

**SPRINGSTON TROPHY
ANNUAL MEETING OF DELEGATES 2009
Minutes**

Venue:

Glyn East Hall, National Equestrian Centre, McLeans Island, Christchurch

Time: 7.45pm

Chairperson: John Brownlee

Date: 2 October

Minute Secretary: Jan Danrell

1. Welcome

John Brownlee (Meeting Chairperson) opened the meeting and Euan Muison, (2008 and 2009 Event Director, Canterbury Area Chairperson and North Canterbury President) welcomed the Patrons John Lavender and Joan McCall and the Guardians Mary Adams, Lester Truman and Jan Swarbrick.

2. Apologies

Bob Stringer (DC Hurunui)

John Lavender (Patron)

Anne Atkins (Springston and past Canterbury COM member)

*It was moved from the chair that the apologies be accepted
(Otipua)/Brent Snellex(Roydvale*

CARRIED

3. Roll Call (Branches)

Those present marked sheets passed around – Neil Mosley advised that composite teams don't have delegates, only branches.

Branches at Meeting - Amberley, Balmoral, Elderslie, Eyreton, Greymouth, Halswell, Wyndham, Mataura, Otipua, Rakaia, Rangiora, Springston, Tareri, View Hill, Waihora, Wakatipu, Waikouaiti, West Melton/Weedons, West Taieri

Composite Team Representatives at Meeting – Central Lakes, Elderslie, Highcliff, Marlborough, Oxford District, Pick 'n' Mix, Roydvale,

Other Personnel at Meeting

Lester Truman (Guardian), Heather Truman (COM Nelson/Marlborough/West Coast), Allan Ferguson (COM Horse Trials Committee), Geraldine Rae (COM/ Dc North Canterbury), Neil Mosley (TD for SP09, ESNZ Technical Committee)

Non -Competing Branches at Meeting – Kaikoura, Belfast, Mossburn, Bangor, Riccarton Fendalton, Blenheim, Marshlands, Northern Southland, Kingswell,

The chair gave speaking rights to – delegates, representatives and Neil Mosley (TD), Brent Snellex (Roydvale PC), Ron Miles (XC Judge for SP09), Allan Ferguson (COM HT), Heather Truman (COM).

4 Adoption of Standing Orders

It was moved that standing orders as presented be adopted.

Blue Clark (Oxford)/Shirley Smith (Bangor)

CARRIED

5. Confirmation of Minutes

It was moved that the minutes from the previous meeting held on the 3 October 2008 at the Rangiora Rugby Rooms be accepted as a true and correct record.

John Brownlee/Sara Wilson

CARRIED

6. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising.

7. **Correspondence**

None.

8. **Business Arising from Correspondence**

None.

9. **Appointment of Patrons**

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

John Brownlee (chair for AGM) Euan Muison (Event Director)

CARRIED

10. **Election of Guardian**

Euan Muirson was nominated as Guardian for Region 2.

It was moved that this nomination be accepted.

Eyreton PC/Region 2

CARRIED

11. **Confirmation of Entry Fee**

At present the entry fee per team is \$250.00. Euan Muison believed that this fee is sufficient as long as organising committees works at getting some funding and sponsorship.

'that the entry fee be left at the present level of \$250.00 per team.'

Euan Muirson/Sara Wilson

CARRIED

12. **Notice of Motions**

None.

13. **Remits**

- Remits represented for the final time – none
- Remits presented for the first time.

Remit 1. From the Kingswell Pony Club – that the present rule 13 of the Springston Trophy Rules be deleted and replaced by the following new rule 13.

	Class 1	Class2	Class 3
CROSS COUNTRY	105cms	95cm	80cm
Max height	120cms	105cm	90cm
Max top spread	185cms	150cm	120cm
Max Spread without height	240cms	180cm	120cm
Drip Fence Max drop	150cms	125cm	95cm
Drop Fence Max number	2@ 120cms	2@ 100cm	2@ 95cm
Distance metre	1800-2600	1800-2400	1400-2200
Speed	455mpm	400mpm	350mpm
Max jump efforts	26	24	22
Max water depth	20cms	20cms	20cms
SHOW JUMPING			
Max Height	105cms	95cms	80cms
Max Top Spread	115cms	105cms	90cms
Spread	300mpm	300mpm	300mpm
Max number Obstacles	9	9	9
Max effort	10	10	10
Combinations	1 double	1 double	1 double

Explanation

In the present Rules for Springston Trophy there are very few Rules covering Heights and other dimensions for Cross Country and Show Jumping – in fact only Maximum Heights and Top Spreads

for Class 1 and Speeds for all classes are laid down for Cross Country, and Heights and Speeds for Show Jumping are laid down.

