



# Australian Carriage Driving Society

ABN: 28 794 114 302 – Incorporation No: A01028

## Federal Council Meeting, Wednesday 28 November 2022 Via Zoom, Commencing 8:00 pm AEDT

### 1.0 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

#### 1.1 Welcome

1.2 **Present:** Federal Council

**Guests:** Peter Dunn – Assistant Federal Secretary

#### 1.3 No Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest Pursuant to ACDS Schedule 3

#### 1.4 Previous Meeting Minutes

27 October 2022 (distributed previously and received emails from delegates to state they are a true and correct account of the meeting)

### 2.0 DISCUSSION

2.1 In-Camera (no resolutions)

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2.3 Legal advice sought on whether an expelled member of the ACDS can join a Club affiliated with the ACDS and can they be a member of the executive of that Club.

Advice given is that a By-law should be written to cover this aspect.

2.4 Non-ACDS member grooms.

The Assistant Federal Secretary consulted with Affinity Insurance Brokers and was advised that although it is not compulsory for non-ACDS member grooms to sign a disclaimer, it is strongly recommended. If an accident occurs, a claim would still be paid but it could cost the ACDS a considerable increase in premiums in the future.

#### **Resolution**

That the Non-ACDS Member Groom disclaimer form, as presented, be ratified.

**Carried**



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The Federal Secretary is to distribute a one-page form to all Clubs for future use.

- 2.5 The 'Terms of Reference' put forward by the Schools and Training Committee is to be accepted, except on one point where Policy is to be written. All Policies are to be written by Federal Council only. The Terms of Reference are ratified and a marked-up copy is to be presented to the Schools and Training Committee and distributed to members via the Website.
- 2.6 SWOT Analysis. All FC members asked to present a list of Strengths and Weaknesses of the ACDS from their State's point of view. It was considered that this would take time to discuss and that a dedicated meeting should be convened to discuss this in early 2023.

## 3.0 New Business

### 3.1 Review of the Constitution

Legal advice from Western Australia is that the Constitution has flaws and need review. No specific areas have been given, but costing have been presented, suggesting a new constitution (including provisions relating to discipline and dispute resolution) could be produced for the ACDS for consideration for \$2,000 to \$3,000. Another quote estimated a cost of between \$5,000 and \$10,000 for a first draft.

This is being considered.

### 3.2 Honorary Life Membership

Discussion regarding a Policy for ACDS Honorary Life Membership. A Draft proposal was presented and discussed. Some changes needed and these will be included in the document by the VP. Once this is complete, the Application Form will be altered to reflect the changes and both sets of documents will be sent to the FC members via email for approval.

### 3.3 Junior Bursary

A question was received asking if the Junior Bursary could be used to pay for Junior membership? No – it is not part of the criteria.

One application was not approved because of age (18+)

Other applicants:

- a. Brayton Sonter – Southern Highlands Carriage Club
- b. Elizabeth Maver – Geelong and District Carriage Driving Club
- c. Ella Mooreshead – Samford and Districts Carriage Drivers
- d. Hamish Whyte – Longwood Carriage Driving Club
- e. Joshua Holm – Central Highlands Pleasure Harness Club
- f. Lily Quartermain – Southern Highlands Carriage Club
- g. Timothy Dwyer – Bungendore Carriage Driving Society
- h. Ned Andrew – Pyrenees Ranges Pleasure Drivers
- i. Roy Andrew – Pyrenees Ranges Pleasure Drivers
- j. Harrison Redgwell – Tamworth Regional Horse Drawn Club



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## Resolution

It was resolved that those Junior Bursary applicants listed 'a' to 'j' above be awarded \$300 each as part of the Junior Bursary Programme for 2023.

## Carried

### 3.4 GDD Rules and Guidelines

A copy of the new Graded Driven Dressage Rules and Guidelines, along with a marked up copy and a summary of changes were sent to Federal Council members prior to the meeting

## Resolution

That the upgraded Edition 3 of the Graded Driven Dressage Rules and Guidelines, effective 1 January 2023, be ratified.

