

## ESA February Board Meeting Summary

The ESA's February board meeting immediately followed a special meeting to meet and assess a potential Independent Chair, Stephen Ludlam, sourced for ESA by the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing. Following due process, Stephen was voted unanimously by the current board to the position of Independent Chair for an expected period of 12-18 months.

Dressage Discipline Committee members then met with the board to discuss issues important to their discipline including the amalgamation of the Dressage Judges Sub-Committee into DSA albeit with separate financials. The notion of a discipline wide calendar of events was proposed to avoid clashes of major championships in different disciplines.

The Kirkcaldy Park venue was deemed to be safe for all competitors and the purpose of our organisation was to promote competition in a healthy sporting environment; therefore the board determined that they would allow the Kirkcaldy Park Horse Trials on March 14/15 to go ahead. A media statement was prepared to be used when expected further contact was made by Adelaide media.

Samples of attractive ESA merchandise were shown and other options discussed.

Review of Discipline Committees to commence as per the Governance Review by new Chair, Steve Ludlam. Commencing with Show Horse

Updated policies and procedures were circulated for review and approval by circular resolution including an updated complaints policy, a catastrophic fire rating policy, an updated social media policy, updated discipline committee by-laws and an updated measuring form.

The Board resolved to appoint Stephen Ludlam to the Finance Audit and Risk Management Committee (FARMC) and Board member, Helen Coliero was nominated as the Pony Club Liaison Officer.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 18 at 7pm.