In recent years both Equestrian Sports NZ and Pony Club have laid down more detailed rules covering the two phases. We feel Springston Trophy Rules should now contain similar detailed rules. The proposed Rules have been produced after making comparisons between ESNZ and NZPony Club Horse Trials Rules, for the three levels Open, Training and Pre Training levels that equate to Springston Trophy's Three classes. There are very few differences between the two sets of rules so it has been comparatively easy to arrive at a set of Rules for Springston Trophy that relate to the other two sets of Rules. In fact there are only differences from Pony Club Horse Trials Rules which are

- A Spread with height for Class 3 – 120 cm as against 100 cm PC rules
- B Distances for all classes 1800-2200 in PC Rules and 1400-2200 for Class 3 as against 1400-1800 in the PC Rules. Our rationale in these proposed Rules is that the suggested distances are more in line with the ESNZ Rules which we feel reflect more the actual length of courses in general.
- C Jump efforts for Class 1 we use the maximum in Pony Club Rules, Class 2 we propose 24 efforts and Class 3 we propose 22 efforts. Our rationale in these proposals is the number of efforts equate to 1 effort for 100 of length, for maximum course length and again more reflect actual number of efforts in general use.
- D Show Jumping – suggest we keep the number of efforts and speed the same for all classes.

As initial work has been undertaken on the Cross Country Course for Springston Trophy 2010, it became clear that more explicit rules on dimension etc for the Course would have been of great help to the Course Planner. Such Rules would be of great assistance to the teams coming to Springston Trophy each year as it gives a good guide as to the likely level of the Courses to be put before the Riders.

Noel Griffin (Kingswell) spoke to the remit and explained why more detail was needed (if no detail, use ESNZ rules) and why it was preferable to have Springston Trophy detail that comes in line with PC rules although distances could be reviewed.

Discussion

Euan Muison (TD, North Canterbury)

"Present heights supported – should be a stand alone event having even steps up in height 85/95/105 but proposal includes big step up from 80 – 95. Support present Springston Trophy heights"

Brent Snellix (Roydvale)

"Springston Trophy heights have been used for 30 years, PC heights for 2 yrs, need to remember riders on small ponies. This remit is a backward step."

Highcliff

"Are we encouraging builders to break the rules by building at 85cm?"

Neil Mosley (ST TD) – reply – "ESNZ and PC rules are close but not quite right yet. 85cm is looked at as a maximum. One problem is the grading system. Also, another problem is that all pre training courses in Canterbury are at 85cm so it would be a massive job to alter them all. ST is regarded by Pony Club as a major event."

?(Otipua)

"It is a big jump to go from 80 – 95" Also, suggest we stick to 355mpm for all showjumping classes"

? (Amberley)

" a jump at 95cm is quite technical, so to have a technical jump plus a large difference from 80-95 cm is too much"

Jahn Davies (Oxford)

"We need to be consistent, rather than cherry pick, suggest numbers and distances stay the same, and just alter the heights"

Noel Griffin (Kingswell)

"Pony Club recommends two large jump spacings, 65-80-95, wait for democracy to decide"

Following discussion, and a first reading, "that the existing Springston Trophy Rule 13 be replaced with a new Rule 13 for heights, dimensions and speeds."

Vote taken - 3 in favour, majority against.

Remit defeated.

Remit 2 – From the Oxford Pony Club, NC branch. (Blue Clark President)

The purpose of the remit is to give guidance on setting heights, distances, jump efforts and spreads for Springston Trophy Course Building. Springston Trophy rules state that they are based on NZPCA Horse trials Teams Championship Rules.

Current rules state -

Class 1, max height 105cm max spread 120cm at highest pt 455 met per min.

