



Summary of Business of the meeting of the Australian Dressage Committee

Sunday 30 August 2015: and
SDA-ADC Meeting Saturday 29 August 2015

Meeting with State Dressage Chairs and ADC

Saturday 29 August. Very collegial atmosphere and great opportunity for information sharing. Each State Chair gave a 5 min report on what was going well in their state and where there were opportunities for improvements.

Common themes:

1. The issue of developing pathways from clubs to Participant membership and strengthening that level of competition is an issue for all states. NB Based on the input from the State SDAs, the ADC has put a further submission on raising the level of competition available to Participant Members to the EA Board and it is on the agenda for the State CEO meeting in October.
2. Provision of trained stewards is high on the agenda, particularly in the light of the Welfare of the Horse being paramount. States are to contact Cathie Drury- Klein, the Steward General, with the view to conducting a national stewards clinic in your state in 2016. Clubs could be involved perhaps by being invited to send one or two members to the clinic. The ADC would like in the future to be able to request that all stewards at an event should be trained stewards.
3. The structure of, and criteria for, State squads is developing along national/State lines under the leadership of Dressage NPD Julia Battams. Victorian Young Rider squad model is of interest has been shared to each state.
4. AOR model is progressing and popular. Several states now have leader boards developed which are very encouraging to increase the numbers.
5. PE classification is also proceeding. States are encouraged if they have not done so already to conduct a rider classification in 2016. There are quite a few accredited classifiers around Australia now and they much more accessible. Thank you to those clubs who are now conducting PE classes and also to the states who are now conducting PE Championships. Gradually our base level of competitors at all Grades is increasing and this is due very much to the above occurring in each state. Liaison with RDA is also progressing

ADC Meeting

CEO Report

Grant Baldock CEO was present at the meeting and presented an update report against the KPIS of the EA.

HP Update to RIO

Chris Webb, HPM and Julia Battams the Dressage/PE National Performance Director were in attendance. An in depth report of the pre-RIO planning was given. Chris had attended the RIO test event on 6th-9th August 2015. Facilities are well advanced and systems in place.

It is most likely that all Australian equestrian teams and Para Equestrian will travel from Europe base to RIO and back. This is the most efficient in terms of quarantine costs.

The State/National squad system is developing through coordination and consultation between the NPD and the State Squad managers. A National Squad Clinic will be held in October for athletes entered at the nationals. Two self-funded YR clinics have been conducted, 1 in Victoria at Boneo and 1 in Sydney in May.

Re PE, the Hartpury GBR event in July where Australia fielded a team on borrowed horses, gave Australia another required team qualification score for RIO.

All PE HP Squad athletes are currently submitting a monthly training and competition plan and report monthly against that.

Rule Book 2016

Major business at the SDA- ADC meeting and also the ADC meeting was settling of rule updates for 2016. The agreed summary was presented to the EA Board meeting on 11 September and will be up on the web by end of October, for implementation in 1/1/16.

Equipment Clarifications

The ADC is presented with many, many queries about whether equipment, especially bits, nosebands, and boots and coats are legal. A regular meeting has been initiated in order to manage the work load of the Equipment subcommittee.

Please note that the EA equipment webpages have been updated as of end of September (Version 9 – Last updated 7 July)

<http://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/Dressage%20equipment%20annex%20V9.pdf>

Adult Amateur Owner Rider Guidelines 2016

As reported earlier the scheme is now being used in nearly every state and is popular. There are a few minor clarifications for 2016. It will be forwarded to SDAs and on website by end of 2015.

CDI Organisers Working Group

It is important for all dressage stakeholders working together to create an environment for success in dressage at international level. To this end, a Working Group of Organisers has been formed and will meet initially during the Nationals in October.

National forum at Australian Dressage Championships October 2015

It is proposed that the HP clinic prior to the Nationals will be expanded to be open to those of the public who are interested in attending the sessions provided especially for the HP squads.

ADC Gold Performance Medals

It has been clarified that Australians who are based overseas may also apply for these with accompanying evidence of performance. The medals will be presented at the National Championships SIEC.

Judge Education matters- ADJC Report

- OCs need to communicate with each other re the International Judge they are using, so events can share the Judge & get some of our officials accredited.
- All states should have a state judge committee
- Terry Lalor (EA National Education Manager) & Lesley Sullivan are going to streamline a system for Judges Reaccreditation
- Discussions about developing a webinar – Terry Lalor to follow up.
- Working party redeveloping the JE PowerPoint presentations for the accreditation seminars Judges: Should be available by end of 2016. Want to develop a module system.
- Plan to run a 2 day meeting in Feb in order to go over PPs.
- A Judge educator meeting will be held on Monday 11 April after Sydney CDI 2016.
- H level judge = provisional change to be denoted as G rather than H.

Australian Youth (10-25) Championships

The ADC has agreed to structure the Australian Young Rider Championships in a consistent way especially in relation to the program of classes. Currently these Championships circulate between Victoria, NSW and Queensland on a three year

cycle. It is vital that these championships serve the future of dressage in Australia by providing a consistent basis for comparison of standard of performance, provide an aspirational feeder into senior competition and a pathway/goal for aspiring youth riders in an inclusive way. To this end the ADC has:

- slightly changed the rules around these championships by opening them to all riders 10-25 years old,
- rebadging them as the Australian Youth Championships; and
- developing a template schedule of classes which must at least include all FEI test for Pony, Junior and Young Rider.
- A challenge class at PSG level for riders 21-25 will also be included.

This new format will be in place for the next Australian Youth Championships to be conducted by DNSW 1-3 July 2016.

Australian Dressage Championships 2016 (“Nationals”)

The ADC has extended the EOI until after they current Australian Dressage Championships. A decision will be made by the end of October 2015.

Pacific League World Cup Final 2016-17 Season

The Pacific League World Cup Final for the 2016-17 season will be conducted in NZ at Manfeild near Palmerston North at beginning of February 2017. It was 1998 when NZ last conducted the final. The venue is a proven one and ideal for showcasing the Sport.

NB: The Final for the 2015-16 season will be conducted at Werribee in December 2015.

Syndication of Ownership of Dressage Horses

The ADC continues to work on this issue with the view to developing a brochure similar to successful examples in equestrian sport (especially eventing, jumping), in dressage in UK and USA and also of course racing.

Next Meetings 2016

ADC 10 January
ADJC 24/25 February
ADC 15 May
ADJC 19 August
SDA-ADC 20 August (all rule changes for 2017)
ADC 21 August

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