

Grafton Riding Club Inc



Minutes - General Meeting

19 March 2024 - The Royal Hotel

- **Meeting Started:** 6.39pm

- **Present:** Lee Brown, Tiff Jones, Chris Harding, Leigh Harding Rosemary Huntley, Patsy Wicks Louise Bernard, Sonia George

- **Apologies:** Jodie Williams, Suzette Kelson, Wendy Bruszewski, Kathy Sullivan, Lyn Hugginson, Amy Huntley, Lara Johnston, Bronson Boers

- **Minutes from previous meeting:** Were read.
Lee Brown moved, seconded by Leigh Harding that they were true and correct. All in favour.
Motion Carried

- **Business Arising from Previous Minutes:**
 - **Follow up re carriage driving**
Sub Committee, check insurance cover at other grounds. Wendy to follow up

 - **Purchase of Tables and Gazeebos**
Leigh has organised, will pick up and deliver to Hawthorne Park

- **Correspondence:**

<u>IN:</u>	<u>OUT:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mary Houghton – NSW Regional Boundaries updated ➤ Nominate – Dressage entries ➤ Natalie – Confirming May date re changing Sunday to Saturday ➤ Kathryn Dykstra – ENSW Show horse committee – proposal to hold even at Hawthorne Park ➤ Bruce McVey – Welcome Nth Coast and new England Clubs ➤ Nominate – Confirming Protocol Day posted ➤ Nominate – Membership receipts ➤ Nominate – Protocol Day entries ➤ Bruce McVey – Re regional funding ➤ HPEUG – Calendar update 5.3.24 ➤ Nominate – April Dressage entries ➤ Suzette – Bit and Bridle Fitting ➤ EA – New concussion stand down periods 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ HPEUG – confirming change of day in May ➤ To Natalie – Confirming our May date for training day ➤ To All – re ENSW Country Show Horse Championships requesting EOI (no replies) ➤ To Nominate – requesting info re Protocol Day be posted ➤ To All – re Protocol Day x 2 ➤ To All – re March Meeting x 2 ➤

Grafton Riding Club Hosts - ENSW Country Show Horse Championships



gkddawn@bigpond.com Tue, Feb 27, 1:52 PM

to me, Melinda, Linda, gkddawn@bigpond.com

Hi Tiff
Grafton Riding Club

I am writing to you from the Equestrian NSW (ENSW) Show Horse Committee to gauge your Club, the Grafton Riding Club's interest in hosting the **ENSW Country Show Horse Championships** on 7 July 2024 at Hawthorn Park, Grafton.

As the host club for this event your club will have the opportunity to make money at this event. You could do this by running a Canteen, adding an additional \$5 per night (for example) onto stable hire

for competitors and you also have the possibly of running a Club Members only ring to make all the money from that ring. If your club decides to run the additional ring for your members your club will need to provide your judge, ribbons and prizes. All income from that ring will go to your club.

The **ENSW Country Show Horse Championships** will be run by ENSW and will do the program, organise the judges for the rings, ribbons and prizes for the official program and publicity of the event. All entries will be run through Nominat. As the Host Club we ask that you provide helpers on the ground over the weekend where possible. ENSW will be there running the event and with your local clubs help it will help make this a successful weekend.

We look forward to working with you at this event.

Would you please send a response via return email at your earliest convenience? Thank you.

Regards

Kathryn Dykstra
ENSW Show Horse Committee

Tiff to follow up with this, lots of information needs to be sourced eg Their expectations, when, how many helpers will they provide. GRC to run Members only ring and provide own ribbons

Regional Funding

Inbox



Bruce McVey <bruce.mcvey48@gmail.com> Sat, Mar 2, 11:49 AM (10 days ago)
to Armidale, Buladelah, me, Hastings, Namoi, New, Quirindi, Tamworth, Upper, admin

Hi Committees

Here is an exciting initiative offering regional judges access to sit in and shadow opportunities in the regions, with the aim of helping judges to upgrade.

Applications close on Friday 19th April.

There is an information session on Monday 11th March at 7pm via zoom.

All information including the zoom link is in the flyer.

