

# MINUTES: Dressage NZ Committee Meeting 2021



DRESSAGE

Date: Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021 @ 8.30am

Venue: James Cook Grand Chancellor Hotel Room 3, Wellington

## 1. PRESENT

### Board:

Scott McKenna (Chair), Andra Mobberley, Sarah Hazlewood, Christine Weal, Judith Cunningham

### In Attendance:

Wendy Hamerton/Sport Manager

Amanda Condon / Minute Secretary / Partnership Facilitator

### Apologies

Rachel McCallum (Steward General), Sue Hobson (SHB) Mel van der Pol (Canterbury), Cherie Pearson (Canterbury), Linda Warren-Davey (Canterbury), Alyssa Harrison (Auckland), Christine Latch (Waitemata), Piper Crake (Waitemata), Jo Jackson (Bay of Plenty), Beth Condon (Canterbury), Cassie Freeman (Auckland)

Voting Delegates Registered			Members / Observers Registered		
1.	Jody Hartstone	NI Riders Rep	24.	Jos Gresham	DNZ Series Points/Calendar
2.	Bernice Frost	Taihape	25.	Amanda Condon	DNZ Partnership Facilitator
3.	Betty Brown	Auckland-Manukau	26.	Gill Chambers	Nth Hawke's Bay
4.	Diane Wallace	Marlborough	27.	Andrea Raves	Wellington
5.	Genevieve Quin	Northern Hawke's Bay	28.	Karen Shields	Auckland
6.	Heather Hilder	Waitemata	29.	Vicki Gibbs	Waikato
7.	Laura Hayes	Otago	30.	Jenny Pearce	Taihape
8.	Leonie Coker	Bay of Plenty	31.	Rebecca Mobberley	Wairarapa
9.	Linda Huitson	Taranaki	32.	Zoie Gray	Waikato
10.	Lois Andrewes	Northland			
11.	Margs Carline	Waikato			
12.	Rebecca McKee	Southland			
13.	Robin Friend	Wellington			
14.	Sally Goldsmith	Canterbury			
15.	Stuart Bishell	Sth Cant/Nth Otago			
16.	Sue Harris	Gisborne			
17.	Susan Tomlin	Central Districts			
18.	Suzanne Inglis	Nelson			
19.	Ian Childs	Wairarapa			
20.	Scott McKenna	Board			
21.	Sarah Hazlewood	Board			
22.	Andra Mobberley	Board			
23.	Christine Weal	Board			
24.	Judith Cunningham	Board			

## **2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES of the 2021 Planning Forum**

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That the minutes of the 2021 Planning Forum held by Zoom Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2021 by Zoom, having been circulated, be confirmed as a true and correct record:

Moved: Linda Huitson      Seconded Jos Gresham

**CARRIED**

**Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising

## **3. HEALTH & SAFETY**

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Dressage Chair Scott McKenna (ESNZ Technical Committee Member) gave an update on this review and advised costs are expected to go up for requirements of an EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) at events where these are not currently utilised . Discussion followed around the risk analysis and threshold of requiring an EMT on site. It is anticipated there will be some further discussion around these requirements by the ESNZ Technical Committee .

The Dressage Sport Manager provided a background summary of the proposal that has been presented to discipline boards. At this stage, there is no set timeframe to implement the Medical Standards but it is recognised there is some necessity.

ESNZ will provide a risk analysis template for areas once the framework has been confirmed.

### **Points raised by the meeting**

- Is there ready availability of EMT for the number of events and what happens if they cannot be secured
- if the number of arenas should be the basis of the requirements for dressage given the relative number of horses through a jumping arena compared with a dressage arena in a given time
- Some OC will put up more arenas to get through the day more quickly

## **4. Strategic Session –Three-year Priorities 2021 – 2024**

### **Our Values**

Dedication, Respect, Engagement, Sportsmanship, Social, Achievement, Growth, Excellence

### **Our Vision**

To be unified in the pursuit of enjoyment, growth, and excellence in Dressage

### **Our Purpose**

To promote, enable and grow the sport of Dressage

Following a discussion regarding the term '**sport**' as used in Our Purpose, it was recommended to update Our Purpose to:

*To promote, enable and grow the participation and excellence in all activities of Dressage.*

### **i. Our Goals**

#### **World Championships**

Team to Denmark 2022 with aim to qualify for Paris OG 2024

Discussion re potential costs for event participation vs campaign to qualify

Should campaigns be funded or only post selection ?

#### **Finance**

To maintain cash reserves of at least one year's operating expenses of \$150k

#### **Develop sustainable High Performance Program:**

- Sport NZ
- Private Donor
- Fundraising

#### **Simplification of Participation: / Ease**

- Rules
- Registration
- Entries

#### **Review & Develop Pathways**

- Judges
- Stewards
- Technical Delegates
- Writers

#### **Other Ideas**

- Mainstream media coverage of key events – rider profiles
- Increased participation and progression through the levels of horses
- More accessible clinics for members
- Young Dressage Horse Road Show – increased number of young horses participating
- Increase membership
- Use experienced riders as mentors

## 5. Area Groups & Area Delegates

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The role of the area delegate document and meeting procedure guidelines were included in the agenda for reference

The Chair noted that area groups will need to become separate incorporated societies under the new ESNZ constitution scheduled for 2022.

