

Dressage NSW Inc
Extraordinary General Meeting
Held via Zoom

Monday, 7 November 2022

Meeting opened at 7.05pm

1. Welcome and Apologies

Present

Mandy Jones	Julie Jones	Kay Barney	Jo Gunn
Kirsteen Dixon	Kathy Shelley	Gail Benson	Earle Olaisen
Zanna Northam	Dee Vodden	Sue Cunningham	Pamela Bice
Bruce McVey	Kaye Spence	Nadya Marshall	Marjolyn Thomas
Krystina Burdekin	Toni Venhaus		
Mar Houghton			
Angela Dalby	Judy Dierks	Rachelle Evans	
Annette Kohen	Julie Vandyke	Rebecca Coventry	
Belinda Ives	Kari Lyne	Rhiannon Isaacs	
Beth Maclean	Karma Wilson	Robert Hayward	
Beth Turner	Katina Smith	Robyn's Westley-Smith	
Brooke Gatt	Kristen Lyons	Robyne Smith	
Carolyne Burge	Kyli Bullock	Rosann Tyler	
Cathie Drury-Klein	Leanne Bell	Sally Ann Barbera	
Cathy Cupit	Libby Guest	Samantha miles	
Chris Joyce	Linda Foster	Sarah Hanslow	
Deirdre Stock	Lisa Joyce	Shayne Trotter	
Dianne White	Lisa Umlauff	Sheridyn Ashwood	
Elissa Playford	Megan Bryant	Sherie Nielsen	
Emily James	Michelle Becchio	Sheryl Morsley	
Gail Kroon	Moir Kelly	Sue Birch	
Helen Batson	Narelle Telling	Sue Scaysbrook	
Jacqueline Wilson	Nicole Pullen	Suzanne Doyle	
Jane Dampney	Noelene Davis	Sylvia Gordon	
Janet Dillon-Smith	Petra Keranen	Vireena Peacock	
Jenny Flint	Prue Spurrett	Wendy Bruszewski	
Joanne Peet	Rachael Downs	Wendy Calabro	
Jocelyn West	Rachel Meryment	Wendy Fitzgerald	
		Wendy Satara	

2. Apologies

No apologies were received

No proxies were received

3. Meeting

The Chair (Mandy Jones) welcomed everyone to the EGM and outlined the meeting procedures and meeting guidelines.

The EGM had been convened by DNSW in response to a request for such by 12 members of DNSW on 8th October 2022.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss Clarendon and the future of competitions at Clarendon.

Members had been given the opportunity to submit questions to DNSW prior to the EGM and these DNSW response to these questions were emailed to all members with the agenda papers on 6th November.

A quorum was present and the meeting progressed.

The President summarised the background of DNSW committee discussions and procedures regarding the decision to cease holding competitions at Clarendon from the end of 2022.

She referred to the 2 meetings with HDAA, and to the disappointment of the committee when advised that HDAA did not intend to renew the licence in 2025 and did not intend to maintain the existing facilities after 2025.

4. Speakers

Speakers- Save Clarendon Grounds Group

- Cathy Cupit: Cathy stressed the need to find a positive way forward, and in light of the information that was circulated to members on 6 November she would reconsider her address to the meeting and raise matters in the open discussion/question time.
- Michell Becchio: Michelle focussed on the role Clarendon played in education, particularly judges education both traditionally and in the future, and how this education facility could be replaced.
- Janet Dillon-Smith: Janet spoke on behalf of several regional riders and highlighted the convenience of competing at Clarendon, the consistency of the competition arenas and the warm-up arenas, the affordability, the safe environment especially for young horses and the comraderie and community spirit that the facility engendered.
- Sue Scaysbrook: Sue provided a background to the Save Clarendon Working Group (SCWG).

She said the SCWG was not opposed to change but was opposed to the removal of such an important facility for the sport of dressage without any plans for replacement. Maintaining the licence until expiry would provide a window of opportunity to lobby for the retention of the facility by HDAA and/or to find a viable alternative.

Sue advised the meeting that SCWG had been approached by a unanimous benefactor who offered to provide \$20,000 to support the cost of competition at Clarendon during 2023 if DNSW retained the licence until expiry in mid-2025.

Mandy Jones advised that the DNSW committee would consider the proposal outside the EGM.

Speakers – Regional Delegates

All spoke on behalf of the clubs in their regions and the benefits of an increased priority on taking education and resources to the regions

- Pamela Bice (South Coast/Highlands)
- Nadya Marshall (Central West)
- Marjolyn Thomas (North Coast/North West)
- Bruce McVey (Central Coast/Hunter and on behalf of Kaye Spence – Southern Region)

Speakers – DNSW Executive

Spoke in regard to the benefits that the decision to prioritise DNSW role as a State Dressage Authority would have in regard to judges education, support of elite and developing riders, support of AOR

Mandy Jones summarised the position of DNSW in regard to continuing to run competitions at Clarendon to the expiry of the licence in June 2025, and to ceasing to run competitions at Clarendon at the end of 2022.

5. Open Discussion and Questions

The President opened the meeting for comments/questions with each speaker limited to 2 minutes.

18 persons addressed the meeting both in favour of ceasing competition at Clarendon and opposed to such.

6. Close of Meeting

The President thanked everyone for attending and for their contributions.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.03pm