

Eurobodalla Dressage Club

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on 8th September 2020 at the Waterfront Hotel, Moruya



Meeting opened at 6.45 pm

Attendance: Irene Adams, Fran Sanders, Megan Gandy, Maggie Brennan, Emma Lipscombe, Yvette Sahpazidis, Sue Berry, K A Whyte, Cathy Smith, Hetty Munda

Apologies: Robyn Lyttle

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2020.

Drought, Bush fires, Covid19 and Floods. Is there anything else left for us to experience in 2020?

My overview of our Dressage Club's activities will not be very extensive, for the obvious reason, that there haven't been many to report.

We began 2020 with the worst bushfires seen on the south coast in living memory. Quite a number of our members were affected by the fires, from losing a few fences to complete loss of their homes and property and injury to their beloved horses. Smoke for more than 8 weeks also took its toll on horses and owners.

Armidale Dressage Club contacted us in January, offering us the takings of their February competition to be gifted to our members who had been impacted by the fires. Their competition was then washed out by flooding, but they still sent a donation of \$1000, which our club matched. \$2000 was donated to these members, based on how much loss they had sustained. This was in the form of Gift Vouchers from local suppliers, so supported our local businesses.

Our March competition went ahead, squeezing in just before Covid 19 shut downs began. It was an enjoyable and successful day, but sadly we hope it will not be our only competition for this year.

In June we staged a successful and well attended Protocol day at Camelot, with Hetty judging and providing valuable feed back to the 14 participants. The comments following the day were very positive, with requests for further Protocol days.

Another competition was organised for August, but had to be cancelled due to predicted flooding.

Our September competition was eagerly awaited and the draw had been completed when we had to cancel it, as new Covid-19 Guidelines released by the NSW Health Commission made it impossible to run the competition and meet the guidelines.

Although we have no idea what restrictions will apply when we reach November, we are very hopeful of being able to run our November Championships, but perhaps just as a Club competition day. This is still to be decided.

We have managed to have club meetings monthly except for April and May. We met in the homes of Sue Berry and KA for our June to August meetings. Many thanks for your hospitality and providing very pleasant venues for these meetings, Sue and KA.

On the brighter side, Hetty applied for, and was successful in receiving two grants, both from Equestrian NSW. One (the Covid19 Recovery Project Funding) for \$1400 will be used for training for our members and the second (the Grass Roots Sports Funds) will cover the \$1000 donated to our fire affected members.

I would like to acknowledge and thank our members. Megan Gandy, our Vice President is my support person and also helps Irene with events coordination. To Hetty, for all the hard work involved in being Secretary (and for helping Sue with the draw), to Irene, our wonderful Treasurer who keeps the finances in order and coordinates all our events, to Sue Berry, for doing the draw for each competition, working with the Global Entries Online Platform, Cathy Smith for her dedication to the difficult job of finding judges for our competition and to all our committee members for their attendance at our meetings and valuable contribution to the running of the club.

We also have many volunteers who always help tirelessly with the tasks needed to run each competition. Working all day in the “Office”, scorers, Corrinne Olive and Tricia Afflick get all the results collated and places allocated, and Jane Lowth who has given years of dedication to the essential gear check before each rider enters the Arena.

Our 2019 Christmas party was held at the Waterside Hotel and was enjoyed by many members and friends.

The Four Club Challenge, with MEA club (Cooma), Bemboka Show society, Far South Coast Dressage Club and our club was unable to be staged this year, but we look forward to participating in 2021.

Our bank Balance is very healthy and will be in good shape when we do get back to normal competition.

This year I will be stepping down as President of our club, but I will still be there to give a hand where ever I can, and hopefully even compete. I look forward to another year of continued growth, happy and improving horses and riders and the fun and fellowship that being part of EDA provides.

Thank you all for the support you have given me in my role as President over the years. I wish the new President all the best, and I know you will give her all the support and encouragement I have been so fortunate to have received from you all.

