



## Summary of Business – September 2017

Below is a summary of business from the Dressage Victoria Committee meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

**Attendees:** Michael Bragge (Chair); Julia Battams; Kristy-Lee Brilliant; Louise Curran; Lone Joergensen; Annabelle Johnstone; Deb McNichol; Jan Smith; Veronica Steward; Jane Ventura; Fiona Baxter (EV CEO).

### 1. Participation and Amateur Owner Riders

The DV committee and EV have committed to supporting the AOR committee as a recognised DV sub-committee, offering support for governance, AOR leaderboard administration, and communications. The two groups have developed a positive working relationship, and will continue to work together two nominated points of contact within each Committee.

### 2. Financial Governance

The EV Board has accepted the DV budget for FY18. The budget includes major events such as the Dressage Festival, Dressage and Jumping with the Stars and the Australian Youth Dressage Championships, in addition to the senior and young rider squad programs, and judge and coach development and accreditation programs.

### 3. Education of Officials and Volunteers

A judge exchange program has been discussed between the Equestrian Australia State Branches to support judge development. Under the program each club would be asked to nominate 2 events per year for the exchange program to operate, and cover the costs of judge travel and accommodation, with judges asked to waive their fees in exchange for the development opportunity.

An FEI Dressage Stewards Course will be held at Boneo Park on 19-21 October 2017.

### 4. Events

The National Dressage Championships are being held at Boneo Park on 18-22 October. The National Team Victorian Selectors will announce the teams and reserves as soon as possible after the closing date for State Team nominations on the 10th October.

Entries for the Dressage Festival Fundraiser close on 20<sup>th</sup> October. An interactive Session with Stephen Clarke will be held, with audio headsets available for \$50, or free to event volunteers. To volunteer for the event, contact [dressage@equestrianvictoria.com.au](mailto:dressage@equestrianvictoria.com.au).

Planning is underway for the Dressage Festival to be held on 7-10 December. Riders will be encouraged to share their preparation for the event using the tag #DF17 on social media for a chance to win a Horseland voucher each month.

Sponsors are now being finalised for Dressage and Jumping with the Stars on 24-26 March 2018 and the Australian Youth Dressage Championships.

EV has confirmed that events will continue to have access to the event office at Werribee Park, and co-ordinator support after the office move to Flemington.

## **5. Clubs and Affiliates**

Mel Cannon has resigned from the DV Committee and as the club and affiliates representative. The DV Committee thanks her for her valuable input. The DV Committee intends to hold a forum for clubs and affiliates to engage with them, gather information on how clubs can be supported and establish effective communications channels.

## **6. Committee structure and membership**

With the resignation of Mel Cannon, and up-coming retirement of Michael Bragge, there are two vacancies on the DV committee from November 2017. EV has called for nominations. See

<http://www.vic.equestrian.org.au/dressage/news/call-nominations-dressage-vic-committee> .

The Committee is also asked to nominate a new Chair to the EV Board on Michael's retirement. Michael will be much missed on the Committee and the EV Board.

Sharyn McCombe will also complete her term as the rider's representative in November, and the committee thanks her for her input. Nominations for the rider's rep are now being called for and will be voted by the members at the Dressage Festival.

## **7. Dressage Rules**

Amendments to the Dressage Rules have been distributed by EA:

<http://www.equestrian.org.au/news/dressage-rules-updated-17-august-2017>

Further amendments will be introduced 1/1/18, including harmonising the Para rule relating to noise cancelling ear bonnets, which ARE permitted in EA/EV Dressage tests.

**Next Meeting – 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2017**