

CONFERENCE DAY 1
EQUESTRIAN MAIN MEETING
CHANCELLOR 1

Saturday 19 June 2021
Commenced immediately after the Breed Meeting

Present: As per previous meeting.

- Welcome from RAS Executive:** Cara O'Connor
1. **Chairman:** Helena McLeod
2. **Secretary for Meeting:** Debbie Cameron
3. **Apologies from any Organisations not already taken at Meeting One.**
Tina Sergeant
Moved: Apology be accepted.
M Jebson/W Collin. **CARRIED**
4. **Minutes**
Minutes of the Horse Stewards Meeting held on 21 June 2019, as circulated in Gazette No. 218 (2019), pages 21-30.
Moved: The minutes of the 21 June 2019 are a true and correct record.
K Russell/I Tippett **CARRIED**
5. **Matters arising from minutes**
6. **Notice of any Item to be discussed under General Business, not on this Agenda.**
Several points raised and these are noted under General Business.
7. **Reports**
Kindred Society delegates have all been asked for a one-page written report to be tabled with the agendas – see pages 21-24.
- NZ Carriage Driving Society
 - NZ Equestrian Pleasure Society - received
 - NZ Riding Pony Society – received
 - NZ Side Saddle – received
 - Pony Breeders Society - received
- Moved: Reports to be received and taken as read.**
M Jebson/L Taylor. **CARRIED**
8. **District Horse Stewards Chair Reports**
As tabled– pages 55-70.
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| Northern | Geoff Smith |
| Mid Northern | Louellen Davies |
| Western | Trevor Latimer |
| Eastern | Wendy Collin |
| Central | Diane Chesmar |
| Southern | Ian Tippett |

9. Judges – see RAS Report, pages 52-53.

- Notification of District Judge Convenors
Northern – Leanne Cooke
Mid Northern –
Eastern – Megan Hawkins (assisting)
Western – Megan Hawkins
Central – Melissa Jebson
Southern – Kristine Russell
- Notification of new judges – 3WT
Northern – Gaylene Stanaway, Grace Adnitt, Mel Yeo, Tina Portanger
Mid-Northern – Leesa Bannicevich
Eastern – Nicky Hansen
Western –
Central – Felicity Grant
Southern – Tui Wilson, Sonia Gerken
- Notification of upgraded judges
Northern – 3-2 Joanne Thomas (2019), 2-1 Amanda Parkes (2019)
Mid-Northern –
Eastern – 3 Carleen Hickling, 3 Jessie Bourke
Western –
Central – 3 Danielle Hughes, 3 Karyn Bethell, 3 Lisa Franicevic, 3 Colette Barrow; 3-2 Bronwyn Baird, Nicola Hamburger; 2-1 Kevin Lawrence, Kerri Moffett; Julie de Fillippi.
Southern – 3 Georgina Bell, 3 Louise Allan; 3-2 Denise Wilson, Tryphena Carter, Julianne Baynes; 2-1 Loretta Tait, Penelope Johnson
- Notification of working hunter judges
Northern – Sara Ball (with tutor), Gerald Birdsall (2019), Steph Gowing (2019)
Mid-Northern –
Eastern –
Western –
Central – Sandra Pilcher
Southern – Georgina Bell, Louise Allan (with tutor), Sonia Gerken (with tutor), Sarah Hassall (with tutor), Kristine Russell (with tutor), Sue Allan
- Notification of hunter jumping judges.
Northern – Sara Ball (with tutor), Gerald Birdsall (2019), Steph Gowing (2019)
Mid-Northern –
Eastern –
Western –
Central –
Southern – Georgina Bell (with tutor), Louise Allan (with tutor), Sue Allan

- Notification of tutor judges
Northern – Amanda Parkes, Claire Simpson (returned)
Mid-Northern –
Eastern –
Western – Vaughan Cooper (returned)
Central – Sue Morrish, Denise McPherson (returned), Judith Johnson (returned), Rosie Grimsey (returned)
Southern –

Item 9 was noted by the meeting.

10. Clean Sport – see RAS Report, pages 52-53.

- **Test Stewards**

RAS Executive will review any recommendations on a case-by-case basis.

11. Measuring- see RAS Report, pages 52-53.

- **Measuring Inspectors**

RAS Executive will review the District nominations, and anything resulting from conference, at their next meeting.

- **Measuring Stewards**

RAS Executive will review the District nominations, and anything resulting from conference, at their next meeting.

- **Measuring Fees**

The Executive have reviewed the measuring levies. The Executive resolved to maintain the status quo.

Moved: Judges. Clean Sport and Measuring Reports received.

