

Minutes



N.Z. EQUESTRIAN PLEASURE SOCIETY

Annual General Meeting

Date: Sunday 4 July 2021

Time: 11:00am – 1:00pm

Location: Kelly Aikens place in Bulls and via zoom

Attendees: Leeanne Morrison (Chair), Kelly Aiken, Tamara Savage, Heather Shore, Dawn Runtle, Jennifer Bailey, Libby Macdonald (Minutes), Tina McCormick, Kate Drummond, Tania Simmons

Apologies: Karen Walker, Hayley Perkins, Kirsty C, Brooke, Rebecka Slaven, Dee Dewhurst, Di Reid

The Meeting started at 11:00am

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting	
1.	<p><u>Confirmation of agenda and previous meeting minutes</u></p> <p>Minutes of the last AGM were moved by Leeanne and seconded by Tamara.</p>
2.	<p><u>Chairpersons Report - Leeanne</u></p> <p>This year was one we will remember as being a year for many challenges. Covid19 has taught us all the need to not take our freedoms for granted.</p> <p>The cancelation of many shows left us with the concerns for riders meeting the required qualifications for HOY so we came up with the application and the level 1 2 and 3 system. We had 15 horses entered all met the full qualification. Ponies 13 entered 7 fully qualified 6 level 2. The competition was looking good then covid19 again gave us a curve ball and HOY was cancelled.</p> <p>We endeavoured to give our riders a show to celebrate their successes with the champion of champions show. This was attended by a number of those who would have ridden at HOY and was a great day.</p> <p>Here's to a less stressful season ahead.</p> <p>Leeanne Morrison (President/Chairperson NZ Equestrian Pleasure Society)</p>
3.	<p><u>Treasurers Report – Kelly Aiken</u></p> <p>Opening balance 31/05/2020: \$5332.91 Closing balance: \$4212.38</p> <p>The treasurers report was moved by Kelly Aiken and 2nd by Heather Shore</p>
4.	<p><u>NZEPS Show (Foxton Racecourse) – Leeanne Morrison</u></p> <p>Total takings for ribbon day plus donation from the Simmons family of \$100, totalled \$3253.90</p> <p>Expenses for the show were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- \$131 online fee to Main Events- \$768 to Foxton RC- \$703 ribbons- \$560 judges' gifts- \$200 for garlands



	<p>– \$50 to be paid to Leeanne for prizes</p> <p>This left a total profit of \$841</p> <p><i>Leeanne moved that she be reimbursed \$50 for the prizes that she bought; this was seconded by Tamara.</i></p>	
5.	<p><u>Membership report – Tamara</u></p> <p>For the 2020/2021 season we had 47 new memberships and 60 horses. In addition, we carried over the memberships from the previous season, which gave us a total of 165 members and 170 horses for 2020/2021.</p> <p>For 2021/2022 season we have already received 11 new memberships and have had 9 horses registered.</p> <p>In total since the 2015/2016 season, we have had 440 members and 496 horses register.</p> <p>Tamara proposed a logo'd membership sticker similar to that of the NZ Hanoverian society. The committee agreed with this idea. Tamara will get some costings together.</p> <p>ACTION: Tamara to get costings for the membership stickers/pens.</p>	
6.	<p><u>Committee Elections</u></p> <p>Kirsty Clyma and Kirsty Johnston and Brooke Malone have stood down from the committee this season, Leeanne thanked them on behalf of the committee for their service to the society.</p>	
	<p>Elected Officers 2021/2022:</p>	
	<p>President/Chairperson – Leeanne Morrison</p>	<p>Nominated by Tamara 2nd by Libby</p>
	<p>Vice President– Tamara Savage</p>	<p>Nominated by Leeanne 2nd by Libby</p>
	<p>Secretary - Libby Macdonald</p>	<p>Nominated by Leeanne 2nd by Tamara</p>
	<p>Treasurer – Kelly Aiken</p>	<p>Nominated by Leeanne 2nd by Heather</p>
	<p>Committee Officers:</p> <p>Heather Shore, Tania Simmons, Tina McCormick, Jennifer Bailey, Dawn Runtle, Dee Dewhurst, Rebecka Slaven, Karen Walker, Hayley Perkins, Kate Drummond, Kelly Aiken, Di Reid</p>	
	<p>Other roles and responsibilities:</p>	
	<p>Memberships – Tamara Savage</p> <p>Show Affiliation – Leeanne Morrison</p> <p>HOY convenors - Leeanne Morrison & Heather Shore</p> <p>Website administration and dispensation requests – Libby Macdonald</p> <p>Merchandise – Tina McCormick</p>	
7.	<p><u>Fees for 2021/2022</u></p>	



