

Report on Meeting between Event Organising Committees and Eventing SA Committee 19/1/16

ESA Committee convened early on Tuesday 19th January to allow discussion from representatives of the Event Organisers with ESA on topics including financial support, possible grants applications, the Eventing Box contents, Medical doctor/ambulance requirements & discussion on any topic they wished to ask questions about.

Kate Tweddell had been appointed to liaise between OC's and ESA, and there was a good representation of all local OC's with the only exception being Mt Gambier – (tyranny of distance). Two Wells was strongly represented with Penti and Cath Puro, Di Pritchard and Christy Pearn. Kirkcaldy was represented by Karen Edwards, Monarto by Charlie Germaine, and Grand Cru (in recess) by Cheryl Simmons.

Our Committee members also had their OC hats on with Tracey Leigh & Lara Pizimolas from Lockington and Helen McEwen from Reynella. Kate & Melissa from our Committee, representing Naracoorte.

Dressage Tests for the coming season were confirmed as B Tests and are posted on the Eventing SA web page. All tests are now the new ones as per our National website.

The Eventing Box was discussed, its price structure to hire for events and its contents shown and the newer jump judge sheets demonstrated. (These are also available in PDF to be printed from the web page). Contents include high vis bibs for jump judges, stop watches, clip boards, flags & timing gear. Plus a new addition, recently purchased with a grant, of 30 Spirofixes for use & re-use on cross country fences. Two Wells have never used the EA Box as they do have their own equipment and only run EVA 80 & 105 classes, so not large numbers. The benefit to OC's of having a set amount of equipment available to hire and hence shared amongst all, was discussed.

Any additional equipment that could be beneficially added was also discussed – in the light of using the Rec & Sport sponsorship for specific desired items rather than the current split up between all events, (which will amount to only \$250 amongst 10 recipients this year). Otherwise a combined total of \$2500 could set up a P A Sound System on a trailer, for use by all OC's - or another suggestion made was for a trailer containing shared equipment such as incident screens and recovery items for horse/rider accidents.

Peter Oborn then pointed out that the SES had set up large animal recovery units, one North and one South of Adelaide, which could be called on in emergency and we may be duplicating a service in purchasing our own equipment. It was agreed that incident screens should be an item available for use at all events.

Medical Recommendations were also discussed – Doctor, GP or Trauma specialist, St John's Ambulance or Paramedic ambulance. FEI requirements are more stringent. Must have a trauma Doctor & Paramedics with ambulance present on site. A horse ambulance (ie float) at the ready should always be on site.

HANDBOOK – it will be totally electronic as from this year, not printed, but posted to Eventing SA web page. All information as in the printed handbook are there to be scrolled through. An Entry Form generalized for any event can be downloaded for events not using the Nominate entry site.

DATES of Events – were further discussed and confirmed. The advantages of electronic Handbook which clearly allows more flexibility, and the addition of extra Events or Training days to be included or changed, was pointed out. Kirkcaldy may add a second November/December event depending on hay cutting & carting.

Events Dates agreed upon :-

5 – 6th March - Lockington

2 – 3rd April – Kirkcaldy

23 – 24 April – Two Wells

30 April – 1st May – Reynella

14 – 15th May – Naracoorte CIC

28 – 29th May Williamstown Pony Club

29 – 31st July – Mildura

13 – 14th August – Mt Gambier

17 – 18th September – Monarto

9th October – Williamstown PC Spring ODE

15 – 16th October - Reynella CIC State Champs

3 – 6th November – Adelaide CCI2* & CCI4*

Training Days at Reynella are scheduled for Sunday 26th February & Saturday 26th March (Easter).

Training Days at Monarto - TBA

Cheryl Simmons from Grand Cru reported that they had reconvened a Committee with a view to building a new course and looking into various options for a venue. They are hoping to have something more positive to report in near future. A huge Thank You goes to the Seppelt Family at Grand Cru for hosting this event for 19 years.

Interschools will again be hosted by several events allowing Interschool entrants to run within the EA classes. As this program is run through I/S and the EA office, OC's are not responsible for prizes & rosettes, but prizes are presented at prizegiving, by an EA appointee.

Discussion was had on the relative difficulty of water jumps for Intro 80cms and 65cms. 80 is not allowed to have a jump into water or a drop, but can have a jump out of water. 65 should have flags in middle of water, not at the entry, to make it more encouraging.

FEI calendar fees are re-imbursed to any OC agreeing to run a CIC event by the ESA – a cost saving factor, to encourage more events to conduct CIC's - because qualifications for FEI major events such as Adelaide require completions & MER at CIC levels and National events do not count.

Discussion was had on the extra expenses incurred by OC's conducting these events and the lack of appreciation of this factor by most riders. Since CIC are essential for some riders to gain qualifications to compete at higher levels, the expense factor needs to be better understood by competitors. User pays principle.

SA Showjumping Committee owns a set of show jumps – recently renovated – and available for hire at a reasonable rate to all ESA Events. ESA is considering purchasing our own electronic start/finish timing equipment.

Volunteers – the expectation that riders entering events should either spend some 4 hours /year volunteering work at one venue or provide a helper on the day. Help with preparing a XC course would be very much appreciated by course builders & OC's especially in the 3 or 4 weeks leading up to an event. Introduced 2014 with some success, help rates have dwindled 2015 and more riders need to make an effort to support OC's – or the events may not continue, or entry fees include a compulsory help fee say \$40 (to be re-imbursed on completion of hours of volunteering).

Dates to remember -

31st January at K1 Winery . A fundraising luncheon is served at 12.30 and discussion had on various aspects of Eventing, State Squads and Training options. Support Your Sport and Be There.

13th February - A Cross Country Course Builders and Technical Delegates Seminar will be conducted by FEI CD, Wayne Copping. All potential or training CD's & TD's are invited to attend at Reynella.