p>
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