

State Dressage Authority

2020 Annual General Meeting - MINUTES

Date: Friday 24th July 2020

Time: 1904

Venue: 'Zoom' Meeting (Online)

Zoom Etiquette: Alison Hall addressed attendees on 'Zoom' etiquette.

Present - Sharni Radford (Chair), Bert Gibson (Vice Chair), Lydia Davis (Co-Secretary), Teresa Darcy (Co-Secretary), Alison Hall (Treasurer), Tania Hay, Sue Lamont, Judy Peel, Sandra Butorac, Kim Morrow, Sue McDermott, Karen Allen, Megan Whalley, Penelope Moore, Gillian Von Bertouch, Suanne Lawrence, Utah Gonsior, Madeleine Way, Heather Stewart, Amy Griffiths, Maryanne Smink, Claire Lester, Caitlin Radford, Linda Smink, Allannah Turner-Hodges, Judy Atkinson, Jordan Gale, Susie Davis, Jill Schwartz, Jamie Smith, Catherine Viney, Erica Clark.

- 1. Apologies** - Kerrie Swan-Bates, Leanne Moore, Suzanne Betts (DOP Chair), Annelise Britt, Jenny Hodder.
- 2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes:** Moved - Alison Hall Seconded - Caitlin Radford
- 3. Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

Strategic plan - draft plan ready for the new committee. Alison Hall and Sharni Radford have drafted together.

4. Chairpersons Report for 2019/2020

State Dressage Authority (SDA) Chairpersons Report 24.07.2020 - Report by Sharni Radford (Chair - SDA 2019/2020):

The 2019-2020 has been a season of extremes and I do not think anyone could have predicted the end! The season started with the new concept of an indoor Youth Winter Series. This competition was introduced to assist Interschools riders with their preparation for Nationals in Sydney and was also extended to cater for Senior riders heading to Dressage Nationals. It is hoped that it will be possible to hold a similar competition in September 2020. Thanks must go to Bert Gibson for co-ordinating this event and Northern Zone for officiating.

In September 2019, a new approach was introduced for the State Development Squad with riders required to meet several selection criteria and submit a written application for consideration. The aim of the DT Development Squad is to identify combinations that are committed to training and education to improve quality of riding and therefore the development and promotion of Dressage within Tasmania. There is a focus on Team culture, performance monitoring and commitment to improving performance and the sport through supporting local Zones. As the season was cut short, the existing squad has been invited to remain for the 2020- 2021 Season and an EOI has been sought for additional positions. Thank you, Bert Gibson and Sue

Lamont, for coordinating the selection process for both the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 squads. There are plans to revamp the Young Rider Squad for the 2020-2021 season.

The Australian Dressage Championships were held in Sydney in October. DT was represented by Michelle Milne riding

Wembleybrook Sergio (owned by Denise Sutcliffe) in the Pony Medium and Pony Advanced Championships and Caitlin Radford riding MS Cocktail (Big Dave) in the Open Novice Championship. Michelle had great success winning Reserve Champion Medium Pony.

After weeks of planning a successful Master Class with Brett Parbery was held at Woodend Equestrian Centre in November. Squad members were able to have lessons with Brett prior to the Master Class, with Brett then selecting horse and rider combinations for the Master Class. This was also a great opportunity for our Judges. Thanks again to Bert Gibson for co-ordinating with Brett and providing a wonderful venue.

In November I was fortunate to represent Dressage Tasmania at the annual Equestrian Australia Dressage Committee (EADC) meeting in Sydney.

In December four members headed to Victoria for the Dressage Festival held at Boneo. DT was well represented by Jamie Smith, Penelope More, Lydia Jackson and Mandy Parsons. Congratulations to these riders on their performances.

After twelve months of planning, the Tasmanian Dressage Championships were held at the Thirlstane Golf Club on the 29th February -1st March 2020. North West Zone hosted the championships and was well supported by the Northern Zone. Sharing a home with the Event Co-ordinator, Caitlin Radford I witnessed firsthand the countless hours that are required to organise such a large event. Caitlin was very well supported by a very hard-working Champs Committee. The ground improvements will be enjoyed by Members for years to come and I am aware that planning has commenced for more improvements.

The 2021 Tasmanian Dressage Championships will be hosted by Southern Zone at TEC on the 13th /14th March 2021. It is hoped that this event will alternate between the north and south of the state to share the workload. Who would have guessed that State Championships would be the last competition of the season! Congratulations to Judy Peel for being recognised as EA Coach of the Month for May.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Tania Hay from Southern Zone for organising the successful Training Days at TEC. It is great to see that these have recommenced, with strong support from riders. Tania's efforts have also been recognised being named Equestrian Australia Volunteer of the Month for June.

