

NSW EVENTING COUNCIL INC.

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held by teleconference
Monday April 21st 2009

PRESENT

President:

Vice Presidents: Shane Rose, Bronwyn Doong

Treasurer: Helen Hamilton-James

Elected Secretary:

Committee: Carrie McInnes, Hunter Doughty, Neil Kennedy, Andrea Webb, Alison Duthie, Norm Hindmarsh.

Delegates: Tina Stafford, Sue Gunn, Darryl Burgess, Sylvia Gordon, Rose Read

Members: Vicki Burgess

Apologies: Vince Roche, Emma Darcy, Sharmayne Spencer, Merry Branson, Sharon Carroll, Grant Johnston, Georgie Kennedy, Vicki Pigott.

Minutes moved: The minutes of the last meeting February 16th 2009 are accepted as a true and accurate record. (Tina Stafford, Andrea Webb) Carried.

PRESIDENTS REPORT. Sharmayne Spencer.

I scared Vicki Burgess the other day as I asked about qualifications and entries to Melbourne 3DE, I think she gasped knowing that the year is just flying passed!

And as time elapses it appears we are becoming more technologically minded and have now all braved using Nominate or Global Entries to enter our events. Personally, once I was set up it took all the hassle away from paperwork and writing cheques! From an Organising Committees perspective it will give more organisation and an easier way to have all the reports etc together.

However as riders it appears that sometimes we forget to look at our emails and reply to important surveys such as the Sydney CIC survey. Out of 581 names only 51 riders sent back replies with only 30 saying they needed qualifications to go to 3DEs. I do hope that OC keep running CICs so that as riders we can be seen on the international scale and then prove ourselves at CCIs. As I am also aware of the costs in running CICs and the costs to riders that will never want to compete outside Australia, riders that need these events need to appreciate the time, effort and dedication of event organisers who provide this service. Remember it is the riders sport and I rarely see many riders hands up offering to help or even encourage others to help.

I have just heard that Albury was a great success, with Bimbadeen Park (Shane Rose and Niki Chapman) taking home many of the prizes including the girls in the bareback high jump!

Hidden Valley had a great turn up again and keeps proving to be a hit for the younger horses and riders and with such an enthusiastic committee they will keep improving.

I have just heard also that Silver Hills has had to postpone due to rain, Bronwyn I know you will pull through again!

There has been much discussion regarding Newcomers and who should be eligible. To me it is obvious that if you are new to Eventing and also riding, that you are eligible for this class. If you have been competing and jumping, especially on other horses, at higher levels then I do not feel it is appropriate for you to compete in this class. Each event at this stage will decide who they will take entries from for this class as it is an unofficial class and the OC will make their own guidelines.

The Australian Equine and livestock Centre.

It sounds impressive and it lives up to its name.

The Governor of NSW, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir, along with James Treleor Mayor of Tamworth officially opened AELEC on the 21st February 2009..

There were many and varied equine disciplines brought together to open an icon in the Tamworth Region. Michael and I represented NSW, along with Paul and Alana Cargill for Equestrian NSW and Toni Venhaus for the Dressage Council. A huge crowd of 3,500 in the stadium applauded the many stars brought together by the amazing Heath Harris and Suzy Jarrat, who choreographed a show to rival anywhere in the world. The show brought the house down - and captured the imagination and pride of the audience.

The spectacular headlined some of the country's top riders and equine stock, including our own Heath and Rozzie Ryan doing separate but as equally impressive stunts in the arena. There were Girls, Girls, Girls trick riding team, Light Horse Brigade, the show featured an Electric Horsemen segment, Zone 5 Pony Club riders did a great musical ride, and then a haunting enactment of the arrival of the white explorers into the indigenous lands of the Kamilaroi nation. The 2008 Horseman of the Year Dan James, 2008 Horseman of the Year, showed some very funny stunts that showed off his amazing horse skills.

