

Minutes of Committee Meeting



Place: Berridale Inn, Berridale

Date: : Thursday 21st July 2016 (6.30pm dinner for 7.00pm meeting),

Present: Anne-Marie and Tommy Ladhams, Jacqui and John Flower, Craig Johnson, Michele and Mathew Balaz, Sue Wallace

Apologies: Bridget McCosker, Jen Stockl, Sue West, Helga Frolich, Sally Weston

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Minutes be passed --moved Michele B ,seconded Craig J

Correspondence in:

- Centre Line magazine
- AON Insurance Invoice?
- Bank Statement
- Renewal Notice/Invoice from Equestrian Australia (We would need to pay \$100 extra to enable affiliation with Showjumping?)
- Dressage NSW Dates for competitions
- Email from Lesley Gillis about a Dressage Club Forum
- Email from Lesley Gillis about Dressage NSW Area Meeting and invoice
- Grants booklet
- SoundGear to inform us that the PA system has been dispatched.
- Draft of the Associations Incorporation Regulation 2016..Have your say.

Correspondence out:

- Email to members: MEA News
- Letter to Kirrily Gould, CPC, with \$100 payment for 2x JumpClub rallies

Financial Report:

Held over till next meeting

General Business:

1. 2016-17 Awards

The committee discussed the 2016-17 awards in light of the suggestions given to the committee by Facebook and directly by members. Since all the awards are perpetual and must be returned to the club, a small engraved trophy which the rider could keep was suggested. Alternatively Michele Balaz will look into the cost of embroidered badges which could be sewn onto jackets or saddle cloths. Michele to report back at the next committee meeting.

The points which the committee agreed upon were:

- a) *We will have perpetual trophies for every discipline. For 2016-17 these will be Dressage, Show Jumping, Working Equitation. For future years, perpetual awards should only be given out if there are at least 2 days of competition in that discipline run by the MEA or at an inter club event.*

- b) *We have an overall high point award which is calculated in the same way as previous years (see Rules of 2016 MEA Awards.doc) except that riders who attend non-competitive MEA-run events such as training days, protocol days, jump club or trail rides are awarded one point for each day of attendance. Furthermore, the high point score for any day of competition in any discipline is increased by one point so that first=8 points, second=7 points, third = 6 points, fourth = 5 points, fifth = 4 points and sixth = 3 points.*
- c) *In any discipline, more than one trophy can be awarded so long as there are enough competitors trying for that award.*
- d) *In any discipline points should only be awarded for open events. It should be fair for all. Therefore no points be awarded for restricted events such as pony classes or senior & junior classes.*
- e) *There should be a special award for juniors– the overall high point junior rider across all disciplines. This award would be calculated the same as for the overall open highpoint award but only riders under 18 years of age would be eligible. There will be no special awards for juniors within each of the disciplines.*
- f) *The awards given by each discipline are to be decided by a subcommittee representing that discipline. The subcommittees need to take into account the rules existing for the present awards as well as how they could be changed to make the award(s) fairer for the competitors in their discipline. For example, a dressage horse winning a competition with a score of 70% should receive more points than had it won at only 55%. Likewise, a dressage horse winning a higher level competition, say elementary, should receive more points than had it won a low level test such as a prep test. Each subcommittee is to report back to the next general committee meeting to outline how their award(s) will be determined. Anne-Marie to chair Show Jumping, Craig to chair Working Equitation and Sue Wallace to chair Dressage. Any MEA members who want to have a say in how the 2016-17 awards are to be determined within their discipline need to contact the respective chairs.*
- g) *At the 2016-17 annual awards, the committee should consider offering a life membership to a nominated present or past member who has given the MEA outstanding “life-long” service to the club.*
- h) *Recipients of Club Person Awards can be nominated by members and should be decided by the MEA committee.*

Moved Sue W, seconded Anne-Marie

2. Perpetual membership benefits for MEA Club Person Award winners

All recipients of Club Person Awards as well as past active executive members (President, Treasurer and Secretary) should remain on the MEA email list so they can be kept informed about the club. Suzie Frost, Sue Skerman and Mary Ann Mould were nominated. MEA members are asked to suggest others who should be on our email list.

