



## **Equestrian Australia Dressage Committee - UPDATE**

**Meeting held: Wednesday 13 March 2019 (Teleconference)**  
**Below a summary of proceedings from the EADC Committee meeting:**

### **1. Election of Chair**

The Committee unanimously nominated Prue Spurrett who accepted the position.

### **2. New Committee Members welcomed**

Virginia Creed and Elizabeth Owens welcomed as returning Dressage Committee members and Gillian Botten as a new Committee member. Mary Seefried and Fiona Selby were also thanked as outgoing members for their invaluable contributions during their time on the committee.

### **3. Outline of priority issues dealt with in 2018**

- Rule changes - Committee agreed to aim to simplify the rule change issue. Unless the rule change was FEI related, welfare of the horse or required safety updates, they would be made effective in January each year.
- The equipment annex needs to be updated with the January changes. It was noted that the equipment annex reflects specific items and does not cover all equipment that is or is not allowed.
- Clothing considered a secondary item as it does not affect the performance of the horse.
- AOR Championships are now bedded down and running well. Discussion regarding the non-awarding of Amateur ribbons at the National Championships and it was the feeling of the meeting that these ribbons should continue to be awarded to build upon the AOR Championships.
- The Yellow Card warning system was discussed and it remain in place with EA.
- EAPDC: this will remain with High Performance.
- Tests: the new tests have been updated and are online on the EA website.
- ADF: this has been submitted to the Board and will be considered at their upcoming meeting.

### **4. Review of wording of the directives in several tests**

Discussion regarding a review of wording of the directives in several tests eg. in the 3C and 5C. The Committee felt that the FEI always emphasises quality and the new tests seem to have moved away from the training scale with the wording appearing to give more emphasis to accuracy.

- EADJC be asked to review the directives to see if changes should be made. It was noted that if any wording changes are to be made, they will need to be approved by the USEF.

### **5. Outcomes of the November 2018 Strategic Planning session with the SDA's**

- Committees have started to come together including the Events/Calendar Working Group.

- The Committee would like to hold a meeting at the Sydney CDI as a number of members will be attending.
- Committee to consider Pathways to High Performance once the Coaching Committee is up and running.
- Dressage Committee is the operational arm to implement Equestrian Australia's strategic plan.

## **6. 19/20FY Budget**

Budget will be required for submission by the end of April 2019.

18/19FY - had been expended.

Indication required on:

- Number of Face to Face meetings & Locations - Airfares/Transfers/Conference Facilities/ Meals/Accommodation for all members.
- Teleconferences covered through EA general budget
- Other requests

The meeting agreed that they felt there needed to be:

- 2 x F2F meetings annually, probably one at the Sydney CDI in May and the other in July/August
- A minimum of 2 x teleconferences scheduled and then additional teleconferences if required
- The Committee uses email effectively and found they could manage most ad hoc requests in this way.

## **7. FEI Forum**

EADC to work with Maria in initiating working party - the Sydney CDI another appropriate time for this.

The Committee felt that the timeframe of 2020 was too tight because of the organisational requirements and that 2021 is preferred as this did not clash with either Olympics or WEG years.

Proposal for the Regional Forum to include a session on Coaching.

## **8. Other Business**

1. Increased number of exemption requests for pony stallions / upgrading or downgrading to Inter I/PSG/GP etc. To ensure some consistency in these applications formal process to be drafted.
2. Queensland highlighted being disadvantaged by the concentration of CDIs in the southern states especially with YH in December/January and Willinga Park in February. With the weather being so hot in Queensland that time of the year, they are unable to train and therefore not able to compete. There is then a lesser number of events in NSW in the cooler months and a concentration of events at Boneo and Werribee. This then poses a problem for Qld competitors as it means a greater distance to travel, longer time away from home and work, etc.
  - Recommendation for the Events/Calendar Sub Committee for consideration.
3. Coaching discussion suggesting the need for an Elite and/or Masters level of Coach to be instigated.
4. Discussion regarding the ability to produce documentation describing an event venue showing details of surfaces, stabling, warmup areas, etc. so that riders could understand the facilities available.