

NSW EVENTING COUNCIL INC.

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held by teleconference
Monday 16th February 2009

PRESENT

<u>President:</u>	Sharmayne Spencer
<u>Vice Presidents:</u>	Shane Rose, Bronwyn Doong
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Helen Hamilton-James
<u>Elected Secretary:</u>	Sharon Carroll
<u>Committee:</u>	Neil Kennedy, Vince Roche, Alison Duthie, Alex Townsend, Judy Fasher, Carrie McInnes, Geordie Kennedy, Norm Hindmarsh
<u>Delegates:</u>	Tina Stafford, Keith Parrish, Margot White, Sue Gunn, Denis Pigott, Margot White.
<u>Members:</u>	Vicki Burgess, Emma Darcy, Merry Branson.
<u>Apologies:</u>	Andrea Webb, Rose Read, Hunter Doughty.

Minutes moved: *The minutes of the last meeting December 9th 2008 are accepted as a true and accurate record. (Shane Rose, Keith Parrish) Carried.*

PRESIDENTS REPORT. Sharmayne Spencer.

Full report available in the March Eventer.

Most horses are back in work, either attending summer clinics or preparing for early 2009 competitions. The fantastic Australian Equine & Livestock Centre in Tamworth (AELC) is going to be the hub of many equine sports.

The annual EFA NSW awards night was again wonderful gathering rewarding rides, horses, owners, coaches, organisers, volunteers and VIP's. Shane Rose and heath Ryan along with Paralympians, Jan Pike and Nicole Kullen received recognition and praise for their amazing efforts at the Beijing Olympics in Hong Kong. I was proud to be able to present the Eventing awards alongside Wyatt Thompson and Wayne Roycroft. Congratulations to all the winners:

Lauren Balcomb - Junior Rider

Scott Simpson – Pre Novice junior

Christopher Burton – Senior Rider

Lou Verwey – Leading Owner (newsprint)

Wayne Roycroft – Coach of the Year.

Mr & Mrs Brookes – Gow gates services to the sport award - Eventing

Judy Fasher – EFA Chairmans Award

Rod Winchester – the ever popular and well deserving winner of the Volunteer of the Year.

ENSW and Equestrian NSW conducted a Event Organisers forum at Horsley Park Conference Centre. The ay was organised by Sue Gunn, Carrie McInnes, Alex Townsend & Vicki Burgess with several presenters, Lloyd Raleigh and Des Hughes travelling from Queensland. Please don't hesitate to ask for the information from this seminar, it put together well and is most appreciated.

TREASURERS REPORT. Helen Hamilton-James

The financials for the period to 31 January 2009 show income to date of \$134,003 (consisting mainly of \$24,730 of income from horse levies, \$19,532 from memberships, \$12,000 from EFA XC grants and Drug re-imbusement and \$68,328 income from the junior summer/winter schools) and expenses to date of \$140,397 (consisting mainly of \$58,222 expenditure to date related to the junior summer/winter schools, \$22,304 for funding given out to clubs, \$6,200 for wall calendar costs, \$5,860 for advertising and promotion expenses and \$10,581 for Eventer production costs).

This has resulted in a loss for the period of \$6,395, which is mainly due to the costs incurred on the calendars (see comments below) however we are still pro-rata in line with budget where we had budgeted for the year for a loss of \$13,664.

The cash at bank position continues to remain healthy with a balance of approximately \$70k at the end of January.

Things to note from the year to date:

- The recent junior school at Mirrabooka has resulted in a small profit of approximately \$4,000 prior to payment of expenses and profit share to the Whytes. The final result is therefore expected to be closer to break even.
- We have received a request to cover increased costs on the publication of the Eventer which has been approved. The costs of publication have increased to \$5.40 for each copy sent out and Alison has requested an increase from ENSW from \$4.27 to \$5.00 per copy sent out, which has been approved. The annual increase is expected to be about \$2,600 over a full year (\$1,300). Our thoughts were that as a result of this and other cost increases the annual membership fee should be increased from \$50 to \$55 a year effective 1 July 2009.
- Sales of wall calendars have been approximately \$1,280 versus costs of the calendars of \$6,140. This loss in the first year should be viewed as an investment, with the expectation that sales would be significantly higher next year if we can produce and promote these earlier for the 2010 year. We have had interest from several saddlery's to help us promote these and sell for us next year

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE.

