

IEOC Regional Meeting

10th May 2019, 4.15 pm

Hunt Room, NEC, Taupo, New Zealand during the CCI.

Present - Susan O'Brien NZL, Neil MacKenzie-Hall NZL, Carolyn James AUS, Katie Russell NZL, Sandy Phillips GBR, Rob Thompson NZL, Chris Wallis AUS, Susan Geddes NZL, Didy Massey AUS, Maxine Leigh NZL, Hamish Butler-Gallie NZL, Virginia Tocher NZL, William Phiskie NZL, Stuart Bishell NZL, Philippa Howells NZL, Judy Haskell NZL, Susan Grayling NZL, Dave and Bridget Sutton NZL, Chris Ross NZL, Kasia Chapman-Labecka NZL, Tony Parsons NZL, Julie Prebble NZL, Rowan Armer NZL, Margs Carline NZL, Helen Christie NZL, Catrin Norinder FEI.

Apologies – Barbara Woolhouse NZL, Janet Evans NZL, Nick Pyke NZL, Blyth Tait NZL, Janet Robertson NZL, Jane Robertson NZL, Paula Gold NZL, Judy Bowen NZL, John Holmes NZL Stuart Tinney AUS, Jenny Draper NZL.

Helen Christie(HC)opened the meeting, and welcomed everyone, especially Catrin Norinder(CN) from the FEI, and Sandy Phillips (SP) from GBR. It was good to see representation of all offical roles, including Vets, and Organisers.

Correspondence -

Report IEOC Meetings at Kentucky and Badminton.

HC read a short report that Marilyn Payne had sent regarding the previous two Regional Meetings. Matters arising from that report, were discussed.

1. Nosebands - CN reported that a Tack Review Group has been formed, cross discipline of Officials and Veterinarians.
2. Bit measurement – refer to above Group. CN, when ponies compete in open competition, special pony rules do not apply.
3. Miss Flag Rule (15) - CN... need to ask why we have this rule. Clarification helpful. If any doubt, rule in favour of competitor.
4. Blood Rules – CN ...Eventing Committee, is strong in promoting that Eventing needs are different. There is work going on, safe guarding of our sport imperative.

Other Business

1. Report on whether the levels from 1 – 5 for judges was going to be adopted?? CN reported there was a Working Group on the Education System, with focus on competence, more XC expertise, keeping up to date, assessment/certification and exposure.

There was a general feeling that the video on new rules and the quiz following, made by the Eventing Chairman David O'Connor (DOC) was a good way of relaying, explaining and testing changes. CN reported that a new video regarding tired horses was almost complete, and would be available to Officials soon. Officials levels, job descriptions, and development is being worked on.

2. Online work prior to seminar. There was reports from those who attended the recent seminar in Sydney. All felt the online work prior was helpful, and the splitting of groups into job roles interesting and beneficial. Positive report of an informative and enjoyable learning experience.

3. Flying Changes discrepancy of marks. An extra judge is appointed for this at Major Championships and 5* level events. Works well, but range needs to be narrowed. (eg when there are marks say 4 6 8, this would not be looked at). Would like to see it used at other events, but not always practical. Some discussion on clear viewing for judges needed and tests that allow clear vision.

4. Chris Wallis, asked about whether Stewards needed to have a requirement for Seminars every 3 years to bring them in line with other officials. (Currently 5 years). CN said it had been a request from Stewards to keep it at 5 years. The online campus may be able to help this.

5. There is a need within NZL to ensure the NF supplies Testing Kits to all FEI events. Tony Parsons is aware of challenges. HC to talk to Heidi Bulfin at NF.

6. Bridget Sutton spoke as an Organiser of the difficulties of supplying some requirements in regard to stabling and security, to European requirements, when our needs are different.

7. Question to IEOC, when will they hold another election?

HC thanked everyone for coming, and the OC for the use of the Hunt Room.

Meeting closed 5.05 pm