

Eventing NSW Inc.
Minutes of the Committee Meeting December 15th 2009
By teleconference

PRESENT

President:	Shane Rose
Vice-Presidents:	Alex Townsend
Elected Secretary:	Sharmayne Spencer
Treasurer:	Helen Hamilton-James
Committee:	Vince Roche, Grant Johnston, Susie Kearnes, Rose Read, Penny Rose, Sue Gunn, Norm Hindmarsh, Margot White, Andrea Webb, Lou Verwey
Members:	Vicki Burgess
Apologies:	Tina Stafford, Emma Darcy, Darryl Burgess, Alison Duthie, Carrie McInnes, Merry Branson, Camilla Mowbray, Sue Cudmore.

Minutes moved: *The minutes of the last meeting 20th October 2009 are accepted as a true and accurate record. (Helen Hamilton-James, Helen Alex Townsend) Carried.*

PRESIDENTS REPORT. Shane Rose

I would like to thank Sharmayne for all the work she has put in over the last 3 years as President of Eventing NSW. There are a great deal of things that have been achieved in her time as President (Online entries especially).

I would also like to thank all the other committee members who have helped in past years. To the new faces on the committee we can look forward to a great 2010.

We are in an interesting time with great numbers of competitors at events. I am hoping we can give our clubs some help and encouragement for all the hard work they do in running events for the 'RIDERS'. Firstly, I would like to introduce an award for the club voted 'Best Club' and 'Most Improved Club'.

I would also like to introduce a funds pool available to any club to use for ground improvements, especially targeted to the footing for our horses. If we don't look after them, we have no sport. I envisage this to work similar to the cross-country funding allocations. The funds will be available to any club that has spent money on the footing after their event up to a predetermined amount, and if there are extra funds that accumulate we could give grants for clubs looking at general ground improvements e.g. arenas- jumping and dressage.

We would welcome any suggestions from riders, helpers or onlookers on how we can improve things in the future.

I look forward to the challenge and hope I can do a good job for the sport.

TREASURERS REPORT. Helen Hamilton-James

Results for 5 months to November 2009

The results for the 5 months to November indicate a net deficit of \$811 compared to a net deficit last year for the same period of \$6,877.

Key things of interest to note are:

- Revenue from memberships (\$15.5k), non-member levies (\$7.3k) and from the horse levy (\$30.4k) are up on last year. This is not surprising given that we had EI in 2008. The decision to charge for non-members entries has paid off and has been successful in bringing in some additional revenue this year.
- We have given out grants for cross-country funding to date of \$5,000 and \$4,000 grants for FEI events. Total grants allocated per the budget agreed at the AGM were \$45k for cross country and \$8k for FEI events.
- As detailed previously, sponsorship of \$7.5k was provided to Sydney International Eventing for the Asian Challenge.
- As a result of a poor financial result from this year's Sydney three-day event, an interest free loan was provided to Sydney International Eventing. A partial repayment of this loan is due by the end of March 2010 with final repayment due prior to 30 June 2010.
- Our cash balance has reduced to approximately \$45k as a result of the above loan.

Funding for "footing" fund proposed by Shane Rose

There are several options for funding the proposed fund which are open to comment and to other suggestions:

- Seek some additional funding from ENSW
- Increase the horse levy by \$5 from 1 January 2010
- Increase the horse levy by \$5 from 1 July 2010
- Increase membership fees from 1 July 2010

ADMINISTRATION REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE.

NEC

The minutes from the last 3 NEC meetings are attached. The NEC draft strategic plan is also attached.

Interschools

I have been assisting Equestrian NSW with organisation for the 2010 Interschool Championships, 5th to 7th March. Please contact Eventing NSW if you will be able to assist with Eventing or Combined Training.

For more information: <http://www.nominate.com.au/equest/nominate.asp>

National Eventing Youth Development Squad for 2010.

Riders between the ages of 16-21 (in 2010) are eligible with performances at FEI* level and above.

