



# Australian Carriage Driving Society

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## Federal Council Meeting, Tuesday 23 August 2022, Via Zoom, Commencing 8:00 pm AEDT

### 1.0 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

#### 1.1 Welcome

- 1.2 Present:** Federal Executives  
State Delegates  
Young Driver Coordinator invited to discuss particular items

#### 1.3 Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest Pursuant to ACDS Schedule 3

To be declared by members as the need arises.

### 2.0 YOUNG DRIVER COORDINATOR (YDC)

The YDC, Nicole Linic, asked to attend the meeting and discuss several items presented to Federal Council via a letter. Nicole had been invited and discussion will occur prior to other Procedural Matters and Business Arising.

#### 2.1 Rules

It has been brought to the YDC's attention that there have been many situations where young drivers have been breaking ACDS rules and these situations have been photographed and included in the Journal and on ACDS club social media accounts. Situations including young drivers (under 16yrs) without an ACDS member in the carriage, very young children in a carriage without an adult in the carriage or reins, children under 6 years old driving a pony and young drivers not wearing helmets on a carriage just to name a few.

The major concern is that these situations is that most of them have occurred at an ACDS activity where an ACDS coach is providing tuition. Five different ACDS coaches have been involved in these situations or similar ones in recent months. The YDC has requested that the ACDS write to all ACDS Coaches, Officials and Club Secretaries reminding them of the rules for young drivers and young people on a carriage.

A letter is to be sent to Coaches, Officials and Club Secretaries as requested.

#### 2.2 Age of Drivers and Wording of By-law 14.8

Discussion on the range of driver ages in different disciplines. In some instances, competition rules do not align with the By-laws and the wording in the By-laws needs a review to alleviate some of the confusion that has been highlighted by not just the YDC, but also other ACDS members.

The YDC has been asked to discuss all aspects of driving ages and wording in the By-law with her panel and include all Discipline Convenors in the discussion. Recommendations to be presented to Federal Council.



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### 2.3 Logo

The YDC has discussed several Young Driver Logos with Scribblegum Design and Print, Young NSW, her panel and some young drivers. The most preferred was presented to Federal Council for approval.

The Logo is clear in indicating young drivers, acknowledges the ACDS and is modern. States have asked the colour of the Logo be altered for each State. Federal Council have requested that the ACDS Logo colours remain the same on all State Logos, that is, red, blue and white.

Consensus is that the Logo be accepted but the YDC is to have the differing State colours placed on the Logo for review prior to final approval.

### 2.4 Sponsorship

The YDC has been approached by Alison McDiarmid of Saddle & Carriage Bespoke Equestrian with a request to provide sponsorship in the form of gift vouchers to the total value of \$150-200 for some of the Junior Bursary recipients.

Discussion on advertising in the Journal and access for Bursary winners online.

#### *Resolution*

*The offer of sponsorship by Alison McDiarmid of Saddle and Carriage Bespoke be accepted in principle and allow the YDC to negotiate terms.*

#### *Carried*

At this point the YDC left the meeting

### 3.0 MINUTES

Minutes from the previous ACDS Federal Council meeting, including the 'in-camera' items, held on 4 August 2022 were circulated prior to the meeting.

#### *Resolution*

*That the minutes of the Federal Council meeting held on 4 August 2022 are a true and accurate account of that meeting.*

#### *Carried*

WA Delegate Abstained

QLD Delegate was not at the previous meeting

The Federal Secretary asked that any Minutes sent to FC members via email be read and their approval/disapproval of them being a true and accurate account of the meeting be sent back as soon as possible so they can be posted on the website. This also applies to any resolutions sent out.



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## 4.0 BUSINESS ARISING

### 4.1 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report distributed to all members prior to the meeting.

- A request has been made for more information in future reports. A list of funds in and funds out under General Categories would be acceptable.
- No joy with the Taxation Department regarding signatories for BAS Statements.
- Trial has commenced for with two NSW and one Victorian Club regarding payment of membership fees. 52 Invoices have been sent out and some glitches have been identified.
- Two bank accounts no longer used have been closed. Any outstanding amounts to be transferred to the main account.
- A recommendation has been put forward re: investment of outstanding monies. To be reviewed.
- No major expenses expected for the remainder of the year.

