



Eurobodalla Dressage Club

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on 12th September 2023 at the Moruya Golf Club, Moruya

Meeting opened at 6.30 pm

Attendance: Cathy Smith, Megan Gandy, K A Whyte, Sue Berry, Irene Adams, Maggie Brennan, Rebecca O'Brien, Pauline Stuart-Fox, Robbie Lyttle, Amanda De Latorre

Apologies: Hetty Munda

PRESIDENTS REPORT FOR 2023

2023 has certainly proceeded much better weather-wise than 2022. To start we had our 2022 Championships in March which went well. Congratulations to all of our competitors on that day and congratulations to our place getters. The rest of the competitions to date have gone on without a hitch and without clashes with the football club. Moving our June competition to May and changing the time for our next competition to September has worked out well.

This year we have seen a decrease in the number of competitors and for the last couple of years we have only been running 2 arenas. Initially it was thought to be a slow reintroduction due to COVID, however this trend has continued on our subsequent days. Hopefully we will continue to see consistent numbers in the future.

There have been a few changes within Dressage generally this year- Firstly Pamela Bice has resigned as our Area Representative and Christian Trainor has now taken the reins. We wish him well in that role and I am sure we will reach out to him from time to time for assistance with DNSW and EA. Secondly- there have been a number of changes to some EA practices one of these being WWC- committee members as well as judges and volunteers working on the day of competitions now have to submit Working With Children certificate to EA, from my perspective the committee will comply with this and we already have a number of committee members with this certificate.

Thirdly, as of January 2024 accredited Stewards must be present on the ground at all official competitions. As the committee has discussed and raised at EA through our representative we foresee this will likely be the end of official competitions for our club on a regular basis. I recently attended a Zoom meeting with EA and although the speaker mentioned that the course was not onerous, the expectation of the course conveners was such that it would require significant dedication and expense to qualify. Given there is only around 30-35 accredited stewards in

NSW it means that possibly smaller clubs will sacrifice official competitions and riders will have to travel to larger competitions in order to meet state qualification requirements.

As a suggestion to all competitors EA has a rule book- it sets out guidelines on all aspects of our sport including equipment, attire, how long you can warm up for, how to present to the judge at competition, when to see the gear steward, and course errors etc. Please glance over it, be familiar with aspects of it, because at the end of the day we want everyone to have fun.

Lastly, our fantastic secretary Hetty lost her beloved 4 legged friend Khossie. We all have very fond memories of seeing Hetty and Khossie riding many times on our days. I know Hetty misses him dearly but all of us in the club miss seeing the wonderful team they made out there on the showground. However, Hetty is a constant presence at all of our days and we appreciate her input and support for many of our riders.

As a side note, thank you to Hetty and Robbie Lyttle for introducing Prix Caprilli to our September day. I hope to see more riders giving it a go at our competitions next year, I am sure it is something we will continue in the future.

Now to the thank you's.

Thank you to my dedicated core committee- Irene Adams, Sue Berry, Megan Gandy and Hetty Munda. To Emma Lipscombe for managing Facebook postings and being photographer, Amanda Bortollazo for updating the Web page, Jeff Adams and his team of boys setting up the Arenas, Gerry Richards for being our tireless gear checker and our 2 scorers Corrinne Olive and Trish Afflick for working their magic on the calculators.

As our 2023 Championships quickly approach I hope that everyone is making the most of the lovely weather and getting out riding. Good luck and look forward to the next 12 months.

1	<p>Treasurer's Annual Report – tabled</p> <table><tr><td>Balance as at 30 th June 2023</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$7,697.61</td></tr><tr><td>Total Income 2022</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$7,242.90</td></tr><tr><td>Expenditure</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$9,315.79</td></tr></table> <p>Moved by: Sue Berry that the Annual Treasure's Report be accepted. Seconded: Pauline Stuart-Fox Carried: All</p>	Balance as at 30 th June 2023	\$7,697.61	Total Income 2022	\$7,242.90	Expenditure	\$9,315.79
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2	<p><u>Election of Officers</u></p> <p>All Office Bearers stood down and Cathy Smith presided over the election of Office Bearers. The following were re-elected:</p> <p>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 (if still willing) Website Assistant: Mark Berry Moved: Sue Berry, Seconded Cathy Smith - Carried Facebook Co-ordinator: Emma Lipscombe Re-elected unopposed Draw: Sue Berry/Hetty Munda Re-elected unopposed Event Coordinator: Irene Adams/Megan Gandy Re-elected unopposed Point Score: Megan Gandy Re-elected unopposed 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, Rebecca O’Brien, Pauline Stuart-Fox, Karen-Anne Whyte, Robbie Lyttle, Amanda DeLatorre</p> <p>Moved by: KA Whyte moved that the above elections be accepted. Seconded: Megan Gandy Carried: All</p>
	<p>The annual General Meeting of 12th September 2023 was closed at 6.55 pm following the election of Officers and the normal monthly meeting was held. Re-elected President Cathy Smith took the Chair.</p>

	General Meeting 12th September 2023 at Moruya Golf Club		
	Attendance (as per AGM)		
1.	Minutes from the previous Meeting of 8 August were tabled. Moved by: Irene Adams that the Minutes be accepted. Seconded: Sue Berry Carried: All		
2.	Treasurer's Report: NIL.		
3.	Correspondence in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email from ENSW re a clubs forum zoom session to be held on the 10 th October. Topics to be covered will include the new strategic plan, an update on the EA reform process and discussion on new requirements for stewards at events from January 1. Also the new Safety App now available. (and already used by Cathy at our last event. Cathy is hoping to attend and the committee hopes that Hetty will also be able to sit in on this meeting. • An explanation was tabled from Pip Collins re the different levels of competition and the group had a general discussion re how confusing this can be. The committee basically confirmed that we will be limited to Closed Restricted only in most instances due to the scarcity of judges and also the upcoming requirement for an accredited Steward to be present when holding Open Competitive competitions. <p>Correspondence Out: NIL</p> <p>Moved by: Sue Berry moved that Correspondence In be accepted. Seconded: KA Whyte Carried: All</p>		

