

Eurobodalla Dressage Club

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on 6th September 2022 at the Moruya Golf Club, Moruya



Meeting opened at 6.30 pm

Attendance: Cathy Smith, Hetty Munda, Amanda Bortolazzo, Megan Gandy, K A Whyte, Emma Lipscombe, Karene Wright

Apologies: Sue Berry, Fran Sanders

PRESIDENTS REPORT FOR 2022

2022 has been yet another tumultuous year for our dressage club with the weather rather than COVID. Our March competition was rained out and our August competition was fraught with issues, however it was the weather yet again that caused the cancellation. We continue to have some ongoing issues with clashes of competition dates with the football club. This is something that the committee is addressing with the prospect of changing our dates in 2023 to ensure that there are no future conflicts.

Dressage NSW has been heavily involved with all equestrian clubs throughout the State with respect to the implementation of online Risk assessments and educating clubs on better competition management with respect to safety and risk minimisation. There is now a dedicated link within DNSW website allowing access to online Risk assessments which enables clubs to submit an incident form on the day direct to DNSW.

Like many other regional dressage clubs we are experiencing problems with obtaining accredited judges and to date our only competition for the year has been official but with the prospect that we will only be able to run one official competition per year. Let's hope 2023 will be better weather wise and we will be able to run a complete year of 4-5 competitions.

I would like to thank the unsung heroes of our club who attend all of the monthly meetings and who work tirelessly at our competitions.

Of particular note I would like to thank- Hetty Munda- our Secretary for whom the club would not function or get grant money which helps run Protocol days and club days.

Irene Adams- our Treasurer who balances our budget and pays our accounts. Who with Jeff assists with putting up our arenas and who is an integral part of our competition days.

Sue Berry- the guru of Draws and managing Global.

Megan Gandy- Vice President who ensures our competitors have beautiful ribbons, and who ensures our judges and volunteers are fed.

To all of our other workers and volunteers who help us on the day erecting arenas, doing our scoring, checking the gear, pencilling, posting pictures on Facebook and providing general support, a huge thank you.

To our judges who agree to attend our days, some of whom travel to help us out, thanks.

To our riders, their support people and family, thanks for attending our competitions and being a member of our club- without our riders we would not have a club.

Good luck to all in the coming 2 competitions for the rest of 2022 and let's look forward to 2023

1. **Treasurer's Annual Report – tabled**

Balance as at 30 th June 2022	\$9,770.50
Total Income 2021	\$8,000.58

Moved by: Cathy Smith that the Annual Treasure's Report be accepted.
Seconded: Megan Gandy
Carried: All

2. **Election of Officers**

All Office Bearers stood down and Cathy Smith presided over the election of Office Bearers. The following were re-elected:

President:	Cathy Smith	Re-elected unopposed
Vice President:	Megan Gandy	Re-elected unopposed
Secretary:	Hetty Munda	Re-elected unopposed
Treasurer:	Irene Adams	Re-elected unopposed
Publicity Officer:	Emma Lipscombe	Re-elected unopposed
Judges Coordinator:	Cathy Smith	Re-elected unopposed
Website Co-ordinator:	Amanda Bortolazzo	Re-elected unopposed
Facebook Co-ordinator:	Emma Lipscombe	Re-elected unopposed

	<p>Draw: Sue Berry/Hetty Munda Re-elected unopposed</p> <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/ Re-elected unopposed Tricia Afflick Sue Berry</p> <p>Working Committee: Ann Behringer, Jeff Adams, Cathy Smith, Emma Lipscombe, Mandy DeLatorre, Megan Gandy, Hetty Munda, Gerri Richard, Karene Wright</p> <p>Moved by: Hetty Munda that the above elections be accepted.</p> <p>Seconded: Megan Gandy</p> <p>Carried: All</p>		
	<p>The annual General Meeting of 6th September 2022 was closed at 6.45 pm following the election of Officers and the normal monthly meeting was held. Re-elected President Cathy Smith took the Chair.</p>		
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1.	<p>Minutes from the previous Meeting of 9 August were tabled:</p> <p>Moved by Cathy Smith that the Minutes be accepted.</p> <p>Seconded: Megan Gandy</p> <p>Carried: All</p>		
2.	<p>Treasurer's Report:</p> <p>Irene Adams tabled the Treasurer's Report for the months of July/August 2022, which showed a balance of \$9,298.18.</p> <p>Moved: Megan Gandy that the Treasurer's Report be accepted.</p> <p>Seconded: Cathy Smith</p> <p>Carried: All</p>		

