

AUSTRALIAN CARRIAGE DRIVING SOCIETY INC.

FEDERAL COUNCIL MINUTES

10 APRIL 2024

Present: Dot Willcoxson (President), Greg McDonald (VP), Christine Gibbons (Treasurer) Greg Bowdler (QLD), Graeme Dowing (NSW), Leanne Kirby (Vic), Kate Wholagan (Tas), Henry Crossley (SA), Kathy Miles (WA)

Minutes of Previous Meeting – 13 February 2024 Approved prior to meeting via email

Resolved that the minutes be accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Presented by Treasurer and there were no questions from Councillors re the financials.

Honorariums – President \$1000 (By-law 13.1), Federal Secretary \$2000 (By-law 13.2), Assistant Federal Secretary (By-law 13.3) \$1000

Resolved that the Honorariums for 2023/24 as noted above be paid.

Resolved that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Business Arising:

Nationals TD – \$3000 to GPCDA. Costs to be accounted for. Extras to be handed back? Approximately \$600 cost to club for Technical Delegate. Financial details for the Nationals are yet to be completed.

Insurance – ACDS has provided detailed information to Affinity Brokers regarding defence for possible legal action by Tracey Tester. Request from Brokers for additional information and this will be provided.

Annual premium – Peter Dunn be asked to follow up with the insurance brokers the possibility of quarterly payments.

Federal Driven Dressage Convenor - Update on 2024 Victorian Dressage Champs and expressing concerns with the Victorian Branch/Driven Dressage Panel. Federal Council agreed that this was a Victorian State Branch matter.

The President's internet connection went down. Meeting to be reconvened on Thursday 11 April

FEDERAL COUNCIL MEETING CONTINUED 11 APRIL 2024

With the exception of Kate Wholagan, the same attendees from 10 April were in attendance. Tom Dowling was notified of the meeting however due to travel, he was unable to attend.

Kate Wholagan submitted her apology.

Perpetual Trophies for National CD Championships – It has been suggested that perpetual trophies be replaced by a one-off trophy in each class per event for the driver to keep, The difficulty and expense of having perpetual trophies engraved and returned is on-going. These will replace the current perpetual trophies.

Resolved that Federal Council purchase individual trophies each year and for them to be delivered to the host State. Winners to keep the trophy. WA, SA, Treasurer abstained.

Deemed Membership – Gavin Robson

Gavin Robson was formerly an ACDS member and is currently working for Boyd Exell in The Netherlands. All other Australian drivers competing or working overseas have been given deemed membership.

Resolved that Gavin Robson be acknowledged as a deemed member of the ACDS.

Electronic Horse Registration – the Registrar has reported that the new system is working well to date.

Club Affiliations - Currently six clubs have yet to submit affiliation forms. Federal Secretary regularly follows these up. Attached is the Returns Summary.

Nomination for Executive Positions – at the time of the meeting only one nomination for an Executive position had been received; Christine Gibbons, Federal Treasurer

Nomination for Council Appointments – at the time of the meeting David Cockcroft (PE), Gwenifer Hack (Dressage), Lorraine Cairns (Webco, Schools & Training)

Vero Voting – AGM. Federal Secretary to confirm the arrangements already made with Vero Voting. There will be no special resolutions for members to vote on. Unless a submission is received in time for circulation to members prior to the AGM.

Confidentiality complaint – In response to the complaint by a WA member, the complainant was requested to provide written statements in support of the complaint. No response to date.

2024 National Graded Driven Dressage Championships – Queensland Branch submitted the draft schedule for the championships. Noted by FDDC that additional judges need to be appointed.

Boyd Exell Clinic – The organising committee of the clinic provided a detailed financial statement. It was noted that the event was well planned and very successful.

RESTRUCTURE OF ACDS

A member forwarded a comprehensive investigation into the restructure of the ACDS. This follows on from the discussion at the 14 March 2022 FC meeting and the report presented by the then VP, Peter Smith at the Open Forum held in August 2022 (published on the ACDS website). Federal Council is aware that there are options for the ACDS and its restructure. Research is on-going.

2025 National CD Championships

In accordance with the Rota published in the ACDS By-Laws, the Victorian Branch forwarded an application to Federal Council from Longwood Carriage Driving Club to host the 2025 National CD championships. It was noted that the application had not been signed by the Federal CD Convenor. It is to be forwarded to him for signature and returned to the Federal Secretary. The ACDS logo is to be displayed prominently on promotional material and on the event paperwork. Longwood's application was comprehensive and very thorough.

Resignation of FDDC

Cheryl Dowling, Federal Driven Dressage Convenor, submitted her resignation effective immediately. Federal Council regretfully accepted her resignation and in the view of the difficulties with the Victorian Branch, understood her decision. Federal Council is very grateful to her dedication to the role of FDDC over the last six years.

President to write to Cheryl thanking her for her exceptional contribution to the discipline of graded driven dressage.

OTHER BUSINESS

Complaint from Jason Vaudin regarding the unsporting behaviour of a competitor at the 2024 Australian CD championships towards his son Rhys. The competitor was in the same class as Rhys and the comments referred to the height of his pony pair.

The President to respond to Mr Vaudin.

Show Driving Assessor

Questions raised regarding the Show Driving Assessor in WA. The only assessor is Margaret Langan and according to the guidelines, her accreditation has lapsed.

Resolved that the WA show driving assessors' reaccreditation outside the current guidelines be approved.

Training of Officials

Robust discussion took place on the difficulty with officials being accredited and reaccredited. General consensus was that the paperwork now required was making things more complicated than they needed to be. Only one presenter is being used for CDE courses and this is also making the process time consuming and expensive, especially for WA.

President to forward a letter to Schools & Training Sub-committee regarding concerns, especially in regard to presenters.

The meeting concluded at 11pm.