*Resolution*

*That the Treasurer's Report as presented be accepted.*

*Carried*

### 4.2 Equitana

Information provided by the Victorian Delegate.

No stall – estimated costs was \$7000.

A jump and drive are occurring at no cost to Vic Branch. Ribbons supplied by Equitana. An invitation is to be sent to all drivers in all States and coordinated by Vic Branch.

### 4.3 EA in Queensland

Some activities by EA groups in Queensland offering some ACDS members free EA affiliated club membership. Brendan Dwyer, a member of the ACDS EA sub-committee, has been consulted. EA reverting to old tactics used some years ago, but Qld seems to be the main target.

A question on EA insurance and the effect it has on ACDS Insurance?

Queensland clubs are urged to ensure the ACDS Logo is on any materials relating to a Club event.

The Queensland Delegate highlighted some areas of concern, e.g., declining club memberships and the most likely mindset of drivers in Queensland. No listed ACDS coaches in Queensland.



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Four members of the EA National Driving Committee are pushing for inclusion of EA in Queensland and are attempting, and succeeding in places, in poaching ACDS members.

Forthcoming Gary Docking visiting Qld, a Victorian Show Judge is staying after the Qld Show Driving Championships and giving a seminar to Qld drivers, the Federal Dressage Convenor is presenting a DD Judges Clinic and the Federal Secretary will be available for an open forum in November 2022.

The ACDS have lost two clubs to EA (not recently), including infrastructure and equipment. We have gained one club from disgruntled EA members. We all need to be more diligent, and it is recommended that the Queensland Branch be more proactive.

Clubs need to be careful with use of grounds and any contracts need to consider the infiltration of EA.

## 4.4 By-laws

By-laws 15.1 – people attending a Federal Council meeting and By-law 20 – access to information from a third party have now been amended.

## 4.5 One Activity Membership

Amendments to the OAM have been finalised and sent out.

## 5.0 NEW BUSINESS

### 5.1 Gary Docking

A draft itinerary and flight details have been presented by Max Pearce, the Federal Show Driving Convenor. Federal had agreed to pay International Flights previously but there is a need to pay domestic travel up front to ensure we get discount pricing. States or Clubs to be invoiced later. Max Pearce has provided estimated costs for each leg.

#### *Resolution*

*That Federal will pay for the Gary Docking domestic flights to the value of \$1840.60 and invoice State Branches or Clubs later.*

#### *Carried*

### 5.2 Deemed Members

2022 – 2023 Membership Year

Boyd Exell  
Tor and Mel Van Den Berg  
Janelle Marshall  
Andrew Damsma  
Gavin Robson  
Cally Hannah (Solicitor WA)



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28 September – 24 November 2022 (inclusive)

Gary Docking

*Resolution*

*The above-named members be granted the status of Deemed Member of the ACDS for the period indicated above.*

*Carried*

## **5.3 National Rota**

Tasmania has indicated that it is becoming more and more expensive to travel to and from Tasmania and probably the State should be taken off the Rota.

A thought was put forward of the possibility of Tasmania hosting an event but using a ground in Victoria, as an example. The State Delegate will put this suggestion to the State Branch and get feedback.

Tasmania has the Show Driving Championships rostered for next year (2023) but will not be able to host this. A letter to States will need to be sent for a replacement. Graded Driven Dressage is rostered for Tasmania in 2025 and will certainly put the suggestion forward to run the event in Victoria.

## **5.4 President and Secretary Visit to WA**

Upon invitation from WA, the Federal President and Secretary were present for their inaugural State Conference, which included the AGM.

Very well organised by the State Branch and it gave the opportunity for WA members to talk directly to some members of the Federal Executive. The Conference included an open forum with the Federal Exec members, a presentation by Cally Hannah on social media and discussions with some Federal Convenors and Andrew Damsma.

The aim was for a friendly open Conference and it was very well conducted and worth the travel and time to be there.

The WA Delegate spoke in some detail on the Conference and was pleased with the outcomes and thanked the Federal Council for their support and hopes that it has helped members in WA to move forward.

## **5.5 In-Camera**

## **5.6 Email Resolutions**

It was mentioned previously but FC members were reminded that where a resolution is circulated by email, the resolution is not passed unless all recipients of the email vote in favour of the motion, and the motion is deemed passed on the date and at the time when the Federal Secretary receives the response from the final recipient to forward the response.