3.	<p>Correspondence In:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email from Scott Walker, Facilities Booking Officer, ESC, regarding the needs of the our club, Moruya Sharks JRLFC and Moruya Sharks RLFC all competing on the same day. • Email from DNSW regarding their decision to wind back ‘club level’ events at Clarendon by the end of 2022. Following investigations the group reluctantly but unanimously determined that monthly Clarendon events were not sustainable for DNSW and should no longer take priority over the development of the sport in NSW. • ENSW Education newsletter from Vireena Peacock. • Copy of a letter from Pip Collins, Judges Co-ordinator FSCDA, asking for judges for their 2022 championships. • Email from Mary Houghton, DNSW, confirming acceptance of our change of date in November to 20th November to avoid clash with Canberra Classics. <p>Correspondence Out: Nil</p> <p>Moved by: Hetty Munda that Correspondence Int be accepted. Seconded: Amanda Bortolazo Carried: All</p>		
4.	<p>Matters arising from Previous Minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life membership – pending • Email re medallions – Hetty to apply in October. 	<p>Life Membership</p> <p>Medallions</p>	<p>C'tee</p> <p>HM</p>

5.	<p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was decided that to avoid conflict with football games we will change our 2023 dates to: 12th March 21st May 17th September 29th October (this is our rainy day date in case one of the previous days are rained out and would be CR only) 26th November (championship day). <p>Irene to advise Council and ask they advise the relevant football clubs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cathy Smith advised that she has been able to book three judges for our September competition, being D, F and G level Judges Email (following) from Sue Berry with suggestions how the Club could progress. <p>“Instead of having 4 "official" EA type events at the Showground with three arenas and trying to run OC let's consider some other options.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For example, we could offer 2 events at the Showground - one at the beginning of the year and one at the end (October/November) so that we avoid football clashes etc. with the normal 3 arenas and full gamut of tests in the middle part of the year perhaps run 'club days' at a single arena (mine, Camelot or Southwind) . Warm up is a problem at Robyn's but perhaps that can be addressed by them with a slashed paddock area etc. This option allows events to go ahead in bad weather too. . At these "club days" we offer prep/prelim one time and Novice and above another time (could either be a week apart or even over a weekend??) At these events people print off their own test to give to the judge - we could still calculate the scores and placings etc. but this would save Irene having to have tests printed for all judges etc. It could then be the competitors responsibility to collect their test after their ride from the penciller and give to the scoring team? Lots of options available I think and I'm sure others will have some good suggestions. <p>I think by doing this we take pressure off the committee a little. We could still run them</p>		
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	<p>under EA rules so that we are covered for insurance. Not sure how many events we are allowed per year under our insurance but Irene will know. “</p> <p>The above was discussed but it was felt that there would be too much pressure on volunteers and that we should continue with competitions at the Moruya Showground.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irene received a call from Patrick Jeffrey advising that the jump club are proposing to extend the sand arena and are looking for support from equestrian groups (not financial) in their application to Council. It was felt that at this stage our club would not support this request. • Riders are reminded on the following EA warm up time rule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) a maximum duration of pre-competition warm-up or training of one hour is the standard; riders require permission from the Chief Steward (which will be granted only in exceptional circumstances) to extend a training session beyond one hour. The warm-up or training session must include relaxation periods, they do not include walking on a loose rein, to or from stables, or for exercise prior to or post warmup. Riders are also reminded that post-test repetition of movements may not exceed 10 minutes <p>Moved by: Hetty Munda that New Business be accepted. Seconded: Irene Adams Carried: All</p>		
	<p>Next Meeting:</p> <p>Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th October 2022 at the Moruya Golf Club, Moruya commencing at 6.30 pm. Meeting closed 8.00 pm</p>		