Fran Sanders

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	<p>Event Coordinator: Irene Adams/Megan Gandy Re-elected unopposed</p> <p>Point Score: Megan Gandy Re-elected unopposed</p> <p>Competition Scorers: Corinne Olive, Tricia Afflick & Jane Knuckey Re-elected unopposed</p> <p>Working Committee: Ann Behringer, Jeff Adams, Cathy Smith, Mandy DeLatorre, Megan Gandy, Hetty Munda,</p> <p>Moved by: Megan Gandy that the above elections be accepted.</p> <p>Seconded: Fran Sanders</p> <p>Carried: All</p>		
<p>The Annual General Meeting of 8th September 2020 was closed at 7.05 pm following the election of Officers and the normal monthly meeting was held. Newly elected President Cathy Smith took the Chair.</p>			
		ACTION	BY
<p>1.</p>	<p>Minutes from the previous Meeting of 11th August were tabled:</p> <p>Moved by K A Whyte that the Minutes be accepted.</p> <p>Seconded: Sue Berry</p> <p>Carried: All</p>		
<p>2.</p>	<p>Treasurer's Report:</p> <p>Irene Adams presented the Statement of Income and Expenditure for the months of July and August which showed a final balance of \$9,032.65. Income included membership of \$537.79 and the grant from Equestrian NSW of \$1,000.00. Expenditure included membership of Equestrian Australia of \$1,066.00 and Dressage NSW membership of \$227.00.</p> <p>Moved: Megan Gandy that this Report be accepted.</p> <p>Seconded: Emma Lipscombe</p> <p>Carried: All</p>		

<p>3.</p>	<p>Correspondence In/Out:</p> <p>In:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email from Equestrian NSW advising that our grant application of \$1,400 had been successful. This money will be used to fund a training clinic for our members. • Request from Dressage NSW to fill in a 2021 Cub Forum questionnaire. The questionnaire sought our thoughts on what this Forum should look like, what topics should be covered and our enthusiasm about coming together to discuss what will most definitely be a different future. Hetty advised that this had been completed and sent in. • Email from Sport NSW regarding recommendations for community sport from NSW Health • Email from Equestrian Fire Relief Australia (set up through Australian Sports Foundation) advising that they had received international donations aimed at supporting the relief and recovery of the Australian equestrian community. This group will assist in the distribution of these funds through grants, and applications will be open from 1st to 30th September. These details were sent out to all members. • Email from Equestrian NSW re Equestrian Australia Constitution Changes. <p>Out: NIL</p> <p>Moved by: Cathy Smith that Correspondence In be accepted. Seconded: K A Whyte Carried: All</p>		
<p>4.</p>	<p>Matters arising from August Minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conditions of Entry – Sue Berry to look at this and put it on Global to ensure that one rider can only bring two horses to our competitions. Hetty to locate old Conditions of Entry. • Fran Sanders raised the question of whether we should give life membership to deserving 	<p>Conditions of entry</p>	<p>HM/SB</p>

	<p>club members. To be further discussed at the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hetty advised that as our Protocol Day was also washed out, she would look to organising another Protocol Day before our Championship Day in November. 	Life Membership	C'tee
5.	<p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussions were held as to whether we should have both Closed Restricted and Open Competitive classes for our November competition. This will depend on the level of judges who will attend. However, our November comp would not be termed as a Championship Day, but small prizes will be allocated. We would also include the 5-Club Challenge tests. Hetty to look at organising a Protocol Day early in November at a cost of \$20.00 per rider. Margaret Forster has advised that she would be happy to be the Judge on the day. As we do not have an ABN number we are restricted from applying from Grants available outside of Equestrian Australia and Dressage NSW. Emma Lipscombe volunteered to apply for an ABN, and Sue Berry to assist with required information. <p>Moved by: Hetty Munda that New Business be accepted. Seconded: Fran Sanders Carried: All</p>	<p>2020 championship</p> <p>Protocol Day</p> <p>ABN number</p>	<p>CS</p> <p>HM</p> <p>EL/SB</p>
	<p>Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th October 2019 at a venue to be advised commencing at 6.30 pm. Meeting closed 7.45 pm</p>		