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WAIKATO COMBINED EQUESTRIAN GROUP (INC) COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES *Tuesday 26th of July 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:

Lisa Marcroft (LM)

P Gibbs/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

M Innes/Paul Gibbs – AIF – Carried

MATTERS ARISING:

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

Email from EP re new rubber for indoor and carpark needing metal

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

Accept the inwards/Approve the outwards. W Bragger/N Hammond – AIF – Carried.

REPORTS:

- Riding School – tabled by KL.
 - School holidays were mostly fully booked. Had 2 late cancellations due to covid.
 - War Horse programme was great. Awesome to have Dr Sharma on site. Thanks to Paul and Noeline for coming along. Great article in the NZHerald on Facebook this morning – shared across to our Facebook page.
 - Lessons started again yesterday.
 - Prices increased by \$5 per lesson/farm/experience in the school. Starts as at 8 August.
 - Block card discount reduced to 7.5% from 10%. Starts as at 8 August.
 - Gave existing the opportunity to buy 2 blocks at the old price up front. Some have done this.

- Told all clients that 24 hour cancellation policy will be strictly enforced moving forward. Late cancellations and no shows are costing us big time.
 - Squeak (my pony) has come home due to laminitis. May require a vet visit next week as he is not coming right as quickly as I'd expect.
 - New pony Molly is amazing and we love her to bits.
 - Banner has some issues at the moment and I'm taking him across to Waikato Equine next week. We suspect ulcers or some kidney issue as he often has itchy boy bits (which he can reach to scratch! Eat your heart out boys!!!).
 - Still need two more ponies. Always looking, nothing on the horizon at the moment.
- Facility – tabled by KL:
 - Day 3 of the winter show jumping and hunter was good. Had some issues with the SJ judging and writing. But I sorted on the day. Lack of helpers was a bit of an issue. Not unusual, but needs thinking about moving forward.
 - Day 2 of the dressage was good and day 3 is closing on Monday. Entries about the same across days 2 and 3 – around 110 horses ish.
 - The Express Event was a great highlight. Although it wasn't a great money earner (about 30 horses short of what I wanted to make a good profit), what we gained in feedback is invaluable. It ran so well, the cross country was a dream to ride and I'd say 98% of the competitors went home happy and begging for another one. I mooted a series of some kind and this has received good support. Great to see the facility used for what it should be.
 - Moving forward to Horse Trials. I've started getting the officials and will have this sorted early next week so the programme can be approved by Eventing NZ. I am thinking we won't do the 2*+ class. Only two competitors in this height last time and small numbers in the previous trials. Saves 1 class of prize money and less work.
 - Mike has worked with Steve on some of the things we want done before the trial to make it run better. This includes moving the gate behind the Riverside office so that the riders can go straighter from the polofield to it and the installation of some training ditches in paddock 15.
 - TAG have been in touch with me and it's looking like we will have a seminar held at the Horse Trial to upskill TD's, Stewards etc. This is great for us and our time to shine. I've asked EP if we can use their training room for the school work part, but am yet to hear back.
- Grazing – tabled by KL
 - Newist grazier moved out of the individual grazing due to her horse liking her parents place more (?). Am just waiting for this paddock to replenish a bit and will then put a new grazier in.
 - Working through a new mob grazier at the moment.
- Health and Safety – given by PG:
 - Discussion around H and S breaches.
- Sub-Committees:
 - Events: As above.
 - LTR – report circulated. Going for around 4 years. Some of the children chosen by the schools don't meet the criteria – some have their own horses or can afford lessons etc. It should be for riders who can't afford horses or afford time with them. Maybe revamp the information we give the teachers. Ask schools at the beginning of the year so they can plan. Ran very well on Wednesday. Dr Sharma was very impressed and talked to the children. Organised well. Melissa did a great job with the helpers and the ponies. Children loved it. Bankwood School – KL to touch base next week.

All Reports moved in one block – N Jeffries/M Innes - AIF. Carried

Other business:

KL scheduled to complete a SH course designer seminar as well as the SJ one in Cambridge in early August.

COMMITTEE ONLY:

Meeting closed at 7.46pm

Next meeting Tuesday 23rd of August 2022 – maybe by zoom again (TBC) @ 6.30pm (KL to inform affiliated groups).

..... (M Innes)

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