

# Grafton Riding Club Inc



## Minutes General Meeting

18 January 2022

The Royal Hotel – South Grafton

- **Meeting Started:** 6.37pm
- **Present @ Royal:** Ally Murphy, Tiff Jones, Lee Brown, Dave Murphy, Kelly Whitmore, Kathy Sullivan, Bronson Boers, Joan Van den Ende, Wendy Bruszewski
- **Present via Teams:** Rosemary Huntley, Kathy Schofield, Sonia George, Jodie Williams
- **Apologies:** Amy Staff, Chris & Leigh Harding, Bree Skinner
- **Minutes from previous meeting:** were read. Lee Brown moved, seconded by Kathy Sullivan that they were true and correct. Motion carried
- **Business Arising from Previous Minutes:** None
- **Correspondence:**

<u>In:</u>	<u>Out:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rachele Passmore re photos at Hawthorne Park</li><li>• HPEUG – Acknowledgement of receipt of Improvement List for Hawthorne Park</li><li>• Wendy – Approval from EA to change comp date from April to March</li><li>• Marjoly Thomas – advice of AGM</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To Those present at meeting 30 Nov – copy of minutes</li><li>• To HPEUG – list of suggested improvements to Hawthorne park</li><li>• To All - Ranvet HQ Wrap-up!</li><li>• To Nominate – Requesting confirmation of Tablet Bookings</li><li>• To All – advising of AGM x 2</li></ul>

<p>for Dressage NSW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nominate – confirmation of Tablet bookings for competitions</li> <li>• Lee &amp; Ally - Ranvet HQ Wrap-up</li> <li>• Kathy Sullivan, thank you for minutes and checking the updated figures were included</li> <li>• HPEUG – Advice of meeting to be held at PC Shed on Dec 7</li> <li>• Rachelle Passmore – Media: another million dollars for six CVC community Projects</li> <li>• Marjolyn Thomas – advice of change to travel reimbursements</li> <li>• HPEUG – Updated Calendar</li> <li>• Several People – advising of attendance to AGM or apology</li> <li>• HPEUG – Results from Survey</li> <li>• Nominate – advising that membership renewals had been emails</li> <li>• EA Community Newsletter</li> <li>• Bruce Farrar - Announcement: Equestrian NSW Ambassadorship</li> <li>• Nominate – Membership renewals</li> <li>• Equestrian Australia – Notice of AGM</li> <li>• Kathy Sullivan – re reimbursement – Fair Trading - Your Service NSW receipt No.10005476677 30 December 2021 10:25 AM Grafton Service Centre</li> <li>• Equestrian Australia - AGM Resolution</li> <li>• CVC – Bookings been successful for HP 2022</li> <li>• EA – Open Letter to members</li> <li>• Nominate – December Wrap Up</li> <li>• Natalie – re week day bookings for Hawthorne Park</li> <li>• Wendy – Advising of increase in judges travel</li> <li>• General Responses to advise of Meeting 18 Jan</li> <li>• EA - How to Lodge your Vote</li> <li>• Nominate – Membership payment</li> <li>• Natalie – re weekday park bookings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To All – results of survey from all club re suggestion to Hawthorne Park</li> <li>• To Nominate – requesting for membership renewals to be emailed out and add media consent be added to the form</li> <li>• Natalie – asking if training days are possible during week days</li> <li>• Natalie – advising of new GRC Committee</li> <li>• To All – Advising of meeting 18/1 x3</li> </ul>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kathy Sullivan – confirmation of the use of poles for training day</li> <li>• Responses to Meeting advice email</li> <li>• Wendy request for membership paperwork</li> </ul>	
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Inward Correspondence a late email from Rachelle Passmore – Project Update. Lee Brown read to all and it was decided that it be forward to all members

- **Treasurers Report**

There has been little movement in the bank acct since last meeting. Apart from 1 x payment to Kathy Sullivan and 2 x deposits from Nominate from memberships.

Closing Balance was \$12,214.07

Council still to be paid

Another fund raiser could be a jackpot dressage test

Kathy Schofield questioned why the fees weren't increased after the AGM but the 2022 fees had been voted on at the AGM in 2020, and the 2023 fees were vote on in the Agm Dec 2021

Tiffany Jones moved, seconded by Jodie Williamson that the Treasurers report be accepted. All in favour. Motion Carried

- **Training Day Committee Report**

A lot of discussion took place, it was decided to make a blanket cost for our next training day, 6 February 2022 day would be \$45 for the day which would include a dressage lesson, lesson on Ground work and Connection, and training over poles plus a sausage sizzle. Social riders would pay \$20 this would include training over poles, if they wanted, social ride around the park and a sausage sizzle.