Actor Colin Friels narrated, Golden Guitar Bush Balladeer award winner Warren H Williams and didgeridoo player Mark Atkins added special musical moments, along with multi award winning Troy Cassar-Daley.

It just kept on coming and everyone stayed to the end!

Tamworth Regional Council has built the Australian Equine and Livestock Events Centre in Tamworth at a project cost of \$30million. The centre is best described as a horseshoe with stables, arenas and teaching areas surrounding the indoor arenas.

Some of the amazing features include:

- an indoor arena of 40m by 80m with tiered seating for 3,360 in this stage
- VIP area near a bar, kiosk, and event offices
- coffee shop and management offices close by rodeo chutes viewing screen, sound and lighting systems
- control room overlooks the sales ring
- six blocks of stables with 478 modules installed on an asphalt surface
- four blocks contain 81 units and two blocks with amenities have 77 units
- wash bays, laundry, toilet and utility facilities
- An education/training building provides a lecture and demonstration theatre for the TAFE
- two 30m by 70m outdoor competition or warm up arenas
- showjumping and dressage area
- truck wash

**And then hopefully for us Eventers a new Cross Country Course in the future.
All good things will come to those that wait.**

AELEC represents the success of a decade-long community quest. Tamworth Regional Council recognised the value of equine industries and a desire to increase this region's stake in future growth and development of those industries. Equine and livestock events are worth more than \$45 million annually in the Tamworth region. Already over 120 separate organisations have shown interest in using the new centre, some include Tamworth ShowjumpClub, Tamworth Dressage Club, Cutting Association, Quarter Horse Association, and there have been Rodeos through to Minitures!

I have now had a taste of what is at AELEC and be assured there will be an event there.

I need a local event to go to too! Happy Riding Sharmayne Spencer

TREASURERS REPORT. Helen Hamilton-James

The financials for the period to 31 March 2009 have not yet been fully reconciled but the draft results year to date show

- income to date of \$160,546 (consisting mainly of \$39,636 of income from horse levies, \$23,015 from memberships, \$12,000 from EFA XC grants and Drug re-imbursement and \$68,301 income from the junior summer/winter schools); and
- expenses to date of \$169,874 (consisting mainly of \$65,616 expenditure to date related to the junior summer/winter schools, \$16,850 for funding given out to clubs (XC, NSWIS and FEI funding), \$6,342 for wall calendar costs, \$5,973 for advertising and promotion expenses and \$14,445 for Eventer production costs).

This has resulted in a loss for the period of \$9,328 year to date. We are still pro-rata in line with budget where we had budgeted for the year for a loss of \$13,664 and are in line with PY where we had a loss to 31 March of \$9,354. We received an amount of \$15,000 administration grant from the EFA NSW in April which will be booked into the P&L in April. This should result in a surplus position for the year if we remain on budget.

The cash at bank position continues to remain healthy with a balance of approximately \$46k at the end of March.

Things to note from the year to date:

- The final result for the Mirrabooka junior school now reflects a profit of \$1.9k which is in line with expectations. We therefore need to agree to pay 50% of this amount to the Whytes as part of the profit share arrangements.
- The organisers' seminar cost \$3,062, with EFA NSW funding 50% of the costs through their volunteer program. Accordingly the net costs to ENSW of the seminar were \$1,531.
- We have received a request from Sydney International Eventing for an additional contribution of \$2,500 towards the world cup event in May. They have been unable to get \$25k funding from the Dept of Sport and Rec International Sport Event Program due to an insufficient number of international competitors. The majority of the funding shortfall is to be provided by EA.. We have sufficient surplus and cash at bank for this payment to be made if the executive agree in favour of it.

Motions to discuss

- To agree to pay over 50% of the profit on the Mirrabooka junior school to the Whytes. Amount to be paid is \$959.58.
- To pay Sydney international Eventing an additional contribution of \$2,500 to make up the shortfall for the World Cup Event, due to failure to get funding from the Dept Sport and Rec International Sport Event Program.