Moved Sue W, seconded Craig

3. Winter Jump Club/WEQ rally days

These rallies have been very successful. They are well attended and the horses and riders enjoy the social outing. Thanks go to the organisers and those who help out with informal instruction at these events. There is some concern that riders forget to register before they saddle up. The rider fee of \$10 should be in an envelope with the rider's name written on the envelope. This must be dropped into the Jump Club “box” in the Clubhouse before the rider

saddles up. Also, all riders must be current members which means that you should have paid (\$40 single, \$50 family) this month which is the first month of this financial year.

The next Jump Club will be held at the Cooma Pony Club Grounds. It will be combined with an opportunity to practice games/sport...bending, barrels etc. Setup 9.00am. All welcome. All levels.

4. MEA 2016 Showjumping Competition

A subcommittee has formed and is planning to run the MEA Show Jumping Competition on 5th and 6th November 2016 (tbc). Anyone interested in joining this subcommittee or would like to be involved, please contact Anne-Marie or John Flower. Their first meeting will be at the Flower's home, 6.30pm Friday 12th August 2016, bring a dish (Pot Luck), RSVP John and Jacqui 0412 957 596. This competition can only run if most of the members of the MEA are involved in some way...helping on the day, chasing sponsors, etc etc. You do not need to know anything about show jumping to be a valuable helper.

5. September Protocol Day

The protocol day with Belinda Mackintosh will go ahead at the Cooma Pony Club Grounds 18th September. More information will be emailed/Facebooked closer to the event

6. October Dressage Competition

The dressage competition is scheduled to go ahead at the Cooma Show Grounds 16th October. More information will be emailed/Facebooked closer to the event. If you wish to be on the organising committee please contact Sue Wallace 0418 649 869.

7. October Gymkhana

Owing to all the other commitments on the MEA calendar the gymkhana has been cancelled

8. 2016-17 Grants Applications

The PA system has arrived and appears to be working. It will get its first real test run at the next Jump Club/Games rally, 21st August.
Show jumping subcommittee is interested in applying for a grant for jumps and a trailer.
Anne-Marie to investigate and report back.

9. MEA Calendar

Date	Event	Venue	Organiser
8 th May	Jump Club	Cooma Pony Club Grounds	Anne Marie Ladhams, Tanya Pointer,
22 nd May	Dressage Competition	JER	Sue Wallace, Jen Stockl, Belinda Macintosh
29 th May	STARCC	Equestrian Park, Canberra	Tuggeranong Adult Riding Club
19 th June	Jump Club/WEQ rally day	Cooma Ponyclub Grounds	Anne Marie Ladhams, Tanya Pointer/Craig Johnson
1 st July	MEA Dinner and Presentations (TBC)	Two Vaults Restaurant	Sue Wallace
17 th July	Jump Club	Cooma Ponyclub Grounds	Anne Marie Ladhams, Tanya Pointer,
21 st August	Jump Club/Sporting Games	Cooma Ponyclub Grounds	Anne Marie Ladhams, Tanya Pointer, Craig Johnson
18 th September	Dressage Protocol Day (TBC)	Cooma Ponyclub Grounds	Belinda Macintosh
16 th October	Dressage Competition	Cooma Showgrounds	Sue Wallace, Jen Stockl, Belinda Macintosh
5-6 th November	Showjumping Competition	Cooma Showgrounds	Sue West, Anne Marie Ladhams, John and Jackie Flower

10. General Business

Sue Wallace to send certificates of appreciation to our Dressage sponsors

Date for Next Meeting: 25th August, Royal Hotel (tbc)

Meeting Closed: 9.00pm