

## **IEOC (NZ)**

### **AGM**

**Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2009, 4.30pm** (after dressage) @ Charisma Hall, NEC, Taupo

Chairman, Helen Christie, welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially our overseas visitors. She pointed out that under the new changes with IEOC, that whilst membership as it stands covers TDs, CDs and Judges, NZ wanted to include Stewards, Vets and Event Directors, and they were most welcome to be there.

**Present** (assume all NZL unless stated)

Nicoli Fife, Stuart Bishell, John Nicholson, Anne Tylee, Susan O'Brien, Maxine Leigh, Margaret Dickie, Val McGregor, Wayne Quartes (USA), Rodney Winchester (AUS), Polly Ann Huntington (AUS), Lyn Roycroft (AUS), Barbara Woolhouse, Vince Roche (AUS), Sam Aniruth-Deva (THA), Charlemcharn Yotviriyapanit (THA), Maj Vithai Laithoya (THA), Andrew Bowles, Neil Mosley, David Moynahan, Sue Gunn (AUS), Errol O'Brien, Nick Pyke, John Carmichael, Jennifer Millar, Jim Wright, Gina McPherson (BEL), Tony McPherson (BEL), Andrew Scott, Joan Matheson, Jane Bennett, Mary Robins, Rod Sanders, Winky Foley, Simon Robertson, Brenda Allen-Bains, Kevin Sapworth, Helen Christie.

### **Apologies**

Judith Williams, Kerrie Robbins (AUS), Graeme McCrostie, Joanne James (AUS)

Moved that these be accepted, N. Fife, seconded L. Roycroft. Carried.

### **Minutes of the 2008 IEOC (NZ) AGM**

These minutes have been circulated, and taken as read, moved H. Christie, seconded D. Moynahan.

### **Financial Report**

H. Christie circulated a report for the year 30/4/8 to 28/4/9. Bank statements and a Balance Sheet available. Opening Balance of \$119.70, closing Balance of \$690.50. Members who paid their 09 subscription are due a refund, as there is now no membership fee.

### **Correspondence**

Through out the year there has been a number of e-mails which have been past on to members. Of note

1. Memo from Neerja Tannan FEI, Feb 09 RE FEI Insurance Coverage- Officials. This was circulated, but it would be great if we could get a small card with key information to fit in a wallet.
2. Changes to IEOC.

### **Office Bearer – Chair IEOC (NZ)**

Helen Christie was nominated for Chair by Lyn Roycroft, seconded Susan O'Brien. Carried.

### **General Business**

1. **IEOC, under the FEI.** There was concern that IEOC could lose its independent voice, now it is under the FEI. It was noted that it was great to get official recognition. After some discussion, it was felt we will have a voice, and it would be listened to.
2. **Stewards.** It was generally felt that all FEI Officials should be included in the IEOC. It is important to the team approach of officiating. It was also a request from the NZ Steward General, Maxine Leigh, that Stewards be included in FEI Seminars. If the training of Officials is the NF's responsibility, then at the very least the SG should be included.
3. **Rule Change Management.** With the recent number of rule changes and the varying dates that they have come in, there is dissatisfaction at the piecemeal release and introduction. This has caused great confusion amongst officials, organisers and athletes. Also there was a new copy of the FEI Rules for Eventing (different in places to the one posted on 1 January 2009) posted on 14 January – with no acknowledgement of this on the FEI website or rulebook. In addition, there are uncorrected errors in the Annex Diagrams, which make it very hard for officials and riders to determine the rules.
4. **New proposal re Stabling, Annex 13.** The meeting felt that it wasn't practical for CICs and particularly at lower levels. A number of events could not run as a CIC if these requirements are brought in for CICs. There was no problem with this requirement for CCIs.
5. **New Qualifications.** The consensus was that the new requirements (two QRs at CICs clear on XC obstacles) were possibly going to have the opposite effect to that desired (as we have so few CIC opportunities to qualify in NZ or parts of Australia), that in some circumstances when wrong to a fence, instead of a rider taking a 20 (ref), they are kicking on and taking more risk, to get the 0 they require. We are concerned that CICs will be "dumbed down" to make sure horses qualify, and then will be at more risk at CCIs where they will be under-experienced and more at risk.
6. **Trot ups for CICs.** The meeting wondered about the reasoning behind this rule. Was there an issue with the way things had worked in the past?? The officials and organisers had seen no evidence of a plethora of unsound horses presenting at CICs – and since the introduction of a formal trotup at CICs this year, there had been few if any spun.
7. **Change management:** The CIC Horse Inspection issue again raised the issue of when there is a new rule proposed, there should be a reasoned argument presented and circulated to NFs regarding the need/reason for the change, who has proposed it, and a balanced for-and-against analysis – (much as a government would produce a "white paper" proposing changes to a nation's laws) then seeking submissions/ debate about the change – in a time frame that the changes can be considered by the Eventing Committee in their September meeting and go to the GA for ratification in November and be introduced in January. There should be one date for rule changes to come in i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> January each year. (Exception for life/death situations).
8. **Electronic Communication of Rule changes:** Communicating rule changes can be done through NF, but in this electronic age, every FEI Official and Event Organiser plus riders should be sent information directly by email. (Some NFs are slow to circulate changes (NZL are an exception to this!!))
9. **FEI Seminars.** NZ hosting one every other year, and Australia having one each year, seems to be working well, and be giving Officials every opportunity to be able to attend.

Tony McPherson, thanked NZL for hospitality, and assured IEOC members that the new format would give members more voice!!

Meeting closed 5.10pm