

SPRINGSTON TROPHY ANNUAL MEETING OF DELEGATES 2008 Minutes

Venue: Rangiora Rugby Rooms
Time: 7.45pm
Date: Friday 3rd October 2008

Chairperson: John Brownlee
Minute Secretary: Marion Champ

1. Welcome.

John Brownlee opened the meeting, Euan Muirson; the North Canterbury President welcomed everyone

2. Apologies.

Bob and Joan Stringer
Heather Laugeson (Kaikoura)
Odette Cockerell (Waihora)

It was moved from The Chair, that the apologies be accepted.

CARRIED

3. Roll Call (Branches)

Those present marked sheets passed around

Amberley, Balmoral, Bangor, Belfast, Eyreton, Elderslie Totara, Ferrymead, Greymouth, Halswell, Kingswell, Central/Southland, Lyalldale, North Canterbury, Oxford, Rakaia, Rangiora, Roydvale, Waihora, Waikouaiti, Wakatipu, West Melton Weedons, West Taieri, Westport, Strath Taieri, Peninsula, View Hill, Cave, Highcliff, Oamaru
J Lavender (Patron) Anne Atkins, Mary Adams, Noel Griffin

4. Adoption of standing orders.

*It was moved that standing orders as presented be adopted.
John Lavender (Patron)/Lester Trueman (Guardian)*

CARRIED

5. Confirmation of minutes.

It was moved that the minutes from the previous meeting held on the 28th September 2007 at the Golden Gate Hotel, Cromwell be accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

6. Matters arising from the minutes.

There were no matters arising.

7. Correspondence:

- 7.1 Kaikoura Pony Club advising they are unable to hold Springston Trophy 2009 due to damage from flooding and offering to hold the event in 2011.
- 7.2 Nomination of Lester Truman as Guardian for Marlborough Nelson West Coast Area.
- 7.3 Wakatipu Pony Club request to address consistency of the level of difficulty of XC in particular for juniors.

*It was moved that the correspondence be accepted.
Euan Muirson (North Canterbury President)/Andrew Hill (Halswell)*

CARRIED

8. Business arising from correspondence.

It was moved from The Chair that as the correspondence was included later in the agenda that it is dealt with as per the agenda.

CARRIED

9. Appointment of Patrons

The current Patrons Joan McCall and John Lavender were nominated and elected Patrons for the ensuing year

Guardians/Geraldine Rae (DC North Canterbury)

CARRIED

10. Election of Guardian:

Lester Trueman was nominated as Guardian for Marlborough Nelson West Coast

It was moved that this nomination be accepted

CP Avery (Waimea)/Michelle Robb (Greymouth)

CARRIED

11. Confirmation of entry fee

Not discussed

12. Notice of Motions

None

13. Remits:

- Remits numbered 1-3 were passed at last years Delegates AGM and are represented for final confirmation.
- Remits presented for the first time - none
- Topic for discussion - none

Remit 1: From the Kingswell Pony Club; that a new sentence be added to the rule 10.2 at the end of first paragraph – that the guardians will have voting rights at the AGM.

Explanation: this remit is being proposed to replace the remit that was left to lie on the table at the 2006 AGM. There was some dispute because the remit was proposed by the Guardians. The remit is now proposed by a branch. In rule 10.2 it states the executive of the competition will be known as the Guardians. Executive members normally have voting rights. At the 2006 AGM it was intimated the Guardians could dominate the AGM – there are four of them as against fifty or more delegates.

The Guardians work on behalf of Pony Club members and it is reasonable to grant them voting rights.

It was moved that Remit 1 be accepted

Noel Griffin (Kingswell)/ Euan Muirson (North Canterbury)

CARRIED

Remit 2: From Kingswell Pony Club; that a new sentence be inserted in rule 11.4.2. After the first sentence – Remits or topics for discussion maybe proposed by any branch, or Club without branches, or by the Guardians.

Explanation: Nowhere in the rules is it stated who may put forward remits or topics for discussion. The purpose of this remit is to clarify the situation that has existed for many years.

From the branch point of view the situation is obvious.

From the Guardians point of view on many occasions a meeting has requested the Guardians to research some topic and to bring forward a remit or topic for discussion if considered appropriate – surely they must be able to put or propose this remit or topic for discussion, also from time to time the Guardians may consider some point should go forward as a remit or topic for discussion so the delegates debate and make a decision or direction.

The Guardians should be able to initiate such a remit or topic for discussion.

It was moved that Remit 2 be accepted

Noel Griffin (Kingswell)/ Euan Muirson (North Canterbury), 2 Against

CARRIED

Remit 3: From Balmoral Pony Club (Hurunui); that a composite team is allowed to have their branch or club name, and or joint names, followed with the word composite.

Explanation: One day a composite team will win the Trophy and it would be nice to remember the club or branches making up that team rather than a made up team name where the identity of those in that team gets lost.
With the colours it is so much easier to use your Club/Branch colours rather than purchasing new ones or sewing on stripes etc.

It was moved at the 2008 meeting that every composite team must include up to three of the majority club/branch names and include composite. This is subject to the host committee's approval.

