



Equestrian Australia Vaulting Committee – UPDATE

Meeting HELD: 22nd November 2019

Below a summary of the proceedings of the EAVC Meeting

- **FEI Solidarity funding** This item was discussed by the committee and it was felt that as any possibility to send an application to the FEI required a National approach involving all our State committees. A suggestion that at the next EAVC meeting be conducted over 2 days with invitations sent to State committees to send one or two representatives for the second day to be able to have a strategic planning meeting. Further details to follow.
- **Review of National Championships 2019 (Scone)**

Jenny Scott gave a verbal report from the OC listing the following points
Reported a \$13000 loss but hoping that ENSW would contribute \$10000 in subsidy/ compensation.
Attendance was down on previous years.
Some people had some issues with the closeness of the train lines and the surface of the arena.
Good area (Regional) with suitable amenities close to the venue.
General feeling at the event was good, with many feelings that it was a fun and successful event.
The EAVC wish to thank the NSW OC for running a fun and successful National under very trying circumstances.
- **Vaulters forum report** was given by Skye
Some recommendations included an online forum to look to engage more involvement from the vaulters. Skye presented a criterion for this social media platform. All members supported this idea and approved Shye to look to setting this up early in the New Year.

Look to set an agenda for the next Vaulters forum with set topics and ensure that the vaulters are provided with feedback from the Forum and the EAVC. All members supported this idea, with all agreeing that it was important to give the vaulters feedback from the EAVC through Skye.

- **Perpetual Trophies**

After much discussion about the many issues with the current criteria for the Perpetual Trophies awarded at the National Championships the EAVC have decided that in 2020 a new system should be tried then reviewed after the Nationals in 2020. This new idea is to award National Champions trophies to competitors of official classes only to the competitors Individual. Pas De deux Squads with the highest score in each level. Lungers and horses to be recognized as well and presented with rosette or special ribbon. The EAVC would provide the funding of \$550 to the OC of the Nationals to purchase these awards.

It was felt that a standardize National Championships Schedule should be developed. Jenny Scott is looking to put together and present to the EAVC ASAP.

- **Splitting of Advanced classes at National Championships**

was discussed and was agreed that the wording in the rules should be changed to Read “may” instead of “Must” be split. This will be sent out to the State committees for inclusion in the rule update for July 2020.

- **Revision of Rule 5.3**

The members had a robust discussion in regard to this rule again, It was agreed that this rule applying only to Open classes was unfair and unreasonable The reintroduction and maintenance of qualifying score to move up for Intermediate to Advance and Advance to Open was a better option. The members also felt that it was important to keep a control of the standard of each level, the welfare of the horse and Vaulters. (This being the main reason for this rules introduction in the first place).

Skye was appointed to put together a dot points and draft using the FEI as guidelines (Possibly looking at MER’s of Eventing for ideas) This draft would then be presented to State committees and the Judges group for feedback.

- **National Championships 2020**

After Qld pulled out from organizing the National Championships in 2020 the EAVC following EA policies and procedures called for new EOI for the National

Championships 2020. We are please to announce that SA have step up to organize the 2020 Championships. There are still many details to be resolved by the SA OC and the EAVC look forward to assisting them as needed.

- **FEI Vaulting Challenge**

The FEI have released a new competition platform for developing countries to be able to conduct FEI competitions, " FEI Vaulting Challenge". The EAVC have advised EA to complete an expression of interest in running a Vaulting Challenge on our behalf. More details to follow

- **Insurance for Vaulting Clubs and day memberships**

The EAVC concerns have already be presented to the EA in July and will be part of the EA insurance review. The EA have appointed Andrew Hamilton as the General Manager Business manager, the EAVC will look to organize a Teleconference with Andrew in the New Year to raise our concerns about club insurance.

- **State Liaisons**

The members felt that this was a good initiative but had differing degrees of success depending on the State. It was felt that states like Vic, WA and Qld seem to benefit most while States of NSW and SA with strong active State committees seem to have used the Liaison less if at all. It was felt that it was important that all involved reinforced that correct pathways of communications from State to EAVC. Look at changing personnel at next meeting.

- **Judges Eye clinics**

2 clinics conducted 1 in WA and 1 in Vic. These were a great success and was felt that they should continue. EAVC strongly recommend that each State conduct Judges Eye Clinics in the future along the same structure that the EAVC conducted these clinics.

- **Vaulting Coaches forum in December**

This initiative is hoped to assist our vaulting coaches to form a network and communication between coaches allowing personal development and the growth of shared knowledge.

- **EA Webpage/Vaulting**

The EAVC with the assistance of Jenny Merity will be updating and upgrading our EA webpage. It is hoped to be completed by early in 2020.

The EAVC wish to Acknowledge the huge help and assistance that Karen Myers had been to this committee. Her hard work and effort were greatly appreciated by us all. She will be missed.

Wishing all our vaulting family in Australia and overseas a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Looking forward to wonderful vaulting in 2020.

Regards

Darryn Fedrick

EAVC Chair