

Record - 2004 Annual Meeting of Delegates (AMD)

The NZPCA South Island Premier Teams Competition

SPRINGSTON TROPHY ANNUAL DELEGATES MEETING HELD AT THE ASHBURTON
A & P SHOWGROUNDS COMPLEX, 1ST OCTOBER 2004, 7.45PM

OPENING:

The Chairman of the Organising Committee, Malcolm Cretney, welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave his best wishes to everyone for the coming competition. Mr Cretney especially welcomed the President of the NZPCA, Barbara Harvey. Mrs Harvey also welcomed everyone to the competition and wished them good luck. Mr Cretney thanked the NZPCA for their support and called on Meeting Chairman Richard Lemon to continue with the meeting.

APOLOGIES:

An apology was received and accepted from the Moutere Pony Club.

ROLL CALL:

Amberley, Awatere, Balmoral NC, Balmoral SO, Belfast, Blenheim, Brighton, Central Southland, Clinton, Clyde, Dunedin, Eyreton, Foothills, Gore, Greymouth District, Halswell, Hawea Wanaka, Invercargill Kennington, Kaiapoi, Kaikoura, Kingswell, Lorneville Makawera, Marshlands, Methven, Mill Creek, Mosgiel, Nelson City, Oamaru, Okuku, Oxford, Peninsula, Rakaia, Rangiora, Roydvale, Springston, Strath Taieri, Tinwald, View Hill, Waiau, Waihora, Waikaia, Waikouaiti, Wakatipu, Wakefield, West Melton Weedons,

WELCOME:

The Chairman welcomed the Patrons John Lavender and Joan McCall and the Guardians Noel Griffin, Mary Adams and Jan Swarbrick.

ADOPTION OF STANDING ORDERS:

The Chairman read through the standing orders and informed the delegates of the rules of the meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Moved Springston/West Melton Weedons that the minutes of Annual Delegates Meeting held at the Belfast Rugby Football Club Rooms, 26th September 2003 and as circulated to all Clubs be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting - carried.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter has been received from the Halswell Branch of the Christchurch Pony Club formally applying to host the 2006 Springston Trophy. Moved Halswell/Methven that permission be granted to the Halswell Pony Club - carried.

APPOINTMENT OF PATRONS:

Moved Noel Griffin/Rakaia that John Lavender and Joan McCall be re-appointed as Patrons - carried. There were no further nominations.

ELECTION OF GUARDIANS:

Mary Adams retires by rotation and has indicated she is willing to stand again. Moved South Otago/Clinton that Mary Adams be re-appointed as a Guardian - carried

CONFIRMATION OF ENTRY FEES:

The fees at present are \$20 per team nomination fee and \$100 per team entry fee. Wakefield asked what contribution these fees made towards the running costs of the event. Mrs Kingsbury (Rakaia) said the fees contributed very little. Moved Amberley/Springston that the fees stay the same - carried.

REMITTS:

Remit One:

The Ashburton Pony Club proposes a change to Rule 6.2 that states:

“(1979) Age of rider shall be as at 1st August each year”

to

“Age of riders to be at 1st day of competition”

The intention is to bring it in line with all other NZPCA competitions.

After some discussion, the remit was lost on a voice vote.

Remit Two:

Received from the Amberley Pony Club:

That the following words be added to Rule 6.3

“Rule 6.3(a), (b) & (c) may be applied to Number One and Number Two Teams from a branch or Club. Subject to compliance with Rule 8.”

Background to the Motion:

Clarification of this point is required as it is not specified in the Rules and is currently left to the discretion of the District Commissioners, who are being called upon to look at each case individually.

Intention of the Motion:

To enable Branches and Clubs wishing to field a second team to have clarification as to the composition of the Number Two team, making it easier for the District Commissioners to consistently apply the Rules regarding acceptance of Number Two teams. The overall intention is to enable as many riders as qualify, within the capabilities of the host Club, to have the opportunity to compete at Springston Trophy.

Discussion:

Noel Griffin queried what was the question being asked by the Amberley Club as he felt that the Rules specifically covered any Team. The Chairman suggested that the Remit lie on the table and asked Amberley to look at again for next year to avoid the confusion that seems to arise. Amberley agreed to withdraw the motion.

Remit Three:

The Ashburton Pony Club would like amendments made to the administration Rules 10.1 and 10.2 for the Organising Committee. The Chairman asked for discussion of these changes separately.

(a) The present Rules read as follows:

Rule 10.1. "The Springston Guardians have the right to accept nomination for up to three positions as Patron. The Appointment of Patrons is to be confirmed by the AGM of Delegates."

The Ashburton Pony Club moves the Rule 10.1 be amended to read:

"That the Executive recommend the appointment of one Patron to the AGM of Delegates and that this appointment be confirmed by the Meeting. The term of office for a Patron will be for a maximum of five years appointed annually."

