

Record - 2003 Annual Meeting of Delegates (AMD)

The NZPCA South Island Premier Teams Competition

held at the Belfast Rugby Football Club Rooms at 7.30 pm on Friday 26 September 2003

Opening

Chairman Mr Keith Scarlett welcomed everyone to the Meeting. He also welcomed Barbara Harvey and Graham Barkman, along with the Guardians and Patrons.

Apologies

Joan McCall, Mill Creek, B Holland Waimea.

Moved A Atkins/Springston. Seconded Len Dobier/Kaiapoi. Carried.

Roll Call

Peninsula, Ferrymead, Central Southland, Middlemark, Tinwald, Eyreton, Rangiora, Roydvale, Halswell, Wakapuaka, Waikaia, Nelson City, Wakefield, Oamaru, Amberley, View Hill, Blenheim, Belfast, West Melton-Weedons, Invercargill-Kennington, Rakaia, Marshlands, Moutere, Tasman, Waimea, Foothills, Greymouth, Okuku, Kaikoura, Bangor, Kaiapoi, Mosgiel, Dunedin Branch, Kingswell, Springston, Waiau, Methven and Balmoral.

Additions to Agenda

1. Use of Pipe band for Closing Ceremony. Rangiora PC
2. Age of Eligibility date. Methven PC
3. Use of chaps on Cross Country and changes to bits. Eyreton PC
4. Draft Rider System. Amberley PC
5. Charges – specifically charging Team Personnel. Wakefield PC

Minutes of 2002 AGM

Minutes were read to the meeting by Ann Matheson, Delegates Secretary.

Accepted C Muirson/Eyreton. Seconded A. Atkins/Springston. Carried.

Matters Arising

None

Inwards Correspondence

1. Nomination from Hurunui nominating Jan Swarbrick to the position of Guardian.
2. Nomination from Mosgiel to host ST 2005.
3. Letter from Ashburton regarding Entry forms.

Moved A Harris/Roydvale. Seconded Donaldson/Foothills.

Election of Patrons and Guardians

Both Joan McCall and John Lavender have indicated that they are willing to remain as Patrons. There were no

further nominations.

Moved A Harris/Roydvale. Seconded Peddie/Amberley.

It was stated that Noel Griffin is not on rotation basis, but Mary Adams and John Holland's positions are. John Holland is standing down as Guardian this year.

It was moved that Jan Swarbrick be appointed as Guardian for 2 years.

Moved Muirson/Eyreton. Seconded A. Atkins/Springston.

Jan was welcomed to her new position by the Chair and the meeting.

Remits

Remit from Waimea PC.

Introducing the Remit: John Holland

Proposed:

That Rule 6.6 to read "To be eligible to compete in the Springston Trophy Competition, a rider must have been a member of the Branch of the Club or the Club (with no Branches) for which he/she is competing, for a period of at least 6 calendar months prior to the first day of the competition."

Background to Remit:

In 1976, to prevent last minute transfer of riders between Branches, it was agreed that a rider must have been a member of the 'new' Branch for at least 90 days. Since then, we have seen the introduction of Composite Teams, the age limit lifted to 20 and under, and perhaps more importantly, the implementation of the Fair Play Charter.

Explanation:

To transfer from ones own Branch to another, or to another Club, simply to get to compete at Springston, sends all the wrong signals to young riders about the importance of loyalty and the real purpose of Pony Club. Where genuine reasons for transfer exist, other than to get a ride or strengthen a team, the District Commissioner has powers of discretion.

To change the 90-day Rule to 6 calendar months, please vote for this remit.

Moved J Holland/Guardian. Seconded R wallace/Blenheim.

The Remit was then opened up for discussion: The following people spoke to the Remit:

District Commissioner of Marlborough PC spoke. The consensus from this was that the combined Branches of Marlborough supported the Motion.

Annette/Royvale

Snellex/Rangiora

Kent/Tinwald. John Holland replied to explain the transfer rule.

K Mason/Marshlands

L Jukes/Tasman

Wiffen/Nelson

Vavasour/Rangiora

Wilson/Dunedin District

Brownlee/Halswell – asked for clarification of a Composite Team.

After lengthy discussion, the Motion was put to the vote. The Motion was Lost.

Rule 6.4 - John Holland spoke to this Rule. 6.4 refers to the need to add that any team changes have the written approval of the DC. Although this comes in with the competition rules which normally must have a year's stand by before being adopted, we did ask permission to insert this clause in the rules. This also applies to the clarification that a rider eliminated in dressage or any phase, may continue and have scores posted in those other phases, (lameness excepted). John will make the changes and add to the Manual.

General Business

Wakefield asked about ruling on charging to get into competition. This is at discretion of Organising Committee. John Holland suggested that it be put as a Remit to the AGM for 2004. Noel Griffen/Guardian and Bradley/Wakapuaka also replied.

Draft Rider Torrie/Amberley. After some discussion, indication was that this be submitted as a Remit in 2004. Gear Issue –Muirson/Eyreton – Neil Mosely spoke to this and referred the meeting to the Springston Trophy Rules.

Age Eligibility – Gretney/Methven. Need to submit a Remit for 2004.

Pipe Band – Snelllex/Rangiora. Bruce Young, Chairman ST03 replied.

John Holland/Guardian spoke to Springston Handbook.

2004 and 2005 Competition

Email from Mosgiel submitted to host ST2005. Kean/Mosgiel. Moved Manson/Belfast. Seconded Muirson/Eyreton. Carried.

Gretney/Methven spoke re ST2004 Event to be held 30.09/02.10.04. Newsletter No. 1 was available at Meeting.

John Holland

Noel Griffen spoke to thank John Holland on his time with Springston Trophy. He also welcomed Jan Swarbrick as an incoming Guardian.

Barbara Harvey, President NZPCA spoke and congratulated Belfast for hosting ST03 and also the parents for getting competitors there.

Statement by The Chair.

The following statement was prepared as a response to an anonymous letter circulated to selected Pony Club Branches within the Christchurch and North Canterbury Pony Clubs. This statement was read out prior to the conclusion of the 2003 Annual General Meeting by the AGM Chairperson, Mr Keith Scarlett. The statement reads.....

"It has been brought to the attention of the Springston Guardians that an unsigned allegation allegedly written by a member of another Branch, that the Belfast Springston Team is accused of riding replica 2003 Springston Trophy jumps at the Windsor Pony Club on Sunday 21st September. The Guardians and Officials have investigated this matter fully and are satisfied that there is absolutely no foundation to the allegation.

We regard the actions of this person(s) to be abhorrent in the spirit of the Springston Trophy Event and Pony Club in general and totally unjustified. The Belfast Pony Club has at all times acted in the spirit of the Springston Trophy Event and NZPCA Fairplay Charter. Unless this person(s) who has written this allegation are prepared to identify themselves tonight, this matter is now closed."

Bruce Young closed the Meeting at approx.9.20 pm.