Full financial reports were tabled at the meeting and are available from eventing.nsw@bigpond.com

Motion: Eventing NSW to pay 50% of profit from the Mirrabooka Junior School to Mirrabooka Equestrian Club. (Helen Hamilton-James, Alison Duthie) Carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE.

item	From/To	Topic	Action
1	Dressage NSW	Eventing Dressage Judges seminar	tabled
2	FEI Global Education for Officials	Jean Mitchell IEOC	tabled
3	Global On-Line	Eventing entry requirements	tabled
4	Sue Gunn Taupo FEI course	FEI course NZL	tabled
5	Quirindi CIC	Quirindi CIC*	tabled
6	RDA	back number holders	tabled
7	ENSW	CIC or CNC questionnaire	tabled
8	EA NSW & ENSW	Officials lists	agenda item
9	medication control	ENSW motion	agenda item
10	newcomer classes	restricting entry	agenda item
11	DNSW	Judges breaks & entry numbers	agenda item
12a	FEI	Rule changes	agenda item
12b	Helen Hamilton-James	Trot ups at CIC	agenda item
13a	Darryl Burgess	CD application	agenda item
13b	Grant Johnston	CD national levels	agenda item
14	Merry Branson	membership CPI indexation	agenda item
15	Expression of interest	Interest in FEI EV judging	agenda item
	1. Helen Mackay		
	2. Wendy Bruszewski		
	3. Cheryl Cameron		
	4. Linda Heuke		

MATTERS ARISING & CORRESPONDENCE.

A discussion took place regarding NSW Officials and national Officials lists.

Motion: Eventing NSW to administer Officials lists for NSW until the national lists are complete. (Andrea Webb, Helen Hamilton-James)

Newcomers Classes: Each club may impose their own restrictions on entries for Newcomer classes, providing no Eventing rules are disregarded.

Medication Control: Warwick Vale question the motion (feb 2009) regarding medication control.

The ENSW motion was never intended to intimate that less than the required amount of medication control sampling should be carried out. It was intended that the motion would be understood that in exceptional circumstances, additional medication control sampling could be carried out.

Trot Ups at CIC: Eventing NSW is disillusioned that National has not objected to the FEI requirement that 'trot-ups' are mandatory at CIC events. The extra cost to struggling Organising Committees may result in more competitions being run as CNC. Riders have also expressed concerns regarding the possible need to arrive a day earlier at competitions.

An application from Darryl Burgess for CD accreditation was received.

Motion: Darryl Burgess be added to the NSW Course Design list as an accredited CIC/CNC* Course Designer.

The application from Sydney International Eventing for \$2,500 additional funding was discussed. Each event should be self supporting. Any club wishing for additional funds should provide a budget and disclose information about all other funding received.

EA NSW has provided Eventing NSW with a new logo which is in keeping with the new EA logos. The new logo will be implemented over the next few months.

Motion: membership fees will rise by \$5 for a single member and \$5 per family membership from July 1st 2009.

Single membership will be \$55, Family membership \$70.

Membership will then be linked to the CPI and increase accordingly every 12 months.

State Championships were discussed. Lynton (Goulburn) is the only application received for 2009.

Motion: Lynton (NCHTA Lynton Sub Committee) to be awarded the State Evening Championships for 3 years. Applications for State Championships will re-open for 2012. (Darryl Burgess, Hunter Doughty) Carried

At 8.55pm the teleconference was interrupted. The final two motions were distributed and discussed by email.

Motion: The money set aside in the ENSW account for Wagga Squad Schools may be accessed for future Eventing schools at Wagga. (Hunter Doughty, Neil Kennedy)

Further discussion took place regarding the application from SIE for additional funding of \$2,500.

Motion: ENSW to underwrite Sydney International Eventing for \$2,500- payable only if a loss is sustained by the event. (Helen Hamilton-James, Alison Duthie)

The next meeting of ENSW due to be held Tuesday 9th June 2009