**Dressage Club of SA**

**Annual General Meeting 27th April 2023 via zoom**

**Meeting opened at 7.30am**

**Present:** Anne Raymond, Elise Sparke, Ruth Thompson, Kathryn Mitchell, Veronica Hannam, Naomi Zirnsak, Natasha Cockburn, Amelia Stacey, Viv Bretherton

**Apologies**: Kate Moser, Cristy Patterson

Minutes of Previous AGM Moved Ruth Thompson that they be accepted Seconded Alexi Kentish Passed

**Business arising** nil

**President’s Report**:

A really successful & rewarding year in all aspects was conducted by the club in 2022, growing stronger in our event execution and becoming more financially organised and stable. Our actual assets & equipment grew and we are in a good position to bring a few more interstate A level judges to our shows, and invest back into some special events.

We are so very fortunate to have Shelley Arnold, Lisa Ashby, Kate Moser, Kathryn Mitchell, Di Pritchard, Denise Piggott & Veronica Hannam in the background as amazing supporters over and above our sensational committee!

My everlasting thanks to them and each and every committee member who has rolled with some very quick decisions, and had my back all year.

We really do have a team of talented and dependable people behind us, each managing a task that makes the club so simple to manage and highly successful. It also means we enjoy bringing great shows to the riders and have fun along the way!

We do have a need for a couple of non-riding people to help at shows, so if anyone’s mum, partner, sister or brother, would give us a day at our shows they would be gratefully welcomed.

Sponsors have been very generous to us and we have great relationships with many of the leading equine stores and suppliers, as well as horse enthusiasts that love to support us.

Social Media - Our Facebook page has 2,248 followers including 16 from the UK, 10 from the US and 9 from NZ. Instagram has 173 followers from just 20 posts.

Interschool & Para Equestrian were run as part of the delayed day from our HOTY show, as well as OTT classes as part of the Thoroughcare SA series. It may be challenging to run these ongoing, as the classes take up EA places in the draw, meaning riders may miss qualifications, so discussion for 2024 is on the agenda. With our two arenas and uncapped rider entry numbers at HOTY events, it can equate to incredibly long days. Financially it is smarter to run two-day shows, and it also means the value setup time increases – it’s basically the same effort for one day so 2024 needs some scheduling discussion & consideration, before the DSA ask for calendar dates.

Tiny Tots have continued to take off, and entries vary according to what else the little riders and their parents have on. So worthwhile reading the messages and seeing their little faces in FB posts!

The Leaderboard presentations were very widely talked about and thoroughly enjoyed, and should inspire us with confidence to run the Gala Twilight Finale event this coming December. We will start serious planning for this very shortly and will need some extra hands to make it a success.

Again, my thanks to our committee and support team and bring on the rest of 2023!

Anne Raymond

Moved Ruth Thompson Seconded Natasha Cockburn Passed

**Secretary’s Report**

It’s been a busy but very rewarding year with our shows going from strength to strength and in high demand with the competitors. Our arenas are filling up so quickly with all of our competitions, which can only mean one thing, that the riders are loving our shows and the beautiful venue at Cromwell Park.

Our team has only been successful because of the driving force of a fun and highly efficient committee so thank you to one and all for all of your hard work in the past 12 months. However, the club can only exist with a great leader, and we are truly indebted to our President Anne Raymond, for all of her tireless work. It is because of Anne’s energy, enthusiasm and great passion for the club and sport, that we have managed to create such a great committee and club, and I have no doubt with her continued energy to strive for bigger and better that this club is going to be on the up and up in the years to come!!

A special thanks to Elise who constantly dedicates hours and hours of work in making our entries and draws work, catering for the riders, and judges requests and needs, she always does her job quietly, and proficiently with a smile no matter what is thrown at her.

Also, a big thank you to all of our sponsors throughout the year, especially to Horseland for their amazing contribution, to our leaderboard competition, and to all of our other sponsors who we look forward to being on board with us in the year ahead.

We look forward to another successful year with some very exciting new ideas and of course our inaugural Gala Evening. So, thank you to everyone who has volunteered and contributed to the Club this year, all of your efforts are truly appreciated and have helped make the club’s year a great one.

Ruth Thompson

Moved Natasha Cockburn Seconded Elise Sparke Passed

**Treasurer’s Report**

In 2021 club made a loss of - $2,364.63

In 2022 we had a small profit of $1085.45

In line with decisions passed at the 2021 AGM

* The club accounts have been moved over to be authorised and visible to the current Treasurer, the Secretary and the President, at an ANZ branch
* The debit card that was in Peter Oborn’s name was closed on the advice of the business manager at the bank.
* On the last day of each month the account balances for all accounts are put into a PDF file by the treasurer and emailed to all committee members.
* The club accounts have been audited for 2022 and a bank sheet set up for monthly balancing meaning that transparency for our club finances can be maintained.

Account balances at 31st December 2021 Online Saver $13,752.11 and Cheque Account $2,667.41

Account balances at 31st December 2022 Online Saver $17,091.99 and Cheque Account $630.83

**Account balances at 26/4/2023 are Online saver $ 21,081.17 and Cheque Account $291.27**

Anne Raymond

Auditor’s Report and signed off Financial Statements are attached

Business Arising

Query re the Sound system hire from Naomi Z – the costs on the statement were paid prior to our purchase of our own sound system, so they won’t be incurred moving forward

Moved Kathryn Mitchell Seconded Ruth Thompson Passed

All official positions declared vacant and Ruth Thompson chaired the meeting for nominations

President: Anne Raymond nominated by Ruth T seconded Elise S no other nominations accepted position and took the chair

Vice President: Elise Sparke nominated by Ruth T seconded Natasha C no other nominations Accepted

Secretary: Ruth Thompson nominated by Elise S seconded Natasha C no other nominations Accepted

Treasurer: Naomi Zirnsak offered to stand, as long as she has support and training. Melissa Boekel has offered to populate the Auditor’s spread sheet with bank statements, so with the committee’s support the treasurer’s role will be managed by Naomi.

Duly nominated by Anne R seconded Kathryn M Accepted

Committee:

The following members present accepted nominations to serve as committee members:

Natasha Cockburn

Alexi Kentish

Amelia Stacey

Kathryn Mitchell

Cristy Patterson accepted via messenger

Any other business:

Natasha C has discussed sponsorship with a new grooming product business owned by Kirsty Marsden. Keen to sponsor and have trade stands.

Little Blue Van leaves events early – Anne to chat with them and see if they will start later and stay later. Mane Box still pretty on point with price given the contents, or we can ask Little Blue Van to provide rolls and cakes for officials? Committee to discuss further.

Leaderboard scoring in regards to the Gala Event to be considered. Loading for the FEI results and which classes the finalists need to compete in at the gala show. A working party of Ruth, Kathryn, Amelia and Tash to formulate best plan as a group and advise main committee before the September show is on Nominate, so that eligible competitors are fully converse with the rules of entering.

Committee agreed to try to commit to holding Big Tour at all of our shows, supporting the progress of FEI riders, dependent on the availability of judges. Anne R advised that Veronica H is assisting with another Victorian judge for November HOTY show.

Book a face-to-face meeting in May to discuss plans for our Gala event. Kate M has started some preliminary idea and Anne R will forward to committee for a preliminary look.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm