



Dressage Victoria Committee Meeting

24th May 2017

Leveson Hotel, North Melbourne



DRESSAGE VICTORIA: SUMMARY OF BUSINESS OF THE MEETING HELD

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1. In Attendance

Michael Bragge, Mel Cannon, Jan Smith, Jane Ventura, Louise Curran, Annabelle Johnstone, Julia Battams, Kristy-Lee Brilliant, Veronica Steward, Fiona Baxter, Ingrid Green

2. Amateur Owner Rider

Discussion was held about the current conditions under which AOR is run, defining amateur status as not having ridden at CDI level and also the age (21 years and over). The DV committee resolved to submit to the ADC meeting in August that an amateur should be defined as not earning an income from horses, rather than a skill level and that the age for AOR be dropped to 18 years and over. The AOR group will be asked to help formulate the submission. AOR Leaderboard guidelines are available on the EV website, the AOR Awards night will be held on 29 July and will give recognition to sponsor Mitavite. The AOR Victorian Championships will be held at Boneo Park 14-15 October, with entries closing on 29 September.

3. Yellow warning cards for dressage.

DV feels that EA could standardise the conditions for a warning card between Eventing and Dressage and examine the steps necessary to award them.

4. Events

DF Fundraiser will be held 5 November 2017 and will feature FEI Judge General Stephen Clarke both judging and providing commentary via headsets assisted by 5* judge Susie Hoevenaars. This will be a unique opportunity for both judges, riders, coaches and anyone interested to learn from the best

Dressage Festival 7-10 December 2017.

Planning is well underway with promotion of the Victorian State Championships, incorporating a CDI-W and the famous Aachen Challenge. A wide range of classes will be offered including participation classes to attract HRCV riders and the presentation of Victorian Performance Medals on the Saturday night.

Australian Youth Dressage Championships January 2018. The ADC has granted Victoria the right to conduct the AYDC at Boneo Park 17-19 January.

5. Subcommittee reports

Victorian Dressage Young Rider Squad & Development Program

The final training weekend was held in April bringing to an end a very successful year. The scope of the Squad requires a formal committee structure under Governance rules for subcommittees. Applications for the committee will be sought.

Victorian Senior Squad

New intake will shortly be advertised, acceptances based on qualifying performances gained. The vision statement for the Squad is to give riders quality training and the chance for state representation.

Dressage Judges Education Panel (DJEP)

Regional seminars conducted have been successful but there is still the need to identify younger people to become judges. Hopefully there will be a recognition of retiring judges at the Dressage Festival. Upcoming education opportunities include a workshop with Danish 5* judge Leif Tornblad in conjunction with the Victorian Young Rider Dressage Squad training weekend



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at Boneo Park 17 September, and an official A & B level Seminar with FEI Judge General Stephen Clarke 4 November 2017 at Geelong Grammar Equestrian Campus.

6. Clubs Report

Mel Cannon has been active in contacting clubs, attending meetings and organising a forum on participation for Victorian clubs. She reports a very good response.

7. General Business

Young Rider of the Year Awards: Training weekend to be held 1 July 2017. State Coach Lone Jorgensen will be in attendance for the Dressage section and Selectors will be Louise Curran and Kristy-Lee Brilliant.

PE Classification update: In future classifications, riders will not have to be an EA member, there will be a national classification day at Balmoral Equestrian Centre 27 May 2017

Victorian Dressage Riders' Representative

This role is a very important part of Dressage Victoria and as such, a more formal process to elect one needs to be put in place calling for nominations, a job description and clear guidelines for the role. The Riders' Representative is in direct consultation with the DV committee and will be co-opted to the committee for a one year appointment, to be reviewed with consideration of the success of the initiative.

Measuring Rules: New EA rules have been circulated and come into effect 1 July 2017.

http://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/EA_Measuring_Rules_updated06042017.pdf

A measuring day has been scheduled for the 27th May 2017 @ WPNEC @ 11am.

Proposed Amendments to the Sub Committee Bylaws: For clarity it is proposed to amend the term "Selectors Representative" to "Senior Squad" representative. The representation of the appointed State Coach at DV committee level is desirable.

It is also proposed to amend the Bylaws to possibly include a representative from the AOR group at DV Committee level. This would recognise the importance of the AOR movement and provide them with valuable support and guidance.

Participation: Equestrian Victoria will offer two new membership categories 2017-2018, a Show Horse category and a Preliminary level dressage category, same cost as participation membership but will allow members to compete in Official Competitive Preliminary dressage competitions.

Dressage Levy (\$2 per test ridden). Clubs are reminded that this important levy which in part funds the activities of the DJEP, MCP and the DV committee is to be paid for all competitions held.

International Competition and Development Fund (ICDF) applications close with EA 31 May 2017.

8. Next Meeting: 28 June 2017