

## MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING YOUNG DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION INC.

<b>DATE</b>	7 February 2023
<b>PLACE</b>	Various locations via Zoom
<b>PRESENT</b>	Julie Vandyke, Sally Walker, Megan Bryant, Amba McGoldrick, Jackie New, Glenn Gault, Amy McKenzie, Jo Gilshenan, Shirley Sim, Cassandra Easter, Jenny Bryant, Stasi Grovenor
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	
<b>MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING</b>	Read and moved as correct: Moved: J Vandyke Seconded: Megan Bryant    Approved
<b>BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As still listed on Action List – will look at next meeting.</li> </ul>
<b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b>	Report for next meeting.
<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>	
<b>GENERAL BUSINESS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>4-5 FEBRUARY COMP</b></li> <li>Discussion was held at some length regarding an incident which occurred at the competition on Sunday 5 February. This incident involved a judge, her penciller and a participant/groom but also involved multiple issues which had arisen with and between the two judges on this particular arena. Committee members who were present at the time were asked to write down their memory of the incident in case we are questioned about it later. Stasi advised she has spoken about the incident to both Wendy Barker (as head of the Ground Jury) and Geoff Jones (Chief Steward). It was felt that the judges involved should have called the Ground Jury to help with advice when the problems began and also that the judge/s should have asked the Organising Committee for support/ assistance which would have helped the situation. The committee was advised that several riders may make a formal complaint regarding the matter and that one of the judges has lodged a complaint with Vic EA about the other judge. The committee decided that a letter should be sent to the participant/groom reminding her of the EA Code of Conduct. Julie to draft letter and send to committee for approval, then send. Also that we should clarify what areas and protocols the Organising Committee, Ground Jury and Steward should operate so that have better information should another similar incident occur.</li> <li>Despite these judging/ writing issues, there have been many positive comments about the competition.</li> <li>Volunteer List – have Arena set up and pack up on the list, along with taking the arena ends out for watering and replacing them. Also Arena runners would be useful. Also suggested that we put the Volunteer list up in a couple of places around the grounds – Gear Check shed, toilets etc to remind people what they have signed up for.</li> </ul>

- Skip Bins – may need to get an extra skip bin for 2 day competitions
- Catering – Stasi asked if she could get the menu before the competition so she knows what she can get for the judges. Julie suggested the catering van be relocated to near the old clubhouse awning which should work better for them as they would have a shaded area to utilize for extra storage etc.
- Tablets – Megan will put on new screen protectors as some of the existing ones are becoming scratched. Check tablets to see if they need a reset at the start of each competition as they sometimes open extraneous apps.
- Judges Seminars and Upgrades: Stasi gave information regarding DNSW wanting to make our Championships a super weekend for upgrading with sit-ins/ shadow judging etc available. There would be online theory sessions in the few days before then practical at the championships. Stasi to get further information about this.
- July Seminar – Decide if we want to offer this as well.
- **PONY CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS**
- Thursday – will need to go out and open up buildings, turn on water, electricity etc, prepare arenas and help set up. Jenny to go out by 12 and Julie will be there by 1pm.
- Watering – Julie has sent letter to Hilltops Council and will liaise with Barry Matthews about watering Friday and Saturday evenings.
- **CHAMPIONSHIPS**
- New laptop – discussion that we needed to update the club laptop as it is getting quite old and we probably need two for the championships. Moved (Julie Vandyke) 2<sup>nd</sup> (Amy McKenzie) that the club purchase a new laptop up to \$1500 in price plus an external hard drive for the old laptop to increase capacity. Carried. Amy will research which laptop would be best and then Megan will purchase both items.
- Extra tablets for championships – unfortunately the tablets from Nominate are not available. We will need to ask other clubs (Central West, DNSW, JEA?) if we can hire/borrow extras.
- Fees: Discussion was held about the need to increase entry and other fees due to increases in costs. Moved (Megan Bryant) 2<sup>nd</sup> (Sally Walker) that the following fee increases be made: \$10 increase per test entry for ordinary competitions ( to \$50 for Official tests - \$40 if YDA member; \$40 for Unofficial tests - \$30 if YDA member) Approved.
- The following fees increases were also made for the Championships: \$70 per test; Stabling – Stables \$300 whole event; Covered yard \$300 whole event; Yards - \$150 whole event; Temporary stables \$250 whole event; Temporary yards - \$50 per day. Approved.
- Do stable bookings and entries separately on Nominate.
- Committee to nominate to Amy for yards in A Block. There was some discussion re whether committee should pay something for the

	<p>yards – will consider at next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stewards – Julie has spoken to Geoff Jones and he is available and will ask 2 other stewards to assist him.</li> <li>• Paramedics/First Aid – Julie has booked Complete Response Solutions for the 3 days.</li> <li>• Ribbons – Megan will liaise with Jo re ordering these. Amba will organize the Championships rosettes.</li> <li>• Schedule - the 2 tests per day rule has made this difficult. Megan is working on the possibility of making the Preliminary Freestyle an exhibition event on the Friday. Best Costume – stay with spectators' choice</li> <li>• Schedule – also take out Prix Caprilli and possibly run this at another event during the year. Offer 2 Prep tests on Friday. Also Para Equestrian tests (test of choice) to Grade III (40 x 20 arena), then grade IV and V on Saturday ( 60 x 20 metre arena)</li> <li>• Entries – open on Wednesday 1/3 and close on Friday 17/3.</li> <li>• Stable bookings – open 28/2 at 6am, Pick the type of stable you want and we will allocate. Amy to contact sponsored yard holders before bookings open.</li> <li>• Young Rider tests – do we want to offer 2 tests at each level on Friday? Decided on 1 Prep – 2 Prelim – 1 Novice with Champion Young Rider over the Prelim/Novice (not Prep)</li> <li>• Moggas Hire – Sally to book as per last year Generator + Cool Room</li> <li>• M and M Music – Julie to contact and book same as last year including extra microphone and speaker for presentations.</li> <li>• Promotional items – decided not to put a free gift in Rider Bags and there is quite a lot of items in there without this. We will try to resell hats from last year.</li> <li>• Order rugs</li> <li>• Amba asked if it was okay for her to set up an AOR Social Club YDA site on Facebook and see what response it got. This was approved.</li> <li>• Jackie and Glenn asked if it would be okay for them to hire/borrow the YDA tables for their wedding on 1 April. This was approved.</li> <li>• Meeting ended 9.47pm Next meeting in March – date to be confirmed</li> </ul>
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