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WAIKATO COMBINED EQUESTRIAN GROUP (INC) COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES *Tuesday 22nd of February 2022, by Zoom – 6.30pm*

PRESENT: Debra Cowen, President/Chair (DC), Mark Innes, Vice President (MI), Kara Lockhart (KL), Wendy Bragger (WB), Nicole Hammond (NH), Noeline Jeffries (NJ), Paul Gibbs (PG), Dave Young (DY)

APOLOGIES:

N Jeffries/M Innes – AIF - Carried

AFFILIATED GROUPS REPORTS:

EPNZ: Nothing received.

STAK: Nothing received.

WESTERN: Nothing received.

NPC: Nothing received.

If anything is to be put on agenda from AG's, it is to be sent through before the meeting.

PREVIOUS MEETING

P Gibbs/M Innes – AIF – Carried

MATTERS ARISING:

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

Emails received 9 February, 9 February 18 February (to be discussed in Committee only).

Email received 13 February (to be discussed in general).

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

Email sent 18 February (to be discussed in general).

REPORTS:

- Riding School – tabled by KL.
 - Lessons going well.
 - Melissa is teaching Mondays and Wednesdays and every second Friday for Pony Club.
 - Nicky is teaching Tuesdays, Thursdays and every second Friday.
 - So happy to welcome Amy de Langen to Saturday teaching. She is going well and the riders like her.
 - Bonnie went to a retirement home following on from the vet report.
 - Horse shortage becoming dire! I have been contacting a few, but they are not suitable or won't sell to a riding school or super expensive!

- Cyclone Dovi caused lots of trees and/or branches to come down. Only 1 was affecting an EP paddock and this was across a fence and over a trough. It has been moved away from the trough, but is still in the paddock requiring removal by HCC. There is one tree uprooted and others with big branches down. Too big for us to handle. HCC have been notified and I will keep in touch with them.
- Facility – tabled by KL:
 - We hosted the NZ Show Horse Council event at very short notice due to them not being able to use their grounds at Hastings. It went really well. Even had South Islanders come up. The yards took a bit of a hammering, but Steve has fixed them.
 - Dressage practice day cancelled on the morning due to Cyclone Dovi.
 - The cyclone downed a poplar tree onto the arena and the gum tree in Western arena took a hit too.
 - Due to a cancellation of event - Running a practice cross country and dressage this weekend before the course closes for HT (closed from 3/3 until 22/3). Steve and I are moving jumps tomorrow and weed eating. I'll flag on Friday. Entries good at this stage. Made it free for members, but most are non-members.
 - Horse Trial going ahead as long as rules stay the same. Entries coming in now. Will need lots of extra hands on deck for this one to ensure compliance with rules etc. If anyone can help (19 and 20 March) who isn't already, please let me know.
 - Future Posts people – posts going in on the Polofield. We need signage. Lisa to get some.
- Grazing – tabled by KL
 - Have had a new enquiry for the gelding mob. They can move in towards the end of March which is great timing (after the horse trial).
 - Also have someone interested in individual grazing. Working through with them now.
 - Grazer paddocks weren't too badly affected by the storm for a change. The one big tree branch has been dealt to and the fence fixed.
- Health and Safety – given by PG:
 - Rapid Antigen Tests are becoming more available. Should we acquire some and have them in case staff display symptoms to get them to test if required? NJ yes we should and we should have a plan if our staff get Covid. MI – there will be more coming out in the next days. DY – do staff mix? DC – no we don't have teams as such as there are people who cross over. DC – we can get them and use for peace of mind for nothing else. PG to find some and get details to KL to get them. MI – not 100% accurate. PG – range between 80-90%.
- Sub-Committees:
 - Events: As above. HT – at what point do we pull it. If we lose critical officials, then we cannot run. Create a plan for if we lose critical people. Winter dressage – need to winter dressage meeting to discuss changes etc. LM – most of classes sponsored and good support.
 - LTR: no real updates at the moment. Just not knowing with Covid etc. Will look into it next month perhaps.

All Reports moved in one block – L Marcroft/M Innes - AIF. Carried

Other business:

None noted.

COMMITTEE ONLY:

Meeting closed at 8.35pm

Next meeting Tuesday 22nd of February 2022 – maybe by zoom again (TBC) @ 6.30pm (KL to inform affiliated groups).

..... (D Cowen)

.....Date