



# Australian Carriage Driving Society

ABN: 28 794 114 302 – Incorporation No: A01028

## Minutes

### Federal Council Meeting, 8:00 pm AEDT, 16 January 2024, via Zoom

**1. Welcome**

**2. Attendance**

President Dot Wilcoxson  
Treasurer Christine Gibbons  
State Reps Greg McDonald (NSW), Kathy Miles (WA), Greg Bowdler (QLD), Henry Crossley (SA), Leanne Kirby (Victoria), Kate Wholagan (Tasmania)  
Federal Assistant Secretary Peter Dunn

**3. Apologies**

Tom Dowling  
Peter Smith

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

**5. Minutes of previous meeting**

*Resolution*

*That the minutes of the meeting held on 30 November 2023 be approved.*

*The meeting on 12 December 2023 was 'In Camera'.*

**6. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's report was supplied to members (before the meeting) and read out by the Treasurer and included a profit and loss report and a balance sheet.

*Resolution*

*That the Treasurer's report as presented be accepted.*

**7. President Welcomed Federal Assistant Secretary Peter Dunn to the meeting to take minutes in Secretary Tom Dowling's absence.**

**8.**

Notified council that Tas representative David Potter had resigned from Federal Council and that Kate Wholagan was appointed as delegate by Tasmanian Branch until the Federal AGM.

**9. Correspondence In**

Oliver Tester 5 January 2024 – Arbitration Tracey Tester

Janet Smith 6 January 2024 – Federal Secretary  
Oliver Tester 6 January 2024 – Federal Secretary  
Victorian Delegate 6 January 2024 – Federal Secretary



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Tasmanian Branch request for funding– \$1,000 for Cones Championships. This was a follow-up request and it had been approved at a previous meeting. Funds paid to Tasmanian Branch.

Victorian Branch - Request for FC Disciplinary Review- Mr T Dowling

2024 Jan GDDRG Freestyle Amendment Letter to FC

2024-GDDQ -Pro Forma On-Line Entry HOW TO 1 Jan 2024 V3.0

2024-V3 GDDQ-On-Line Pro-Forma-Schedule-Entry-Form-MASTER-1st Jan 2024

*Endorsed by Federal Council.*

## **2024 National Driven Dressage Championships - EOI**

Southern Carriage Driving Society, South Australia

Hawkesbury Carriage Driving Club, NSW

Queensland Branch

Schools & Training Committee - Horse Welfare Horse Sensory Hairs – request for clarification

Noted that the deadline for March 2024 ACDS Journal is 2/2/24.

Ms Sharon Cimarosti letter and CV (independent assessor in disciplinary matters)

Peter Smith Vice President letter of resignation

## **10. Correspondence Out**

Disciplinary Review (Tom Dowling) – President to Vic Branch Secretary

Code of Conduct for Tasmanian delegate Kate Wholagan

Updated Statement Regarding Federal Secretary - 12th January 2024

Oliver Tester - Secretary vacancy constitutional requirements

## **11. Business Arising**

Vic Delegate queried new dressage tests and some possible changes needed, this needed to go back to Federal Dressage Convenor for discussion.

3 Applications have been received to host the 2024 National Graded Driven Dressage Championships, after the decision was made by FC to decline the proposal by the State of Victoria, to host the event in Autumn and offer the event to the other States.

*(Note: At the 2019 AGM it was voted to hold National Dressage Championships in Spring. Resolution to confirm at June Federal Council Meeting.)*

Applications received from Hawkesbury in NSW, SCDS in SA and QLD Branch at Caboolture.

## **Resolution**

*Queensland Branch was approved to hold the 2024 National Driven Dressage Championships at Caboolture on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024*



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Request from Peter Lee, Chair of the Training & Schools Committee for the Horse sensory hairs policy to be added to the Horse Welfare Policy, this will alleviate the need to re-issue Rule Books and other like documents that already contain the current Horse Welfare Policy.

**Resolution** *The request approved.*

President requested the recording of the Victorian Branch meeting relating to the disciplinary review against Tom Dowling. Following discussion, it was agreed to appoint the independent assessor.

The investigation will make findings of fact based on the balance of probabilities.

### **Resolution**

*That Sharon Cimarosti be appointed as the independent assessor in the disciplinary review against Tom Dowling as requested by the Victorian Branch.*

Resignation of Federal Vice President - Nominations for replacement from Federal Council Delegates (as per the Constitution). Greg McDonald, NSW Delegate, nominated by Tasmania and accepted by Greg McDonald.

President to write to Peter Smith thanking him for his time as Vice President.

### **Resolution**

*Council agreed to appoint Greg McDonald as Federal Vice President until the ACDS AGM in June.*

Jarod Ryan & Co - Deed of Settlement and Release with Armstrong Legal.

### **Resolution**

*That the Deed of Settlement and Release with Armstrong legal be signed.*

## **12. In-Camera – Arbitration Agreement**

**Resolution** Approach Sharon Cimarosti for review.

## **13. New Business**

The Vic Dressage Champs are scheduled for April 13 & 14. According to the Graded Driven Dressage Rules & Guidelines, the test must be selected by the National Dressage Panel a minimum of two (2) months prior to the Championships. The new tests proposed have not all been viewed by the State dressage committees and there is insufficient time to have the tests approved. Suggestion by FC members that the dressage tests for the 2024 State and National Championships should be selected from those listed on the current matrix. The proposed new dressage tests can be used for the 2025 Championships. In future all new tests should be approved by the 1st January each year. President to inform the Federal Dressage Convenor regarding these suggestions.



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## Western Australia Delegate

Murray Districts given approval to use a One Activity Membership for a three day Phil Marshall clinic.

Query Re information requested from WA representative by WA members, information asked for is of legal and financial matters and in some cases In Camera discussions and cannot be revealed. Financial matters will be addressed in the Audited financial statements presented to the AGM.

WA representative stated that WA Branch is conducting a review of the State Constitution and hoping to bring it more inline with the Federal constitution.

WA representative has been approached by a group from Geraldton region wishing to form a new club.

## General

Latin inscription at bottom of ACDS Website to be removed as it has no meaning and is nonsense.

Remove Patron from Journal

## Closure

14. There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9:47 pm

Next meeting Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 8pm EST