Kathy Schofield suggested using local instructors throughout the year to reduce cost of training days

Week day training days were discussed. These need to be clarified with Natalie , and then booked via Council and The HPEUG. Rosemary to send email from Natalie that we have received to members. Initial dates for weekday training days will be 1 March and 19 April if we are able to get the go ahead and the interest

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**Email below:**

Natalie Sear via gmail.com

Tue, Jan 4, 3:52 PM (13 days ago)

to Grafton, David

Hello Rosemary

Training can be held between Monday to Friday for no longer than two hours each day all month as long as it does not impact a competition booking. Although if an equestrian group does resolve to book training days during weekdays then the club is not entitled to a 'free' training day during a weekend once a month.

Training for all other sports is allowed free of charge from Monday to Friday for a maximum of two hours per day, as long as it does not impact a competition booking. An exception was made for Hawthorne Park equestrian users as they put a case forward that equestrian groups could not generally gather and train on a weekday due to the time it takes to float & prepare horses and there are not enough daylight hours during winter afternoons for groups to meet etc, this was defined in the sports management policy to allow equestrian groups to have one training day per month (where no competition or paid instruction is given).

I have attached the policy for you and below is the definition of training outlined in the policy.

**'Training'** means regular routine training in preparation for competition or display for a period not exceeding 2 hours per day. Training will not extend to any activity on a weekend nor does not include any activity for which the participants are charged a fee or any training camp or any training where the trainer is paid a fee or otherwise operates on a commercial basis. The exception to training on weekends applies to equestrian users only who may train up to 8 hours per month (limited to a single occasion) at facilities only where they are not being used by another sport undertaking competition or event play.

**General Business:**

1. Working bee and job list
  - a) Working bee to be on 29 Jan 22 – 8am to 12pm
  - b) A3 needs raking – its covered in bark and sticks
  - c) A2 & A3 need to be levelled
  - d) Bronson will bring tractor/slasher and rakes if suitable
  - e) Kitchen needs cleaning, including cupboards
  - f) Someone to bring chainsaw
  - g) Rosemary and Greg can bring small box trailer if needed

2. Funds – do we need to increase the comp entry fees

Current GRC Fees

Members Only \$15/test \$25/ camping \$12 / Admin Fee

Champ \$20/test per GRC member \$30 Non GRC members (camping and Admin same)

Comparison other clubs

Act	Official	Unofficial				
	\$50	\$40				
Bowral	Official	Unofficial				
	\$50	\$45				
Yass		Unofficial				
		\$20				
Clarendon	Official					
	\$65					
Armidale	Official Member	Unofficial Member	Fei Member	Official - Non Member	Unofficial Non Member	Official Non Member
	\$25	\$20	\$30	\$25	\$30	\$35
	Ground Fee = \$10					

After discussing the above fees it was decided to change our fees to:

Unofficial : \$ 20 per test

Official: \$ 25 for club member and \$35 for non club member per test

3. Program for March comp
 

Wendy and Sonia to re vamp and use last years with updated fees and removing some of the higher tests

4. New members – do we need to do a welcome pack for them? Just an email with some information on the club, and a grounds map perhaps?

Discussed, Tiffany will look at putting something together to send out as new members join

Possible things to be included: GRC constitution, camping facilities available, rules re dogs, an aerial pic of park, which gate to use (this is usually stated on programs) , calendar of club events etc

5. Guest clinicians or instructors for later in the year?

Kathy hoping to standardise the training day format throughout the year, and mainly invite local instructors to reduce costs

6. Possibility of Adult camp

Include in survey, ask what people who are interested would like included, Sonia and Jodie both have some suggestions for instructors. Other club members may have other suggestions.. Rosemary to confirm if we can use Working Eq equipment and is happy to instruct.

Suggested weekend 2/3 July Rosemary to request for a sole booking for this weekend.

7. Virtual Comps

Equestrian Queensland have been holding virtual events, where you put your own test together. You are given the movements to be included. Wendy is going to as if we can have permission to use. Preparatory, Preliminary and Novice

Protocol training events - \$20 per horse assessment – this could maybe be included at camp

There is a website where you join a group and upload your video – results come back to the competitor

Will try to set something up for April

**Meeting Closed: 7.58pm**

**Next Meeting:** to be announced

**Dates for 2022**

Sunday	6-Feb	Training Day	A2, A3
Saturday	5-Mar	Comp	Sole Booking
Sunday	6-Mar	Comp	Sole Booking
Sunday	24-Apr	Comp	A2, A3
Sunday	1-May	Training Day	A2, A3
Saturday	4-Jun	Comp	Sole Booking
Sunday	5-Jun	Comp	Sole Booking
Sunday	3-Jul	Training Day	A2, A3
Sunday	7-Aug	Training Day	A2, A3
Sunday	4-Sep	Training Day	A2, A3
Sunday	9-Oct	training Day	A2, A3
Sunday	6-Nov	Comp	a2, A3, Pxf 1