A complete results file for all eligible NSW YR's has been forwarded to National. (File attached)

Gow Gates Services to the Sport Award

If the Committee would like to make further suggestions for suitable recipients all members can be asked to Vote or the committee may decide. (Suggestions listed below are past nominees)

<u>Suggestions</u>	<u>Previous winners</u>	<u>Year</u>
Vicky Brydon	Robert & Joyce Brook	2008
Bronwyn Doong	Sue Gunn	2007
Neil Kennedy	Debby & Philip Courtney	2006
Derek Major	Judy Fasher	2005
Marg Pestell	Vince Roche	2004
Rose Read	Alan de Courcy Ellis	2003
Angela Shacklady	Mary Parsons	2002
Ben Smith	Pat and Ken Weekes	2001
Tina Stafford	Cookie Englesman	2000
Andrea Webb	Rod Winchester	1999
	Gloria Jamieson	1998
	Beth Turner	1997
	Arnold Martin	1996
	Penny Rose	1995
	David Calphy	1994

Ev NSW Junior Sub Committee.

Penny Rose would like to assist in a Youth development program. Document attached.

Bronwyn Doong has resigned from the Junior Sub-Committee due to health & work commitments.. Document attached.

Junior Sub Committee draft proposal document attached.

Website advertising.

Discussion item.

Entry & Scoring workshop.

I think all the attendees at the workshop were pleased with the amount of information distributed. It was beneficial to be able to discuss as a group concerns regarding entries. Lloyd has made the changes to Nominate suggested at the workshop. Nominate provided a disk containing entry and website information and Eventing provided a disk with the Ken Tarnby scoring program.

Attendees: Alex Townsend, Amy Redman, Belinda Bailey, Bronwyn Doong, Doug & Jenny Denby, Geordie Kennedy, Jess Canibou, Leonore Waugh, Linda Beneke, Liz Jones, Lloyd Raleigh, Margot White, Mary Werick, Melissa Peet, Ming Thompson, Richard Simmons, Rita Kolano, Sharon Petith, Susie Kearnes, Tina Stafford, Vicki Burgess.

NSW awards night for low level events.

I thought I would put something to you as the respective representatives for ENSW that the general public has access to.

I would like to put forward the idea to the ENSW committee of an Eventing NSW awards night that would include awards such as Newcomer, Introductory, Prelim Pre Novice 1* etc Rider's / Horses of the year also general interest awards like Volunteers and possibly one or 2 novelty awards to be compiled only of ENSW members etc.

I believe something like this would create a unity within NSW eventing riders not only of the highest level but something that is accessible to every eventer in NSW.

I personally would like to spearhead a subcommittee devoted purely to this for 2010 including everything from fundraising required to pay for awards etc and deposits for venues and for tracking and recording riders results for awards and nominations for general interest and novelty awards to co-ordinating the actual evening i.e we are happy to do everything with organisation and keep within guidelines set by ENSW.

Let me know if you have any thoughts or suggestions, If we were to do this I believe that an awards night very shortly after the final event of the year I.e. first weekend after lakes and craters, where members wishing to attend can purchase a seat/table and those receiving awards/ officials would be there free of charge (funds permitting)

If the committee is interested I would like to get the jump on this as soon as possible with budgeting and fundraising so let me know how you go

Cheers

Simone Monaghan

Other matters arising from Correspondence.

Funding for footing /going Cross-Country courses Shane Rose

I want to get a fund together to be spent purely on the ground at events. Similar to that for xc jumps. The standard of jumps have improved over the past few years but nothing about the going. Looking forward I see this as something we need to try to address especially in the dryer times we are in.

Grant Johnston:

I have received this message, and acknowledge and accept that I have done the wrong thing with regards to this incident.

Please pass my apologies to the Eventing NSW committee and to those people who may have seen this unfortunate incident.

Regards, Grant Johnston

Peter Haynes promotion of the sport

Here is link to latest Peter Haynes promotion video for Eventing: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IYWiseun7OI>

If your club has a website please post the link or even embed the video. The more links posted the more free promotion for Eventing.

FEI Course

Prue Spurrett and Ross Green wish to convey their thanks to Eventing NSW for the opportunity to attend the FEI course.

2010 Sydney Royal Easter Show Event Horse Challenge

Information attached.

MATTERS ARISING & CORRESPONDENCE.

Junior Sub Committee

The Junior Squad as proposed by Norm Hindmarsh and Camilla Mowbray was discussed. The Committee suggested that 3 clinics be held in the Sydney area, and 1 additional clinic in the North and 1 additional clinic in the south. It is unlikely that the Scone grounds will be able to be used for the North clinic. The Equestrian Park grounds in the ACT are a possibility for the south clinic, Grant Johnston to pursue their use. Veterinary information should be made available to the squad members and the Junior Committee are to talk to Derek Major regarding information.