Background to the Motion:

1. Patrons are generally appointed and not elected
2. It is generally the norm to only have one Patron per organisation
3. To come into line with other sporting bodies
4. Both the incumbent Patrons were elected in 1999. Subject to their availability, they will both be confirmed as the Patrons for a further twelve months. The 2005 AGM of Delegates will appoint a Patron.

Discussion:

Ashburton were asked why change the present Rules? The motion was lost on a voice vote.

(b) Rule 10.2 "The Executive of the competition will be known as The Guardians. It will consist of the Senior South Island member of the NZPCA Committee of Management and two elected members who will hold office for two years."

The Ashburton Pony Club would like to amend Rule 10.2 to read:

"That the Executive of the competition be known as The Guardians. It will consist of the Senior South Island member of the NZPCA Committee of Management, who will be the Convenor and ex-officio member of the Executive Committee, and three elected members (see note below) who will hold office for a period of three years. If an elected member resigns outside an election year, the AGM will elect a replacement at the first AGM following the resignation."

Note: The South Island be divided into three Springston geographical regions with one Guardian from each region being elected on a rotational basis every three years as follows:

Region One - Marlborough, Nelson, West Coast Pony Club Areas (first election to be held in 2005, thereafter every three years - ie 2nd election in 2008)

Region Two - Canterbury and Ashburton, South Canterbury, North Otago Pony Club Areas (first election to be held in 2005 for a period of one year, second election in 2006 and thereafter every three years)

Region Three - Otago, Southland Pony Club Areas (first election to be held in 2005 for a period of two years, second election in 2007 and thereafter every three years).

Background to Motion:

1. At present the representation is unbalanced.
2. The Senior South Island member of the NZPCA Committee of Management should be an ex-officio member and Convenor of the Executive Committee.
3. That the three proposed regions would give a more balanced representation on the Executive Committee.
4. First election for all Regions to be held at the 2005 AGM of Delegates with the two current Guardians being eligible for re-election.

Discussion:

After some discussion the remit was carried by voice vote.

Remit Four:

The Rakaia Branch would like to propose a new Rule to replace Rules as follows:

6.3(c) (In the further event that only 3 qualified riders can be fielded, a Team may, with the consent of the DCs of the Club/s borrow one rider from another Branch/Club, provided that the rider is not required for a team from their own Branch/Club and is from a Class as is necessary to make up a team of four riders.)

6.3(d) (Branches may also borrow one rider to make a team of five, where that rider is in a different age class from the other four riders.)

6.3(e) Amend this Rule on Composite Teams to incorporate draft riders.

Explanation:

The proposed new Rule is that the Springston Trophy operates under the draft rider system. This Rule states that the riders must be available for their own Branch/Club team first, but is not required or if coming from a Branch/Club that is unable to field a team they be made available for the draft rider system. (The system has operated successfully for the NZPCA South Island Show Jumping Championship - see this Rule below.)

All draft riders must send in a nomination, and they must abide by Rule 6.7 (rallies/financial members).

Draft riders will be expected to pay a nomination and acceptance fee.

The draft rider system is preferred for the following reasons:

1. It will allow all worthy riders the opportunity to ride at Springston Trophy, either in Branch or Composite teams, or as an Individual Age Group rider.

2. There will be no abuse of the present Composite team concept.
3. There will be no unnecessary borrowing riders from other Branches/Clubs/Areas.
4. There will be no asking riders to transfer from one Branch/Club to another 90 days before Springston Trophy.
5. Draft riders must supply results from at least 2 events (in the last 3 months) where they have competed an ODE at the height in which they are to be entered.
6. The Host Committee, with the assistance of the Guardians will make the draw for the draft riders as required to fill the Branch teams, or make up Composite teams. If necessary at the discretion of the Host Club, draft riders unable to fill teams will be allowed to ride as individuals in their age group classes.

South Island Pony Club Championship Rule 14 is as follows:

"A "Draft Rider" system will operate at this event, but riders must be available for their own Branch first. The Host Committee will draw riders as required (entry details here). There is to be NO borrowing of riders from other Branches, Clubs or Areas, as the Draft Rider System is preferred. Draft Riders are permitted to ride as Individuals if they have missed out on being placed in a team, unless space becomes available in a team, then the remaining riders will be redrawn. Draft Riders must name 2 events in which they have COMPETED in the height in which they are to be entered."

Remit Five:

Received from the South Otago Pony Club:

"that the spare rider/rider required system, currently being used by the 2004 Springston Trophy be introduced permanently."