It is very pleasing to see that we had a number of new judges and existing judges and officials completing upgrades during the season. Congratulations to each of you as this is not a small undertaking.

Not for a moment did I ever expect to experience an event such as Covid-19 in my lifetime. I am sure that all our Members have been affected in some way. In recognition of this SDA has reduced Membership fees for all members by 20%, for those who re-join by the 31st August 2020.

Congratulations to all HOTY winners and runners up.

During the season I have sought the assistance of our State body – Equestrian Tasmania. Thanks to Tim Williams and Andrea Watson for your support and guidance. This committee unanimously supports the Equestrian Tasmania Board in the fight to have a fair and equitable restructure of Equestrian Australia (EA).

In closing I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing committee for their friendship, guidance and professionalism, and wish the incoming committee all the best for the 2020-2021 Dressage Season. Thanks also to Bert Gibson, Sue Lamont and Teresa Darcy who are not renominating. Their hard work is greatly appreciated.

Please continue to support your Zone and all the hard- working volunteers that give up their time for the benefit of us all.

Safe riding, Sharni Radford Chair, SDA

Accepted Unanimously

5. Treasurers Report for 2019/2020

Financial Reports received by all members who RSVP'd to the AGM.

Report from Alison Hall. Some loss from COVID-19 but not significant. Some incorrect allocation of funds which have been corrected (movement between accounts).

Sue McDermott - Query Re. ETas Sport and Rec funding to DTas. No funds yet received by DTas however this may happen after the ETas AGM to be held at a later date.

Insurance significantly high for this year.

Another \$7000 to come from SZ for Arena loan repayments. \$10000 owed to ETas for loan for arena at TEC.

Karen Allen query - in regard to monies carried forward - a formatting error when saving.

Sueanne Lawrence - query in regard to income in previous financial years - Ali Hall to look into.

6. Dressage Officials Panel Report 2019/2020

Report for Dressage Tasmania Annual General Meeting 24 July 2020

Details since the 2019 AGM

Since our last AGM Dressage Tasmania commenced another busy year for Dressage Education and Stewardingwe are now trying to adapt to a VERY different world.

Nonetheless there have been a number of excellent achievements and we thank our Judges and Officials for their dedication to the Sport.

Please note ... the Dressage Judge Education Panel has been renamed to the Dressage Officials Panel (DOP) to include Dressage Stewards. There is a move to do this Nationally as we all work together.

Summary:

Judges:

New:

We welcome Caitlin Radford as a 'G' Level Judge who is 'Fast Tracking' to 'E' Level as an FEI rider.

Upgrading:

Suzan McDermott has become an 'A' Level Judge, Judy Atkinson has become a 'B' level judge and Belinda Snooks has become a 'C' Level Judge.

Congratulations to them all ... LOTS of hard work and many trips interstate to complete their qualifications. Great to have more 'higher' level Judges in Tasmania!

Re-Accreditation:

The re-accreditation period has been extended by 12 months thus giving Judges an extra 12 months – to 31/12/21 – in which to meet their requirements.

For clarification there are a number of FAQs for Dressage Judges on the EA website that can be found here: <https://www.equestrian.org.au/content/i-am-dressage-judge-how-does-affect-me>

and here - <https://www.equestrian.org.au/content/general-faq-dressage-judge-re-accreditation>

Tenure of Upgrading Pre Requisites Extended:

In an effort to make the process easier for upgrading Judges in this time of crisis the Equestrian Australia Dressage Judges Committee (EADJC) has agreed to relax the 2 year restriction on all pre requisites from the date they were completed. This means that pre reqs completed in 2018 and 2019 will now have tenure of 3 years.

Seminars and Workshops:

Bernadette Gibson conducted a 'C' and 'D' Levels Seminar on 7 September in the North. There were 15 at the Seminar.

Some of the Attendees at the 7 September Seminar presented by Bernadette Gibson

Kerrie Swan-Bates conducted a 'E' and 'F' Levels Seminar on 28 September in Hobart. There was an attendance of 15 including Judges and Riders.

Masterclass Workshop with Brett Parbery:

Brett Parbery conducted a Masterclass at 'Woodend Equestrian Centre' on November 17th. He conducted a Squad Clinic on the previous 2 days and riders were selected from the Clinic to participate in the Masterclass to represent various levels and training. This was a Workshop for Judges but was also well attended by riders. Brett addressed the training scale, paces and many other aspects of judging and training. Brett talked about teamwork and everyone contributing to goals ... a most useful reflection. He was a most informative and entertaining presenter and we appreciated him visiting Tasmania so soon after his accident. Demo riders welcomed the opportunity to ride at the Clinic and Judges enjoyed participating in the Masterclass Workshop.