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### 5.7 Strategic Plan

The Vice-President spoke on a proposal for proceeding with a Strategic Plan for the ACDS. Documentation on this was sent to members prior to the meeting.

Consideration taken that Federal Council is a rotating membership and to train specific people at a cost that could be used in another way.

Discussion moved to a threat of losing clubs and the possibility of involving more people in a process for getting information regarding where we are now and where we want to be and how to get there. Should the Convenors be involved?

The VP highlighted that with some of the older Strategic Plans some worked and some simply did not work and there probably needs to be another process of working out where we want to go.

A suggestion that all FC members consider five points that needs addressing and put them up for discussion with maybe a process like SWOT Analysis to be used. (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats). This is used in business and could easily be used for the ACDS and could be the start of a plan.

Members given three weeks (13 September) to consider five points and pass on to the Federal Secretary as a start point.

The VP is to structure some documents/materials to assist people to turn their minds to the right things.

### 5.8 2023 ACDS CDE Championships

An Expression of Interest has been received from the Ellmore Harness Club via the NSW State Branch to conduct the 2023 ACDS CDE Championships.

*Resolution*

*That the Ellmore Harness Club be awarded the 2023 ACDS CDE Championships.*

*Carried*

### 5.9 Journals

A letter was received suggesting that if a person with full membership does not want a Journal, the cost of the Journal could be taken off the membership fee.

Not considered viable at this stage, primarily because of administration.

### 5.10 EA Coaches

There has been a request from a WA Club regarding the use of EA Coaches at an ACDS sanctioned event.

By-law 11.6 allows for this.



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## 5.11 Stallions

An incident occurred at a qualifying event where a stallion ‘escaped’ and harassed two other horses. Awaiting an incident report.

## 5.12 Indoor/Outdoor

The Victorian Branch is to vote on the ownership and administration of the Indoor/Outdoor Rules on Wednesday 24 August 2022.

## 5.13 Approvals to Spend

### *Resolution*

*That Federal Council approve the spending of \$820.00 for face-to-face training of four members on the processes needed to maintain the ACDS Website.*

### *Carried*

In lieu of paying airfares for the Federal Dressage Convenor to travel to Gawler in SA to deliver Driven Dressage Judge training, the cost of airfares be granted to the Federal Secretary to drive himself and the FDDC to SA to deliver the workshop and liaise with SA members and the SA Executive.

### *Resolution*

*That the cost of travel, up to the value of \$450.00, be granted to the Federal Secretary for travel to SA to enable the conduct of a DD Judges Workshop and liaison with SA members.*

### *Carried*

## 5.14 Ratification of Accreditation/Re-accreditation of Officials

### **Advanced Dressage Judge**

NSW 30 March 2022  
Judith Harris

SA 7 August 2022  
Val Blows  
Christine Gibbons  
Shirley Crossley

### **Course Designer**

Western Australia 30 May 2022  
Karan Colie; Chris Dart; Margaret Dart

### **Novice Dressage Judge**

NSW 30 March 2022  
Belinda Casper

SA 7 August 2022  
Ree Tyas  
Henry Crossley  
Di Norris  
Helen Barnes

### **Technical Delegate - Novice**

Western Australia 30 May 2022  
Karan Colie; Chris Dart; Margaret Dart



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## Show Driving Judge General

NSW 10 June 2022

Lizzette Ferguson

## CDE Ground Jury Member

VIC 14 May 2022

Lorraine Cairns

SA 17 August 2022

Christine Gibbons; Val Blows

## TPR Steward

SA 30 July 2022

Michelle Francis; Andreana Riethoven;

Helen Barnes; Sandy Hodgetts;

Henry Crossley; Shirley Crossley

Ree Tyas; Lawrie Tyas

## Cones Judge

Victoria 31 July 2022

Cheryl Dowling; Karina Moore

Western Australia 30 May 2022

Karan Colie; Chris Dart; Margaret Dart

### *Resolution*

*It was resolved that Federal Council ratify the Accreditations/Re-accreditations of the above listed named persons to their nominated capacity.*

### *Carried*

The Federal Secretary and the SA Delegate did not vote.

## **6.0 CLOSURE**

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 11:05 pm.

## **7.0 NEXT MEETING**

To be advised.