Regards

Regional Delegate DNSW



Dressage NSW has developed an initiative to support Clubs in Regional Areas, with funding provided by Equestrian NSW

Background

Many Dressage Clubs in NSW, but particularly those outside the Sydney Metro region, experience challenges securing enough Judges for their events. Organising Committee's describe all, or a combination of :

- Not enough judges to meet needs of their events
- Not able to book higher level judges at all
- Same judges all the time
- Cost to bring in Metro judges is prohibitive
- Local judges are mostly at lower levels

A review by a DNSW working group in 2022 highlighted that the most viable long-term solution is to **increase the number of Judges based in the regional areas & upgrade local judges to higher levels.**

Over the last two years, DNSW has conducted various Seminars in Regional areas with good participation numbers, however only a small number of attendees have undertaken the Mentoring needed to complete their accreditation or upgrade.

This indicates that whilst many regional people are *willing* to become judges or upgrade – they find the Mentoring requirements too onerous. Why?

- Mentoring opportunities are often only available at larger events
- Candidates incur significant out of pocket expenses to travel
- Candidate may not have anyone to function as a “writer” for Shadow Judging – particularly if they have to travel out of area



What's on offer ?

Clubs are invited to apply for Regional Judge Education funding. DNSW will arrange for at least two Mentor Judges (C Level & above) to officiate at a nominated Club Event (1 or 2 days). The funding provided will cover costs including:

- Travel and accommodation expenses
- Judge honorarium costs
- Administrative support / Scoring support if needed (via Nominate)

Clubs are also encouraged to express interest in offering Judge Protocol sessions the day prior to their nominated Event for the benefit of Club Members and AOR riders.

Application Criteria

Club's applying should expect to have sufficient class sizes at their Event + be willing to arrange:

- At least two local Judges (either new or current, looking to accredit or upgrade) who are prepared to undertake Mentoring at the nominated event (Mentee's)
- Writers to assist Shadow Judging candidates

Mentee's must reside in the Region where the Club is based

- At least one Club in all three Regions (outside Metro) will receive funding
- Applications will be considered on merit - please consider which Club in your Region is best placed to provide maximum benefit for all
- A maximum of \$10,000 in total funding is available

[Join the information session on Monday 11 March at 7pm via Zoom with Q&A](#)

[Click here to submit application for funding](#)

Applications Close 19 April, 2024

Dear Rosemary Janet Huntley,

Your NSW Senior Savers Card application has been processed successfully.

Your NSW Senior Savers Card number is: 3305824

Please allow up to 21 days for your card to arrive in the mail. Your card will be sent to the following address:

PO BOX 180 COUTTS CROSSING NSW 2460

NSW Senior Savers Card holders are eligible for discounts and special offers from thousands of businesses in NSW.

To view special offers and discounts available, please visit the [NSW Seniors Card Discount Directory](#).

If you have any questions or require assistance, please call us on [13 77 88](tel:137788) or visit the [Service NSW website](#).

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- Contact or control issues
- New horse, new discipline or training progression
- Ensure your bit & bridle fit correctly for optimum comfort & communication
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Interested to find out more about the bit fitting process or secure your spot...

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Enhancedequineperf@gmail.com

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12/13 April 2024

Need to check with Suzette if this is still going ahead, otherwise good to advertise



NEW CONCUSSION STAND DOWN PERIODS

Dear Member,

As you may already be aware, the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) in response to growing international evidence concerning the effects of concussion, their own medical advice and the recommendations of a Federal Parliament Senate Committee into concussions and repeated head trauma have released an updated “Concussion and Brain Health Position Statement 2024” on Feb 1st 2024.

Following a consultation process with discipline committees and State CEOs, Equestrian Australia has decided to fully support the AIS position statement and will implement the revised stand down periods and return to play protocols effective from Saturday March 16th.

The updated Position Statement provides clear return to sport timelines by extending the minimum stand down period for both youth (those under the age of 19 years) and community sport following a sport-related concussion.

The updated position statement includes a mandatory 21 day stand down period from competitive sport for both youth and community athletes, based on current evidence and best practice from international sporting organisations. This policy is consistent with those of peak sports bodies in the United Kingdom and New Zealand.

A Graded Return to Sport Framework is detailed to give guidance on how to manage a return to work/study, training and eventually competitive sport; the framework includes a fourteen-day symptom free period before return to competitive sport.

Individual athletes should be guided by their Health Care Professional as they progress through their Graded Return to Sport Framework.