Kerrie Swan-Bates presented a Workshop in Hobart on the 'New Rules' in Hobart on 29 January. It was attended by 19 Judges and Riders and there was lively discussion! Who said Rules were boring?!!

Bert Gibson and Judy Peel had scheduled a 'New Rules' Workshop in the North for 22 March but it had to be cancelled due to Covid -19. There were a number of registrations.

Kerrie Swan-Bates had scheduled a C/D Seminar (with an E Component) for 9 May. A number of people had registered and Demo Riders organised but it also had to be cancelled.

Quite a few Tasmanian Judges have participated in the 'Zoom' Workshops including 'Stretch Circle' presented by Connie Bookless and 'Freestyle' presented by Ginny Creed. Using Zoom can incorporate looking at Powerpoint screens, video clips, doing a Quiz etc and we are looking into our Judge Educators also presenting in this format with the assistance of a facilitator to make it run smoothly.

Tasmanian Judges and Stewards have also been active Interstate and Overseas.

Dressage Stewarding:

Sue Lamont, Suzan McDermott and Suzanne Betts have assisted with Stewarding at various competitions.

Suzanne Betts acted as Chief Steward at the Tasmanian Dressage Championships and has also Stewarded at CDIs and other Competitions interstate.

Suzanne has completed and passed the FEI Steward's Exam and has also been accepted into the 2 day FEI Steward's Course in Sydney in October. Hopefully it will still proceed.

It is of concern that some Riders still do not display numbers on their horses when on the Competition grounds. Numbers are required when tied to the Float, in a yard, hand walking, lunging or grazing. The first offence is a warning ... the second a Yellow Card. This is a safety issue! I am sure we have all been at a ground when there's been a loose horse (horses) and people are rushing around trying to work out whose bay/chestnut/grey it is. Please note that the numbers must be on a white background (green if a stallion). The brass plates on halters are not acceptable. I have been asked to ensure that we comply with this rule. Looking forward to Competitions resuming!!

Suzanne Betts,

Chair - Dressage Officials Panel

on behalf of members of the Panel Bert Gibson, Kerrie Swan-Bates, Judy Peel, Sue Lamont and Belinda Snooks

11 July 2020

7. Declaration of 2020/2021 Committee Members

Vote count for 2020/2021 (In alphabetical order)

Lydia Davis
Tania Hay
Sue McDermott
Penelope Moore
Sharni Radford
Jamie Smith
Heather Stewart

2x extra:
Alison Hall
Suzanne Betts

Voting 1-10. Voting via email to Equestrian Tasmania (Andrea Watson) received votes and tallied. Andrea had membership list and cross checked memberships to votes. Votes were emailed to Bert and were unidentifiable. Bert Gibson tallied the votes which then gave the total votes and rankings and ratings. Totals of 55 points available to each applicant. Double checking was done with Sue Lamont. Very mindful of conflicts of interest. Transparency was guaranteed. After this meeting there will be a brief meeting amongst the newly elected committee members to decide on positions for the 2020/2021 year.

8. Notices of Motions

Nil Received

9. Annual Subscriptions for 2021/2022

Decrease of membership fees by 20% until the end of August.
Just over 155 members have re-joined as of 24th July 2020. Looking good in regard to income for DTas.

10. Honorariums

2015/2016 were put up to \$650.00 Per person (Chair, Secretary, Champs Co-ordinator, Treasurer, DOP chair). Keep the same for 2020/2021

Moved - Kim Morrow **Seconded** - Bert Gibson

11. State Development Squad 2020/2021

Bert Gibson - 2020/2021 Dressage Tasmania Development Squad:
Bert Gibson and Sue Lamont have gone through the new applications - large and involved process. Thank you for your time and effort. 2019/2020 Development Squad members were not able to benefit from the Squad due to the Covid-19 pandemic so a decision was made that all eligible squad combinations from 2019/2020 were invited to stay on the squad for 2020/2021 if they still met the criteria. Not all members from the 2019/2020 Development Squad were eligible for the 2020/2021 Squad so weren't carried through to the 2020/2021 Squad.