Class 2, max ht 95cm, reduction of spread, 425 met per min

Class 3, max ht 85cm further reduction of spread, 400 met per min

We would like these to remain but include the following

Class 1, max jump efforts 28, recommended distance 2200-2800m

Class 2, max jump efforts 26, recommended distance 2200-2600m

Class 3, max jump efforts 24, recommended distance 1800-2400m

These numbers of jump efforts and distances are similar to ESNZ rules. It must be remembered that ESNZ rules are for training young horses. In contrast the combination riding at the lower levels at Springston Trophy can be very experienced. It is also a Teams competition not a training event. These maximums allow for the very flat courses as found in Canterbury, without restricting a reduction for courses on hill country. Hill country events may require reduction in distance and efforts.

Discussion

Brent Snelllex (Roydvale)

"Whole remit should go through"

? (Otipua)

"Why change distances and efforts?"

Euan Muirson (North Canterbury President)

"Distances and efforts are similar to those used in the past, and discretion must always be used.

Feels Canterbury needs to use maximums as preparation for Champs, as well as the technical aspects. ST is like Burghley to these riders."

Lester Truman (Guardian)

"We should wait until NZPCA and ESNZ jump dimensions come together and then look at Springston Trophy."

Allan Ferguson (COM HT Committee)

"Pony Club COM is committed to meet with the ESNZ Technical Committee re looking at the lower heights – suggest Springston Trophy TDs, Timberlands TDs and ESNZ technical committee meet with Pony Club to work it out."

Bev Ashton (Bangor)

"Riders need to know what heights to work on in their preparation"

Rick Page (Ferrymead)

"Pony Club is an educational and training organisation. I support 10cm difference, PC can teach how to ride, ESNZ focuses on competition. Suggest this remit passes at this reading, and we wait for meeting of groups during the year, and tweak it up for the second reading next Sp Trophy AGM"

Heather Truman (COM)

"Suggest we wait 12 months and NZPCA can evaluate the rules"

Blue Clark (Oxford)

"leave it as it is, pass the first reading, look again in 12 months"

It was moved that Remit 2 be accepted

Blue Clark(Oxford)

CARRIED.

14. **Amendments to the Rules**

No amendments

15.1 **Springston Trophy 2010 Host Invercargill**

Mary Adams spoke about ST 2010 inviting all to attend, and advising that it was 25 years since Springston Trophy had been first held in Invercargill. No 1 newsletter available at this meeting.

15.2 **Springston Trophy 2011 Host Kaikoura**

15.3 **Springston Trophy 2012 Host**

No proposals received.

16 **2010 South Island Pony Club Show Jumping Championship**

The meeting was advised that the Taieri District Pony Club was ready to run this event and invited all clubs and branches to attend on 26 and 27 January 2010. There is a change of classes, TA6 taken out, replaced by TA5, and the last class is 2 phase with a TA5 jump off. Taieri District Pony Club will assist with accommodation for both horses and people.

17 **General Business**

17.1 **Appointment of ST Guardian from COM to be Convenor – Senior Guardian.**

Discussion.

As there is not an NZPCA vice president in the South Island, this leaves Heather Truman, Philippa Hawker and Geraldine Rae from COM as the other 3 Guardians without a senior Guardian.

Euan Muirson.

"Do we really need to appoint anyone as according to The Way Forward, we will probably not have a COM by this time next year. Springston Trophy is already run under 3 regions, and we have 3 Guardians.

Noel Griffin (Southland PC)

"If the 3 present Guardians are happy to stay on as a team of 3, then maybe they could appoint one of themselves to be the senior Guardian?" Lester Truman, Euan Muirson and Mary Adams were all happy to work as a team of 3 Guardians with one being nominated as Senior."
The meeting was happy with this arrangement.

17.2 **Kaikoura Pony Club**

Kaikoura Pony Club thanked everyone who had supported making this Springston Trophy to be so successful and the support Kaikoura had received when it had to change hosting plans. It looked forward to running a successful Springston Trophy in 2011 – the 40th in the history of the event.

17.3 **Thank you to Jan Swarbrick.**

The meeting recognised the hard work Jan had given as a Guardian and applauded her.

There was no other general business. The meeting closed at 8.35pm.