Background to the Motion:

From the Springston Trophy website - "The aim is to provide a South Island competition on similar lines to the NZPCA Horse Trial Team Championship, but catering for teams from Branches. This will enable riders, who may never attain ability to gain Area selection, to participate in a team competition, thus stimulating team spirit and interest in riding as a sport and recreation. (Definition: the term Branch refers to Branches of a Club or to a Club which has no Branches.)"

Some riders who are not placed in a team miss out on going to Springston Trophy, when they are extremely keen to participate. With dropping numbers in Pony Club it would be good to encourage all riders, of the appropriate ability, to compete.

Intention of Motion:

1. Spare riders, who are unable to find a place in a Branch, Club or Area team could use this system.
2. The DC and Head Instructor of the Club could sign a form stating the rider and the mount had successfully competed at 2 ODE's at the given height in the current season.

3. All entry Rules apply to the spare rider. (For example. 5 rallies, 3 on the mount, being rider at Springston Trophy.)
4. Teams wanting to borrow a rider would also use the system.
5. The name of the rider, age and class they want to enter, be put on the Springston Trophy website.

For contact details, the Branch of Pony Club that person attends and the Branch contact person's email can be put on the site.

6. Spare riders and teams wanting a rider are to contact each other.
7. Spare riders and teams, who find places (placements) arrange for their names to be removed from the website immediately.
8. Any spare riders not placed, after the closing date of entries are drafted into teams, by the Springston Trophy organisers.
9. If there are still spare riders, after all the above points have occurred, these riders are put into a pool, to be used as reserves.

Remit Six:

Received from the Amberley Pony Club:

"That a draft rider system as used by the South Island Show Jumping Championships be put into place for the Springston Trophy."

Background to the Motion:

We are very conscious of the aim of Springston Trophy as stated in Rule 1. Children who are well capable of the level of Springston Trophy are missing out on the experience and enjoyment of being part of a Springston Trophy Team, whilst in the past other children have been put under unnecessary pressure being aware that they are the only age group score for their team, due to the incomplete teams competing.

Intention of the Motion:

To enable as many Pony Club children who are capable, to enjoy being part of a Springston Trophy team. Draft riders being allocated by the Host Club through a ballot system would ensure fairness both to riders and teams.

Discussion:

The Chairman felt that Remits 4, 5 and 6 seem to be trying to achieve the same thing and opened all three up for discussion together. The general feeling of the meeting was no to draft riders but that Remit 5 held some merit. That is to have Composite teams and put the spare riders on the internet as had happened this year.

After some discussion the following decisions were made:

Remit 4 - Rakaia withdrew

Remit 5 - Needs more specific wording for a Rule change but the intention was agreeable. Moved Stephanie Black (Clinton)/John Brownlee (Halswell) that accept Remit 5 as the intention and work out specific wording for a Rule change over the next 12 months for final ratification at the next AGM - carried. The Guardians will attend to this.

Remit 6 - Amberley withdrew.

2005 SPRINGSTON TROPHY:

Pauline Caruthers advised that the dates for the 2005 Springston Trophy would be 30th September, 1st, 2nd October 2005. Mosgiel was the venue for the dressage and showjumping with the cross country course about 5kms away.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

The following topics were put up for discussion.

1. The age of the senior riders was extended to 20 and under to help Branches field a team. How many 19 and 20 year olds are here this year? Has the intention worked? The general feeling was that this has worked OK.

2. A new format for changing the Rules. It was suggested that a Rule changed be introduced at Year One AGM Delegates as a topic for discussion, and after debate, a vote is taken. If it is passed, a formally worded remit is presented at Year Two AGM Delegates, and if passed again, becomes the/a new Rule at the conclusion of that current Year Two Springston Trophy.

After some discussion on this, it was felt that topics for discussion must be notified in Year One - ie not from the floor. To allow discussion at Year One AGM, then have time to formulate any Rule changes properly over the next twelve months to be put at Year Two AGM.

Moved Gill Kingsbury (Rakaia)/Anne Atkins (Springston) that the format for changing the Rules be changed - carried.

3. Official forms for Nominations, Topics for Discussion, etc. Margaret Crozier, Secretary, advised that she had lots of hassles this year with the format of entries received by email. She has liaised with Keith Scarlett to draft forms that will work better and these will be available on the website. These forms should be downloaded and sent in as a hard copy rather than sending in using the website. This means there will be less problem with the formatting and the necessary signatures can be put on the forms.

4. Life Membership:

Jan Swarbrick, speaking on behalf of the Guardians, moved that Life Membership be awarded to Joan McCall for her services to Springston Trophy. Seconded L Peddie (Amberley) - carried. This is the first Life Membership accorded by this group.

CLOSURE: The Chairman thanked everyone for their participation at the meeting and wished the teams the best for their competitions over the next two days. Mr Cretney thanked Mr Lemon for chairing the meeting. The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____