Templates will be circulated to areas with the constitution, etc.

### 5.2 Dressage Investment Funding

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#### Ideas raised and to be discussed further by the board:

- World Championships 2022 Starter Pack for new members, and tie in with sponsors
- Facilities: Stables for Taupo NEC to lease out at event – need a good development plan and management system from NEC; Develop a higher grade of regional facilities across the country; Unify surfaces across the country.
- Area Grants - Area's to put forward 'grant submissions' –
- Get some bigger areas to run CDI (up to 5 per year) with DNZ support
- Funding to Young Riders / Youth Panel – to support grass roots
- Already have a good national squad system, implement a development camp for senior amateurs; Get squad riders to put back in by doing South and North Island camps; perhaps take it out to the regions. Expand on what is currently happening with the protocol days
- First Aid training
- Support areas to send members to Evo Events conferences; help to grow number of event secretaries, or allow one secretary to support more than one area
- Competent announcers – media training. This will help grow the spectators of the sport
- FEI officials training opportunities
- App development with all the tests and movements – can include sponsor advertising.
- Electronic scoring
- Area administration support

## 6. Referred from Conference

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- **Young Horse Competitions**  
NZ Warmblood Association to be approached for sponsorship of the ribbons, and the final.  
Rules – proposed rule of not publishing scores to be trialed.

Final draft, to be ready for next board meeting on 11 August – points to be covered:

1. Tests to be approved for the Premier League shows for 2021/22 seasons
2. Judges – flexibility of the rule to allow there to be one qualified young horse judge, supported by either: a trainer (from an approved list); or a B or above judge.
3. Agreed to give the Subcommittee four to six weeks to investigate if possible to run a standalone YH event in conjunction with Eventing and/or Showjumping – possibly at Takapoto end of season

- **Youth Council**

The committee agreed this was a brilliant idea.

The board is to engage further with the Young Rider team of four who presented. The Board will approve the framework for the Council to progress.

Areas are to share this initiative with their young riders.

- **Rider Categories**

The Proposed Bronze Silver Gold divisions proposal was accepted in principle

EvoEvents have written the appropriate script to manage the bronze, silver, and gold rankings to allow all three rankings to be run in one class (rather than separate classes) and the rankings can be removed from the judge's sheet.

Additional prize money per division can be added as Special Awards if required

Following discussion and given this is potentially complex to understand and monitor it was suggested to run the bronze, silver, and gold rankings at some events throughout the season as a pilot, and an update be presented at the 2022 AGM.

Jos Gresham & the Sport Manager to consider how these new rankings can be run as Top Ten Leagues.

## 7. Calendar

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### Current Calendar 21/22:

Basis of setting the calendar for the year is set on the cut off date. Acknowledge there can be a flow on effect with new events being added or changed, after that cut off date, encourage areas to discuss potential changes with other areas that may be impacted before changes can be implemented.

Karen Shields requested a more formal process for addition /changes of events to the calendar

It was noted that the Southland Premier League felt some impact by the addition of Takapoto re availability of judges, and members wishing to attend Takapoto event

### 8.1 Series Report to Date 2021/22 – A Condon

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A number of national series sponsors are already confirmed with the series conditions being reviewed. Some of the Top Ten Leagues may require a comprehensive review depending on any changes to AM and Rider Category changes for the season.

Areas were requested not to use any current national sponsors banners. These will be confirmed and updated as soon as possible prior to schedules being published.

The Amateur Championships at the Nationals will also be reviewed

Series	Sponsor	Status as at 11/6/21
Musical Freestyle Series	Zilco NZ	Agreed in principle
Amateur Top Ten League	South Canterbury Saddlery	Confirmed
Young Rider Top Ten League	Equizee	Confirmed
Small Stars Top 10 League	Oro Equestrian	Confirmed
Super 5 Novice	Matthews Hanoverians	Confirmed
Super 5 Medium	Dunstan Horse Feeds	Confirmed
Super 5 Advanced Medium	Back on Track	Confirmed
Super 5 Medium Tour	AR Dressage	Confirmed
Super 5 Grand Prix	Superior Rubber Surfaces	Confirmed
Our People Official	AR Dressage	Confirmed
Our People Volunteer	Big Barrel	Confirmed
Pony and Young Rider Performance League	AMS Saddlery	Confirmed
Masters Top 10 League	Excel Equine	Confirmed
Premier League	Kiwi Arena Rakes	Confirmed
Bates & Weatherbeeta	Nationals	Agreed in Principle
Young Dressage Horse		TBC
Futures Prize	Prestige Equestrian	TBC

## **8.2 Correspondence re Level 7 from Betty Brown**

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Betty Brown requested the inclusion of Prix St Georges (YR Team Test) and FEI Young Rider Freestyle at events to give a better pathway from Advanced to Int I. This also assists the development of FEI Young level.

Following a discussion it was agreed Dressage NZ would encourage areas to run this at their PL events and review after getting some feedback, then consider a series at this level for next year.

Meeting end: 12:15pm