As per current practice, a written medical clearance from a Health Care Professional and completion of the minimum standdown period are required before being allowed to compete again.

https://www.concussioninsport.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/1133994/37382_Concussion-Guidelines-for-community-and-youth-FA-acc-v2.pdf

No changes to the reporting processes or the requirement for a medical clearance before return to competition are envisaged. Changes are required to various documents including the General Regulations, and some information on the EA Website as well as to Officials' and Coaches' training materials. These changes will happen shortly but will not affect the implementation of the new stand down periods.

Thank you for your continued support in implementing EA's concussion policy.

George Proimos, Chair, EA Health Safety and Welfare Committee
Tess Goodwin, Chief Medical Officer

- GRC Members need to be aware of being assessed etc
- Circulate to members

- **Treasurers Report** -

Opening Balance \$18,855.53

Income:

Nominate	\$60.00
	\$60.00
	\$90.00
	\$200.00
	\$285.00
Total:	\$695.00

Expenses: None

Closing Balance: \$19,550.53

- Lee has bought a tub on wheels for ipads and accessories (can be run over)
Rosemary Huntley moved, seconded by Tiff Jones that Lee be reimbursed for this.
All in favour. Motion Carried

- **Training Day Report**

- No training day has been held since the last one

- **Protocol Day 24 March 2024**
Jill will be judging on A2
Sonia on A3
8.30 Start and Tiff will ride the demo test

- **Next Training day will be Saturday 4 May in the morning only. Neither Rosemary nor Suzette will be available on this day.**
Suzette, Tiff ,Rosemary will organise

- **General Business**

- ✚ April Dressage –
 - ✚ Coffee van confirmed 7am – 1pm
 - ✚ Jodie Williams is happy to be our first aider for the weekend.
 - ✚ Our first aid kit needs to be checked. Lee will take to shop and Amelia will check and update
 - ✚ Risk Assessment to be done by Tiff and Sonia Friday afternoon
 - ✚ Bronson to set up
 - ✚ Ribbons need to be checked
 - ✚ Sean Everson will donate a free infra red scan session

- ✚ Gear Check Changes – see attached at end of Agenda
Need to be sent out to all riders

- 🚧 June Championship – program
 - Sonia to find sponsor letter
 - Sonia will get June prog put together so that we can allocation sponsors
- 🚧 Saddle fits a possible sponsor
- 🚧 Grafton Vets a possible sponsor
- 🚧 DP Earthmoving a possible sponsor

🚧 Cross Country Course has been checked and ready for use

- Meeting Closed: 7.38pm

- Next Meeting: 16 April 2024



Gear check rule changes for EA Dressage Events.

From 1 January 2024, the gear check is to be conducted **after** the rider has completed their test (this brings Australia in line with FEI regulations). To ensure riders are presenting to the judge in correct saddlery and dress, the following guidelines are recommended. Clubs, and Organising Committees, and appointed stewards need to consider the location and size of their events and the layout of arenas and warm-up areas to determine the best method to ensure gear checks are conducted in an efficient manner and in accordance with the rules.

Guidelines for Organisers, Clubs, Stewards, Judges, and Riders

The official gear check is to be conducted **after** the rider has completed their test.

To avoid riders presenting to the judge in incorrect gear the following is recommended:

Riders, please introduce yourself to the steward before you warm-up so that the steward knows you are present and intending to compete. The steward can then mark you on the draw and let you know if your arena is running on time.

Riders (especially riders new to the sport) are encouraged to ride past an official steward at the check area/warm-up before proceeding to the competition arena for their test.

- Stewards will do a **visual** check (eg, check bridle numbers, helmet tags, spurs, and look for any other anomalies), **before** riders proceed to the competition arena.
- Riders may ask the steward to check certain bits of gear if they want to ensure compliance with the rules (eg. whip length etc)
- After each competition the rider is to present **immediately after their test** to the steward for the gear check. Do not alter or change any gear beforehand and no-one is to touch the horse before the check.
- Clubs/Organisers are encouraged to provide judges and stewards with phone numbers should they need to contact one another during the event.
- To facilitate contact with stewards, it is recommended that stewards are listed on the draw.
- Final sign-off of a class should not be completed until the C-judge has been advised by the steward or OC that there were no gear check issues. This should happen as soon as practically possible, so as not to hold up the release of final results.

Extract from rule 1.1

- *competitors are responsible for knowing and complying with these rules. It remains the full responsibility of the rider to comply with the equipment rules as outlined in the rules*