	From / To	Topic	Action /Notes	Agenda item
1	Alison Duthie	Increase in Eventer charges	sent to Executive	yes
2	Executive	Increase in Eventer charges		yes
3	ENSW /Sue Gunn	5.5% charge		
4	ENSW	Swabbing Budget	Email to Terrie Percer	
5	Grant Johnston, Nathan Holman & ENSW	FEI status		
6	ENSW / <i>Nathan Holman</i>	National Officials lists		
7	Golbal Entries online	Entry system	distributed on forum disk	
8	Organiser forum agenda	Organiser forum agenda		
9	Handbook	Handbook	distributed on forum disk	
10	ENSW	Add for DNSW Centreline	booked 2 editions @ \$60 each	
11	ENSW	NEC Strategic plan	sent to Vince & Jim Dunn	
12	<i>E NSW</i>	Logos		yes
13	Alex Townsend & Michelle Hasibar	Website & costs		yes
14	<i>E NSW</i>	E NSW funding for EV Officials training		
14b	ENSW	NSW EV officials lists		
15	ENSW	Information for EV Dressage workshop		yes

MATTERS ARISING & CORRESPONDENCE.

Horse levy: A discussion took place regarding the entry Secretary reimbursement and the ENSW horse levy. The horse levy is collected by the Clubs on behalf of Eventing NSW, the levy is not club revenue.

Judy Fasher suggested that clubs publish the structure of the entry fees, explaining expenditure.

Motion: From July 1st 2009 the horse levy will be identified separately on entry receipts and will be forwarded directly to Eventing NSW by entry systems. (Merry Branson, Judy Fasher) Carried.

Eventing NSW to correspond with Global entries on-line regarding Eventing requirements for entries.

Wall calendar: The timing regarding the wall calendar was wrong. For 2010 the calendar will need to be available in October. Clubs will be requested to provide information in August. Clubs are to provide their own photos and sponsorship details. Peter Orr, Main Event Photography, will provide photos for Clubs that choose not to provide their own photo. The 2009 edition was a prototype and ENSW welcomes feedback for improvements. Remaining calendars will be discounted to cover postage. It is expected that the loss incurred for 2009 will be recovered in 2010.

Eventer magazine costs: The Executive approved the increase in The Eventer production costs.

Membership fees: Merry Branson to provide a paper on the possibility of linking membership costs to the CPI. It is important that competitors recognise the need to be financial members of Eventing NSW.

Motion: The Horse levy will be increased to \$20 per horse from the 1st July for non members of Eventing NSW. (Carrie McInnes, Helen Hamilton-James) Carried.

Entry providers include a – ‘click here to join logo’ on all Eventing entries. Competitors can renew or join Eventing NSW at time of entry if they are not current members.

Officials: there are still problems with National Official Lists and concerns regarding Stewards that attended the Melbourne Stewards FEI course. Christine Wallis has been appointed as the FEI Eventing Steward General and is keen to improve administration.

Many of the problems being encountered are a symptom of a system needs fixing. Equestrian Australia need to make it clear to all Officials what is required. And provide clear guidelines about achieving those requirements. Any member who applies for FEI or EA status must be advised why they did not obtain that status. Eventing NSW to ask EA NSW to officially ask National for clarification regarding Grant Johnston not being elevated to International status. ENSW write to National regarding the lack of Officials in our sport is causing alarm and national need to prioritise accreditation of Officials.

EA logos: the new Equestrian Australia logos were distributed. EA has also provided ENSW with a new logo.

Motion: Eventing NSW will adopt the new Eventing NSW logo as provided by EA. (Bronwyn Doong, Alex Townsend) Carried.

Website: Quotes for a new website will be sort along with ideas for content. Consideration will be given to hosting the Eventing NSW website via the EA ‘My Club’ site.

NEC:

The National Eventing Committee held a Strategic Plan meeting 6th February 2009. Many of the issues contained in the 'Eventing in Crisis' paper were addressed although National have still not provided transparent figures regarding how funding is distributed. A full report will be available in a few weeks after all NEC attendees have had a chance to review the minutes of the strategic plan meeting.

On the 7th February the NEC Committee meeting was held. Geoff Sinclair's response to the Eventing in Crisis' paper was referred to the NEC. The NEC recommended to the National Board that National Yellow Cards be implemented. The NEC has requested that more transparency be available to members regarding National Board decisions.

All CIC events are now required to hold a formal trot up. There are various options available.

Jim Dunn will step down as Chairman of the NEC after the next NEC meeting.

Event Organisers Forum – Sue Gunn:

The event organisers forum was a success with 47 attendees. It was good to see some riders attend, to get an idea about what goes on behind the scenes. Alex Townsend and Carrie McInnes took on the massive task of updating the Event Organisers Hand book and providing disks for all participants. Thank you!

The handbook needs to be continually updated and is available from ENSW by email.

Margot White requested that a forum be held every 2 years.

Eventing NSW thanks Equestrian NSW for funding the forum through their volunteer program.

GENEAL BUSINESS

The next meeting of ENSW due to be held Tuesday 14th April will be postponed due to Easter. The meeting will be held the following week, by teleconference, Tuesday 21st April 2009.

Meeting closed 8.40 pm