Dressage Tasmania Development Squad 2020/2021:

Lydia Davis (LBA China Hit)	Leanne Moore (Sheldene Benallen)
Susie Davis (LBA Amore)	Michelle Milne (Wembleybrook Sergio & Lambrook Legacy)
Penelope Moore (Her Royal Ruby)	Joanne Rhind (My Goodlookin Gal)
Caitlin Radford (MS Cocktail)	Ellie Smith (Berenburg Jagger)
Annelise Britt (Mr Shirvington)	Kerrie Swan Bates (Southern Lights)
Linda Smink (Clearview Francesca)	Simone James (Elladean Art Deco)
Jamie Smith (Double Espresso)	Amy Griffiths (Debussy)
Madeleine Way (Millawarra Florencia)	Claire Lester (Reearnahs Fine Design)
Katelyn Coniston (Will I Am B)	Jordan Gale (Leadburn Don Amour)

12. Presentation of POTY/HOTY awards 2019/2020

Lydia Davis and Alison Hall conducted the score and eligibility checks for the 2019/2020 Horse and Pony of the Year awards - another large and involved process. The winners are to be awarded an embroidered woollen rug (made by Dianne Ray-Luttrell at Remus Rugs) and the runners up and embroidered saddle cloth (from Horseland Devonport) (Embroidery all by Amanda Baker at Saddlesavers by Sandbeck). Congratulations to the following combinations for their achievements over the 2019/2020 season.

Preliminary POTY:

Champion PEC Barindale Grandeur (Chloe Daun)

Preliminary HOTY:

Champion Millawarra Florencia (Madeleine Way)
Res Champ Debussy (Amy Griffiths)

Novice POTY:

Champion Salient Park Dirty Harri (Tammy Wilson)

Novice HOTY:

Champion MS Cocktail (Caitlin Radford)
Res Champ Will I Am B (Katelyn Coniston)

Elementary POTY:

Champion Shipstern Allshow (Tania Hay)
Res Champ Elladean Art Deco (Simone James)

Elementary HOTY:

Champion Clearview Francesca (Linda Smink)
Res Champ Leadburn Don Amour (Jordan Gale)

Medium POTY:

Champion Sheldene Benallen (Leanne Moore)
Reg Champ Elladean Art Deco (Simone James)

Medium HOTY:

Champion Leadburn Don Amour (Jordan Gale)
Res Champ Her Royal Ruby (Penelope Moore)

Advanced POTY:

Champion Wembleybrook Sergio (Michelle Milne)

Advanced HOTY:

Champion Regensturm (Judy Peel)

Small Tour HOTY:

Champion Regensturm (Judy Peel)
Res Champ Southern Lights (Kerrie Swan Bates)

Big Tour HOTY:

Champion Sir Archiebald (Meegan Daun)

13. Any other Business

Zone reports:

Northern Zone -

Northern Zone Report 2019/2020

What a year!

Northern Branch began the year with an AGM where committee positions were filled, with regular meeting numbers being around 10 or more, which is testament to the great culture and camaraderie of the Zone.

The competition season commenced with the Youth Winter Series on 25 August and 1 September at Woodend Equestrian Centre (WEC) and finished unexpectedly short on Sunday, 9 February 2020 with our Chance for Advanced competition at the Thirlstane Grounds.

Northern Zone statistics:

Competition	Riders	Horses	Tests
12 & 13 October 2019 Seedhouse Season Opener	26	27	52
10 November 2019 Horseland Novice Knockout	44	47	90
15 December 2019 Makers Mark Elementary Extravaganza	36	37	68
12 January 2020 LET FEI High Point	47	50	96
9 February 2020 Saddleworld Chance for Advanced	39	42	82
April, May & June 2020 Comps were cancelled due to COVID-19			
TOTAL	192	203	388

Two well attended training days were held, one on 4 August at WEC and the other on 29 September at the Illawarra Road Indoor.

- 4/8/19 - 10 Horses and Riders, 11 Training sessions
- 29/9/19 - 12 Horses and Riders, 13 Training sessions
- Our March & Winter Training Days were cancelled due to COVID-19

Northern Zone assisted with the great work of the North West Zone in the organising and running of a successful 2020 State Dressage Championships at Thirlstane. This included combined working bees throughout the year to improve the grounds and get them ready for Champs.

Particular thanks must go to Claire Lester for her coordination, sourcing of sponsors and award scoring throughout the year. This has enabled us to offer awards / prizes at every competition. Our competition prizes included:

- Seedhouse sponsorship of high point awards at every competition (highest horse & pony scores, young rider & young horse, where applicable).

- TasRacing Off The Track sponsorship of high point awards for ASB Thoroughbreds and Standardbreds at every competition.
- Specific level award at most competitions.
- Attendance and performance at each competition going towards the Northern Branch Consistency Awards (northern members only).
- Young Rider attendance and performance at each Northern competition going towards the Clearview Performance Horses Young Rider High Point Awards at the end of the season (any DTas Young Rider member).