*It was moved that Remit 3 be accepted
Jan Swarbrick (Balmoral)/ Kirsty Maxwell (Amberley)*

CARRIED

14. Amendment to the rules

No amendments

15.1 Springston Trophy 2009 Host Kaikoura

As per the letter listed in Correspondence inwards (forwarded to all clubs and branches via email prior to this meeting), Kaikoura PC advised they are unable to host Springston Trophy 2009.

As there were no offers to host ST 2009 The Chair requested that a decision on hosting ST 2009 be held over for 6 weeks for the Guardians to make a decision and requested clubs and branches go back to their committees to discuss this and any clubs or branches interested in hosting ST2009 were requested to advise the Guardians of their proposals within this 6 week period

*It was moved as per The Chairs request
Noel Griffin (Kingswell)/Euan Muirson (North Canterbury)*

CARRIED

15.2 2010 Host Southland

15.3 2011

As per part of the letter listed in Correspondence inwards (forwarded to all clubs and branches via email prior to this meeting), Kaikoura PC advised, as they are unable to host Springston Trophy 2009 they would like to place a nomination to host ST 2011.

There were no delegates from Kaikoura at the meeting. (An apology had been accepted from Heather Laugeson)

*It was moved that Kaikoura PC Host ST 2011
Emma Westloe/ Jan Swarbrick (Balmoral)*

CARRIED

16. 2009 South Island Pony Club Show Jumping Championship

Presentation by Anne Beatie on behalf of Taieri District Pony Club:

An initiation to all clubs and branches to attend this championship on 26th and 27th January 2009 at Taieri A&P Show Grounds.

It will be run under the same format as the 2007 SISJ Champs hosted by North Canterbury Pony Club and will use the same scoring system.

The first newsletter is on the NZPCA Web site.

The Otago Taieri A & P Show is on the 23-25th January 2009. Anne suggested this is a great way to practice for the Pony Club Show Jumping Championship, as the jumps will be the same although the courses will be different. Details and the web page link for the schedule are included on the first newsletter.

Taieri District Pony Club will assist with accommodation for both horses and people for both competitions.

17. General Business

17.1 Wakatipu Pony Club – Correspondence in:

"The Wakatipu Pony Club request that the Spingston Trophy Guardians address the consistency from year to year of the level and difficulty of the XC with particular reference to the juniors. I.e. jumping efforts and length of track."

Signed: Maggie Hillock

Maggie opened the discussion advising the reason behind this request was not a criticism of any organisation or any particular previous Trophy course; it is with reference to safety. Maggie referred to the NZPCA Health and Safety manual. The NZPCA recommendation is the track should be 1400-1800m.

Response form the meeting:

Euan Muirson, (TD, North Canterbury)

"Advised you would not find a Pre training course at 1400m in Canterbury, and he'd be surprised if there were any under 2200, they are usually 2400-2500m. Jumping efforts were typical of Canterbury events. It is not in the NZPCA rulebook but it is typical of Canterbury events. Springston trophy is a Championship. At Cromwell the junior part of the competition was a dressage competition with only about 4 faults on the junior XC course. Eventing is XC and the brief to the 2008 course designer was that this is a XC competition."

Bangor PC

"Agreed but with consideration, there are some little ponies covering the same distances as TB horses in the open section"

Peter Faul –(Host Chairman 2007 Wakatipu)

"The XC did fall short at Cromwell and wasn't the challenge they had hoped. The point being made is to know before an event takes place so a safe judgement call can be made."

Rick Page –(Ferryhead)

"They have a steep hill course and the track is under 2000m because of the hill effort required. The terrain needs to be considered, it is not a distance call"

Wakatipu

"The competition should not come down to young riders at Pre Training, Cromwell did not crucify anyone"

Anne Beatie (Strath Taieri)

"It's a champs track here"

Dorothy Stewart – (Eyreton) wrote the Safety manual

"How can a coach make a decision if they don't know the distance and difficulty level"

Noel Griffith (Kingswell)

"Canterbury is at the end of the eventing season, Southland and Nelson do not event through the winter so are just starting their season. Lesser degree of effort and distance, and doesn't believe it is a championship, it is a top club event"

Maggie Hillock (Wakatipu)
"The issue is the level of consistency"

Brent Snelex (Roydvale)
"International comment that NZ is setting riders up to fail as we keep reducing the levels.
The levels should be consistent, they height and length should be stated."

Geraldine Rae (DC North Canterbury)
Moved this discussion be turned over to the guardians

Jan Swarbrick
"Uncomfortable for this to be placed on the Guardians, they are there to assist the host, they cannot travel to the next venue i.e. Invercargill to check their course and their opinions may differ".

Andrew Hill (Halswell)
"There are already guidelines in place for height, what is the issue?"

Heather Trueman (COM Nelson Westland)
"The Guardians could come up with an 'up to' distance and 'up to' number of jump efforts, to even the playing field. Thinks the length of the track is the issue not the type of fences.

A vote was taken on if a motion will be placed fro the Guardians to take this further
18 for, 14 against

It was moved that the Guardians consider this request and come back with recommendations to the next meeting.

Maggie Hillock (Wakatipu)/Noel Griffin (Kingswell)

CARRIED

There was no other General Business.
The meeting closed at 8.50pm