The major Three-Day Event for Squad Juniors in 2010 should be the Sydney International 3DE. The focus of the squad should be on NSW events not interstate events. The squad should provide guidelines for juniors and assist them to develop a program rather than focusing only on certain competitions.

A Development squad proposal was distributed and discussed; it would expand the program for NSW juniors. The development squad will be an additional squad, focusing on youth development, within Eventing.

Penny Rose and Andrea Webb were co-opted to the Junior Sub-Committee.

Website

It was agreed that 'outside' advertising should not be included on the Eventing NSW website.

An instructors page will be developed and only NCAS instructors will be able to advertise. Instructors are to be encouraged to take a 'package deal'; advertising their services in The Eventer and on the website.

Awards

Motion: Eventing NSW will fund an additional award - The Eventing NSW Award of Recognition. (Margot White, Penny Rose).

The award will recognise those who have contributed to Eventing, often behind the scenes, for many years.

The recipient of Gow Gates Award for Services to the Sport - Eventing in 2009 will be Neil Kennedy.

Additional awards night

The idea of an Eventing awards night, as proposed by Simone Monaghan was discussed. The concept was acceptable as long as the Equestrian NSW Awards night was not 'watered down' by holding an additional awards night. It would be necessary for considerable fundraising to be carried out for the additional awards night to be self-funded.

Simone Monaghan to report back to the Committee, at the next meeting with a budget, date, venue etc.

Discussion items:

Budget.

How will voting for the awards be carried out?

Will all members vote or will a group of people make the decision?

What criteria or evaluation will be used for choosing winners?

Maybe officials could be included in deciding the awardees.

Entry & Scoring Workshop.

Margot White formally thanked Eventing NSW for conducting the workshop and explained to the meeting how beneficial it was, to get together with other clubs to share ideas and procedures. Margot found the workshop informative and worthwhile. It would be good to conduct regular similar days, with all Organising Committees being encouraged to attend.

Peter Haynes Videos

All clubs are encouraged to put the videos on their website and distribute to other interested people. The more exposure Eventing receives, the more likely spectators will attend Events and therefore make Eventing more attractive to sponsors.

Clubs can contact Eventing NSW for help with embedding the videos on their sites or linking to the videos. Eventing NSW appreciates all the work that Peter has put into providing these promotional videos to Eventing NSW free of charge.

Footing improvement

Eventing NSW to develop a funds pool available to any club to use for going improvements, especially targeted to the footing for our horses. In recent years the standards of CC jumps have improved, we would now like to address the going / footing at competitions.

A discussion took place regarding the funding of the project. Riders who would benefit from the improved footing should be responsible for funding. It should not be the responsibility of the clubs or general EvNSW membership. A \$5 levy, to be added to entries, to be used specifically for footing improvements, from 1st July. Eventing NSW has some accumulated funds from the non-member levy and has some un-used money in a NSWIS Squad School account. EvNSW to apply to NSWIS to use part of the funds for the footing project

Helen Hamilton-James, Shane Rose and Vicki Burgess will draw up a proposal, including guidelines for clubs to access the funds, and type of footing or going improvement that could be considered and report to The Executive. EvNSW will apply to Equestrian NSW for funding to start the project.

SUB COMMITTEES.

Calendar

Sydney International 3DE is being held in August due the obligation to provide good competition prior to the final selection for WEG. SIE will be surveying ** & *** riders about future Sydney 3Day dates and how to make the event the most prestigious 2 and 3 star event in Australia.

Nana Glen Sports Ground Committee has forwarded their CC funding application, with the assistance of Eventing NSW they will run a CNC**event in 2011.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Riders are to be reminded that they are subject to medication control and correct paperwork is required for many medications.

Riders may need to apply for a TUE (Therapeutic Exemption Use) or a DoU (Declaration of Use).

Riders at National events, at all level, must abide by the medication control. More information is available from the EA National Website and the FEI website.

Congratulations to Darryl Burgess and John Lechner who have been chosen to take part in the Global Officials Program.

Landowners to receive a thank you case of Wine. Eventing NSW to send thank you letters to the Veterinarians who regularly work at NSW events.

Meeting closed 8.45 pm

Next meeting:

February 9th 2010

Teleconference meeting