	<p>A vote was made in favour of a fees increase to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$30 per member• \$20 per horse <p>Highpoints entry remains at \$10</p>
8.	<p><u>Rules changes/additions</u></p> <p>Use of illegal gear at a show (outside of the show ring)</p> <p>A rider enquiry was made to Leeanne regarding whether it is deemed ok by the society to use illegal gear to warm-up horses and ponies prior to pleasure classes commencing.</p> <p>It was acknowledged that often pleasure horses and ponies will be used in other disciplines at a show that requires other gear to be used.</p> <p>The committee discussed this scenario and decided that to use illegal gear at a show directly prior to pleasure classes (i.e. in warm up or in holding) does not fit with the original principals of the Pleasure horse/pony society in that a horse should be an uncomplicated and genuine pleasure to ride. There-fore it was decided that a rule would be made that states that a rider must not present to the pleasure rings directly before a class or in warm up or holding areas in illegal gear.</p> <p>Adherence to the new rule relies on a system of trust and that members/riders have read and understand the rules and act with integrity.</p> <p>Judges who also coach</p> <p>A new rule will be added like that of the RAS, that Judges should not judge a person they have coached in the last 3months.</p> <p>ACTION: Leeanne to come up with the wording for these two new rules.</p>
	<p>The Annual General Meeting of the NZ Equestrian Pleasure society concluded at 11:53am and a general meeting commenced at 11:54am</p>
	<p>Minutes of the general meeting</p>
1.	<p><u>Dispensations</u></p> <p>Out of 5 enquiries received, 2 have been granted.</p>
2.	<p><u>NZEPS Show (ribbon day)</u></p> <p>All were in favour of holding this show again this season. It was agreed that for this season there would be no champ-of-champs but that we still should pay homage to Melda Gibson in some way.</p>
3.	<p><u>Horse of the Year (HOY) Show</u></p>

	<p>Qualification criteria is to remain the same for this season, but a clause will be added to publicised information about qualification criteria which allows the committee to make changes to the criteria in unforeseen circumstances e.g. COVID restrictions Tania to sort wording for the clause</p> <p>HOY Judges Hoy have requested that The Royal agricultural society (RAS) supply all the showing judges for the HOY show showing sections including affiliated society's i.e. breeds & pleasure. Leeanne has pushed back on this as the section needs pleasure specialist judges so that she has negotiated that for the HOY show NZEPS will supply 2 and the RAS will supply 2 judges. It was also requested that if it comes down to a tie the pleasure judge would have the final call.</p> <p>The committee voted in favour of asking Clayton Stevens and one other South Island based judge to judge the HOY22 show pleasure section.</p> <p>ACTION: Leeanne to make enquiries with Clayton Stevens and one other South Island based judge with regards to judging the HOY 2022 show pleasure section.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p><u>Yellow-card system</u> The committee voted against the a yellow-card system at this present time as there was deemed to be no significant need.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><u>Highpoints - Dawn</u> A simplified version of the high points competition will resume this season. Dawn is working out the details of how this will run. It will most likely involve something along the lines of riders sending in their results/points post-show and those points being loaded into a spreadsheet. It was decided that there will only be a competition for the show pleasure category and there will be no recreational or in-hand category this season. It was also decided that only points gained at affiliated shows would count.</p> <p>There was some additional discussion around the addition of prizes awarded at the end of the season for e.g. most turnout points etc, this is yet to be determined.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><u>Merchandise – Tina McCormick</u> Rather than take orders through-out the season it was agreed that we will do one order at a set time.</p> <p><i>Note: this might change with the addition of an online payments page on our new website (see item 7)</i></p>
<p>7.</p>	<p><u>Website upgrade - Libby</u> The committee approved a proposal from Libby for a revamped website. The issues with the current website are that it doesn't have its own URL domain name, it has limited functionality and is very difficult to administer and update.</p>



A new website would have its own domain name (.org.nz), have more functionality including a payments online feature for subs, and be easier to administer and update.

It was decided that we do not need to re-design the logo at the same time, and that the current logo design would be used on our new site, although a higher-grade file will be needed for the site.

The committee agreed to commit budget for ongoing annual hosting fees (detailed below).

Libby has commissioned the services of Ashleigh Kendall Creative for this work and her proposed estimated costs for this work are broken down as follows:

- Website build and logo design package - \$470 (*noted that logo upgrade is not approved*)
- Website hosting (hosting for one year includes URL and accept online payments) - \$288

Payments online considerations (below) noted:

- Membership for all committee members is free – can we have a code or work-a-round?
- Credit card payment surcharges are not to be the responsibility of the society

ACTION: Libby to work with Ashleigh towards a launch date of the 31 July 2022 to coincide with annual membership renewal.

The general meeting finished at 12:47pm