## Carried

### 3.5 In-Camera

### 3.6 Ratification:

#### NSW

Kerry Rosetta – Course Designer – October 2022

John Tonkiss – Advanced Technical Delegate – October 2022

Sandra Elliot – Novice Dressage Judge Reaccreditation – 21 October 2022

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Sue Plath – President of the Ground Jury – 10 August 2022

Lynne Dominish – Ground Jury Members – 10 August 2022

John White – Ground Jury Members – 10 August 2022

Kerry Rosetta – Ground Jury Members – 10 August 2022

#### WA

Donna Reader – Novice Dressage Judge Accreditation – 21 October 2022

Vera Sulc – Novice Dressage Judge Accreditation – 21 October 2022

Merryn Bojcun – Advanced Dressage Judge – 21 October 2022

Midge Boag – Advanced Dressage Judge – 21 October 2022

Marg Langan – Advanced Dressage Judge – 21 October 2022

Gillian Woodstock – Advanced Dressage Judge – 21 October 2022

#### TAS

David Potter – Novice Technical Delegate Reaccreditation – 23 August 2022

#### QLD

Vivienne Camac - Novice Dressage Judge Reaccredit – 5 December 2021

Bronwyn McAdam - Novice Dressage Judge Reaccreditation – 3 April 2022

David Rozinski - Novice Dressage Judge Reaccreditation – 2 December 2021

Debbie King - Advanced Dressage Judge – 2 December 2021

Jan Young - Advanced Dressage Judge – 5 November 2022



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## Resolution

That the above officials be ratified for their positions and dates shown.

## Carried

Stephanie Clarke from Tasmania and Lex Young from Queensland have resigned as Dressage Judges.

### 3.7 Membership Applications

#### Resolution

Federal Council resolves that a sub-committee be formed to investigate options available to ACDS to consolidate and streamline the membership application and renewal process. Such investigation to also include opportunities for event entry and management. Sub-committee to be chaired by the Vice President. Report and any proposed actions to be submitted no later than 31 March, 2023. Earlier completion is encouraged.

#### Carried

The Sub-committee to be formed is:

Vice President – Peter Smith – Chair

Fed Treasurer – Debbie Dunn

NSW Delegate – Greg McDonald

#### Resolution

That Peter Lee, an ACDS Past President and Life Member be asked to be part of this Sub-committee.

#### Carried

### 3.8 ACDS Journal

The Secretary reiterated that the September Journal would normally be posted to members if they were a member for the previous year but have not yet renewed their membership. If memberships are paid by the end of October, a member could expect the December journal.

Memberships exist only if money is paid and the form is filled out. It must be both.

If a member does not get their Journal, please ask you Club Secretary to Contact the State Secretary. They have spares. If a hard copy is not received, they may be sent an electronic copy.

### 3.9 By-laws. Is there a need to update these?

All By-laws are due for a review. A fresh set of eyes would be appreciated. The Vice President has agreed to review the current By-laws and put recommendations for any changes forward.



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### 3.10 Queensland Visit

The Federal Executive visited Queensland during a Branch meeting held at Gatton on Sunday 6 November 2022.

Discussion concerning too many jobs for one person and a need for change.

Also discussed the EA 'infiltration' into Queensland and ideas to counteract this.

A suggestion to 'fight fire with fire' in that a presentation on Carriage Driving be presented to all drivers interested in attending, followed by 2 – 3 days of lessons to reiterate that discussed on the previous day. This presentation to be based on the current Graded Driven Dressage Judges Workshop presentation and 'tweaked' to aim at drivers.

The weekend of 1/2 April 2023 has been put forward and with plenty of notice to Queensland drivers it may be extended to the Monday or even a four-day weekend.

Queensland Branch to discuss and put suggestions forward to Federal Secretary.

### 4.0 CLOSURE

4.1 Next meeting to be advised

4.2 There being no further business the meeting was closed at 11:20 pm.

Dot Willcoxson  
ACDS President

3 December 2022