End of (sort of) season thanks must go to:

- Day Coordinators: Philippa Cassidy, Teresa Darcy, Maddie Evans, Molly Evans, Lydia Davis, Susie Davis, Kristy Challis, Christine Burleigh, Alana Fazackerley, Jena Brooks, Claire Lester, Megan Whalley & those who had planned to be: Maryann Smink, Annie McCaughey & Judy Harding.
- Scorers: Janet Frost and Julie Targett
- Draw: Julie Targett
- Arena Prep: Thirlstane Golf Club & Caitlin Radford
- Judge Coordinator: Judy Atkinson
- Helper Coordinator: Teresa Darcy
- Committee members, judges, sheet runners, caterers, pencilers, gear checkers, helpers & working bee expertise & muscle.

Thanks must also go to Bert Gibson, Andrew Wilson and Thirlstane Golf Club/North West Zone for allowing us use of their fantastic facilities throughout the year.

(Sorry if I've missed anyone – you know who you are so thank you!)

The *In the Zone* newsletter's has received good feedback throughout the year. The Zone looks forward to contributing to the state wide newsletter from August 2020.

The Northern Branch AGM is to be confirmed.

North West Zone -

North West Zone Report 2019/2020

Even though the 2019/2020 season got cut short the North West Dressage Zone still had a lot on! We were very proud to run a very successful State Championships alongside the Northern Zone on the 29th of February and the 1st of March. This was a group effort and we received great feedback from the interstate judges and the competitors. We wish the Southern Zone the best of luck for 2021 and we look forward to holding it again in 2022! We were only able to hold three competitions this year: October, November and January. As the others were cancelled due to weather or Covid-19. Even though the comps got cancelled this didn't stop us from having meetings and planning for the next season. We are hoping to put in a fourth arena, this has been approved, just have some more logistics to sort out! We would also be looking to put in two judges boxes for a start next to the middle two arenas. We are holding our AGM and Awards night on the 14th of August at the OZ Rock Inn 6.30pm. A NW Welcome Back Training day is being held on the 1st of August, contact Linda Smink for more information. We look forward to the fresh start with our first competition on the 25th of October, this will be a Pink competition to raise money for Breast Cancer.

Southern Zone -

Southern Zone Report 2019/2020

2019-2020 at Southern Zone started off as any other year, with good attendance at competitions and Training Days, at Tasmanian Equestrian Centre.

The function of SZ is to facilitate competitions. We have to share our grounds with other TEC users, and share in their workload as well, keeping the grounds trim, safe and functional.

We keep our committee to a workable number. Every member has at least one ongoing role.

This means we have a representative on the TEC board, who reports back to us. Our next combined maintenance effort will be to plant 100 trees.

As well as planting trees, in the past year we have cut trees down, keeping riders and horses safe from dangerous trees or limbs.

On some days we share the grounds with Show Jumping, which makes for an interesting day for all.

Arena Business:

New Arena Four is riding very well. "Old A4" (We have yet to decide on permanent numbers) is almost ready for recommissioning. This has been an ongoing saga which is best not revisited. Suffice to say we will be in a healthy position to close A1 when the time is right, to make necessary improvements there.

Fundraising:

Is always at top of our agenda. We always have projects on the go. Chocolates, quiz night, a monthly raffle, have all contributed to our coffers. Consequently, our commitment to regular loan repayments for new A4 has not been compromised.

We have money set aside for the purchase of scoring tablets, but this is on hold because of the current state of Public Health.

In 2019 we did take the plunge into paperless scoring, with expert help from Nominate. As many of our regular volunteers are of "retirement age", we handled the changeover in a very supportive way, with great results.

Earlier this year we had a sudden offer of a shipping container, for storage use. It was well timed, after summer break-ins to our old trailer.

Year 2020 has been challenging in so many ways, for everyone. As soon as it was practicable we started offering fortnightly Training Days at TEC. They have been tricky to manage and still be "Covid safe", but have been well worth the effort, in the long run. We have been able to keep our heads above water. Many thanks to Tania Hay for her energy and organisational skills.

Champs:

In the "current climate" Champs 2021 will be a champs like no other! Committee is forming, and planning is under way. Sponsorship will be the biggest challenge, we think.

Best of luck to the incoming SDA committee. Sincerely,
Jenny Hodder
SZ Chair.

Grant application on behalf of zones has been submitted by Alison Hall for 4x tablets and leftover monies for hand sanitiser etc.

14. Meeting Closed - 2007 on 24th July 2020