



Minutes

Federal Council Meeting, 8:00 pm AEDT, 30 November 2023, via Zoom

1. Welcome

2. Attendance

Federal Executive
Federal Council members
Oliver Tester invited to address FC but declined

3. Conflict of Interest (to be submitted for each agenda item)

4. Minutes of previous meeting 7 September 2023 (distributed prior to the meeting)

Resolution

That the minutes of the FC meeting held on 7 September 2023, as amended, be accepted as a true and accurate account of that meeting

Carried

5. Treasurers Report

The Treasurer's report was read out by the Treasurer and included and profit and loss report and a balance sheet. It also included a response to some questions.

Resolution

That the Treasurer's report as presented be accepted.

Carried

6. Correspondence In

Briony O'Bree Horse Rego
Tim Kennedy – Legal Practitioner Kennedy Vinciullo for Janet Smith
Peter Lee – Boyd Exell Clinic
Tim Kennedy – Legal Practitioner Kennedy Vinciullo for Janet Smith
Vic Branch – 2024 National Driven Dressage Championships
WA Sec – Janet Smith view of Membership List
Peter Smith – Boyd Exell Clinic
Kate Pedersen – Arbitration
Oliver Tester – request to meet with FC
NSW Sec – conduct of events in NSW
SA President – Easter GDD qualifier in NSW
Peter Smith – funding for Boyd Exell Clinic



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7. Correspondence Out

Kate Pedersen – withdrawal from Arbitration
McNally and Co - Arbitration
Arbitration Agreement
Tim Kennedy – Legal Practitioner Kennedy Vinciullo for Janet Smith
Michelle Jones – 2024 National Driven Dressage Championships
OAM Extention – Prostate Cancer Drive EVPHC
Neralie Bailey – Bitless Bridle
Tim Kennedy – Legal Practitioner Kennedy Vinciullo for Janet Smith
Lorraine Cairns Webco appointment
Tim Kennedy – Legal Practitioner Kennedy Vinciullo for Janet Smith

Business Arising

8. VB Meeting 5 October 2023

No outcome – nothing to report

9. In-Camera – Arbitration Agreement

10. Request for copy of the ACDS Member's List

By mutual arrangement the viewing took place at Murray Districts ground on 12 November 2023 by Janet Smith, with the WA State President and Secretary in attendance.

New Business

11. In – Camera - complaints

12. 2024 ACDS Annual General Meeting

Resolution

The 2024 Annual General Meeting is to be conducted on Tuesday 11 June 2024 at 8:00 pm AEST, utilising Vero Voting.

Carried



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13. Financial Review

Resolution

That the Treasurer be given the authority to select a person to review the ACDS finances for the 2024 AGM.

Carried

14. Boyd Exell Clinic

Letters from Peter Lee and Peter Smith requesting funding assistance for the Boyd Exell Clinic – to be run at Elizabeth Lawrence's property, with financial regulation from the Pyrenees Club. It is anticipated that the budget will run even.

Resolution

That \$2000 be allocated to assist with Boyd Exell's airfares

Carried

A financial statement is to be produced to FC after the event and the \$2000 returned if it is seen that the clinic provided a significant profit.

Peter Smith abstained from the vote.

15. Junior Bursary

Has not been allocated for 2024

Resolution

That the Junior Bursary for 2024 be allocated \$3000.

Carried

Resolution

That the Young Driver Coordinator be invited to participate in the selection process for Junior Bursary recipients in 2024.

Carried

Same conditions apply, as in the past and documentation will be sent out as soon as possible; with the aim to have the Bursary allocated by mid-February.

16. ACDS Website

Lorraine Cairns has been appointed the Webco and after discussions with the President will be given the authority and discretion to place items on the Website.

The Website is being updated and a Calendar of Events is to be included.



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17. **Clash of Dates** – Club/State Events with National Championships

The NSW President gave the reasons as to why the NSW Committee agreed that a Club Graded Driven Dressage Qualifier will be conducted in NSW on the same dates as the National CDE Championships in South Australia.

18. **Horse Registration Form**

Resolution

That the Horse Registration Card be made electronic, with the use of photos instead of drawings.

Carried

The Secretary is to liaise with Briony O'Bree and construct a policy and forms to be used.

19. **Bitless Bridle**

A letter has been sent to a member emphasising that, as per the ACDS competition rules, bitless bridles are not permitted in any discipline. This should also apply to any activity sanctioned by a club on behalf of the ACDS.

20. **Response to Emails**

The Secretary asked that any emails sent to FC members should be answered as soon as possible. As per our Constitution, no action can be taken unless all members answer email requests and if it is not unanimous, then a meeting needs to be convened.

21. **Vic Branch** and the conduct the 2024 National Driven Dressage Championships

Vic Branch reaffirmed that they would not conduct the 2024 National Driven Dressage Championships unless they could do it in the Autumn months.

Declined by FC and a letter is to be sent to all other States asking for an Expression of Interest.

A letter is to be drafted by the President to VB accepting their response.

22. **Use of the ACDS Logo**

The ACDS has been informed that Commercial business has been using the ACDS logo and inferring that the ACDS is in partnership with them.

A letter has been sent to them, requesting this be removed from the website. A response from the business has stated that they will comply.

23. **In-camera.** Armstrong Legal



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24. One delegate is struggling with what they can say or not say out of Federal Council meetings. Financials are a controlled document and not reviewed or audited for FC meetings – so are not put up for general view. The financials for 2023 have been audited and are on the website and same will occur for 2024. More information regarding legal costs is in the Forum Report.

Closure

25. There being no further the business the meeting was closed at 10:40 pm
26. Next meeting date/time to be advised.

Dot Willcoxson
ACDS Federal President

3 December 2023