

## Summary of Business of the meeting of the National Carriage Driving Committee (NCDC) Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016

### **Election of Chair**

Dot Willcoxson was nominated for the position of Chair. No other nominations were received. Dot was unanimously elected the Chair of the NCDC for a 2 year period.

### **EA & ACDS Relationship**

Discussion was held re the opportunity to have EA & the ACDS in a co-operative management of the sport in AUS. A meeting will be arranged so both parties can discuss where the sport of Carriage Driving is moving to in AUS.

### **Calendar for EA & ACDS Events**

The NCDC feel it would be beneficial to co-ordinate all carriage driving events, both FEI and ACDS, to strengthen the sport & raise the standard of driving in AUS.

### **Adelaide CAI 4-6 November 2016**

Christine Gibbons shared information regarding the CAI in Adelaide on the 4-6 November, with the Dressage and Cones to be held on Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> and the Marathon on Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> November. When available, details will be placed on the EA events calendar.

### **Establish permanent major event venues within AUS**

The NCDC considered the establishment of permanent CAI3\* marathon obstacles at 2 or 3 venues in Australia. The NCDC would like to see the standard of our obstacles improve at all events, so our drivers are better prepared for international competition.

### **Funding**

Different options for funding were discussed. These options include, but not limited to:

- ICDF
- EA State Branch
- Club Grants
- Local Council
- State Council
- Government Grants

### **Communication**

The EA Sports Consultant demonstrated how to navigate the EA website to find relevant information. Communication to the State branches will continue with the NCDC meeting summaries and any other Carriage Driving information. State CD committee chairs to contact EA to ensure they are on the distribution list.

### **High Performance Program**

The High Performance Program is currently undergoing a review with new criteria for squads to be released in the near future.

### **Education – Officials Accreditation**

Discussion points:

- The Education Syllabus has never been published on the EA website for any discipline and there are no plans for that to happen in the future
- The States run the National training and accreditation pathways
- Running workshops in various states
- Better education of Carriage Driving Judges to better prepare drivers for international competition
- Clinics/seminars to be conducted by International Judges when they are in AUS for FEI events
- Training packages for EA Carriage Driving

### **Nominations for EA Awards**

The NCDC, with the exception of one member who removed themselves from the room when the discussions were being held, discussed the nominations for the EA Awards.

Nominees are:

Domestic Athlete of the Year: Lorraine Cairns

Domestic Horse of the Year: Victor

International Athlete of the Year: Boyd Exell

International Horse of the Year: Boyd's Indoor team

**Congratulations**

To Dot & Doug Willcoxson for being awarded the 'Services to the Sport of Carriage Driving' Award at the Equestrian NSW Awards night.

**National Championships**

Before we can get a National Championships up and running we need all states to run State Championships. This requires more discussion and will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

**Next Meeting:**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016

**Dot Willcoxson,  
Chair NCDC**