D Chesmar/S Mann

CARRIED

12. Report on Equine Health – Brent Snellx

Theileria equi (T. equi)

The confirmation of Theileria equi (T. equi) in the country was our first experience of a disease response in partnership with MPI under the Government Industry Agreement GIA we signed in 2015. A positive PCR test confirmed the presence of the organism in a mare at a Waikato Stud and as a result the relatively open travel to Australia for horses was immediately closed.

The impeccable records at the stud allowed MPI lead Veterinary Disease Investigator Andrew McFadden to quickly establish the risk profile of all horses on the stud's properties. It was quickly established, after testing, that none of the in contact "high risk" group showed any evidence of exposure to the disease.

Tracing all the contact horses was a major logistic exercise and thanks goes to NZTR and the many equine practitioners who willingly assisted. The mare at the centre of the incursion was successfully relocated back to France before she reached 300 days of pregnancy. The clear results from all other horses tested means that we are T. equi disease free which has just been presented to the OIE and Australia.

EI Readiness Plan

The Equine Influenza Readiness Manual, which had been revised following a workshop held an NZEHA meeting, was discussed.

Updates to the document included:

- Improved formatting and branding.
- Section on liaison brought into line with GIA operations.
- Most recent scientific knowledge incorporated into document. Included information on causative agent, subtypes, diagnostics, and vaccines.
- Learnings integrated into vaccine options in vaccine section.
- Some response scenarios removed. (hypothetical situations, e.g. endemic in Australia).
- Incorporation of Dr Sarah Rosanowski's vaccine strategy research.
- Modernisation of surveillance systems and terminology.
- Inclusion of learnings from other outbreaks, including M. bovis.
- Inclusion of description of use of powers and relevant sections of Biosecurity Act.
- Revised testing capacity and use of PCR testing.

Equine Vetintel

The Vetintel equine disease surveillance project continues to be extended out to equine veterinary practices across the country.

It was agreed that NZEHA should seek the assistance of further manpower to champion the VetIntel project. If a suitable person could be found NZEHA would provide for that person to visit as many equine veterinary practices as practical, in an effort to increase support for the project.

Equine ID and traceability in the NZ equine population

A session on national Equine ID and traceability occurred with members of the NZEHA, MPI, NAIT/OSPRI and others. It was clear that New Zealand needed to have a traceability system that must now to be considered for taking the project forward.

Discussions have been held with the Australian horse traceability working group and NZ are seeking a partnership with them as we work towards a common goal.

A first draft of a project brief to establish an MPI/equine sector joint working group with a workplan and budget has been established, further work will continue on this project during 2021.

B Snellex spoke to his report. Noted that micro-chipping will be coming in to play.

Moved: Report be received.

S Mann/C O'Connor

CARRIED

13. Standard Schedule of Breed & Rider Classes for Royal NZ Show

As part of the Strategic Business Review all schedules will be reviewed

Noted by the meeting.

14. Report from HOY – CANCELLED EVENT

Noted by the meeting.

15. Equestrian Youth Team – CANCELLED EVENT

Noted by the meeting.

Report tabled by Melissa Jebson on the 2019 Equestrian Youth Team

The 2019 Youth Equestrian team were chosen from sixteen applications and an interview process with six chosen from the submitting of a Curriculum Vitae. Thanks to Robert Patullo who assisted Tryphena Carter and myself with the CV and interview phases. The team was announced in February which gave successful applicants five months to fundraise and organise themselves. This team has always been chosen on the understanding that all expenses are self-funded therefore everyone chose to enter and exit England at different times.

Having an older-aged team the team met at the Gatwick Hotel on the evening of 27th July at the starting point for the UK National Pony Society organised tour. Both the Australian and the New Zealand teams toured prior to the competition. Unfortunately, one of our members was delayed 24 hours because of fog so did not arrive until the first day of the tour which meant she hit the ground running. Having two cars was very convenient and Hertz upgraded us to automatic vehicles which was a bonus.

Our A&P donations and Conference raffle money was used to fuel our vehicles, entry tickets to various places/events, meals, and gifts. This proved invaluable as we didn't have to ask members for any money. Unfortunately, Tryphena and I did a lot of driving up and down England as per our host's itinerary, but we did see a lot and had awesome experiences.

The competition saw us accommodated on the Showgrounds in caravans (a convenient and practical idea that we used at Canterbury in 2017). The events happened over three days with most meals provided on the grounds. The first event was the Young Judges competition which saw the teams compete alongside over sixty additional young judges which meant the interview process took a long time. Meeting our borrowed horses took place at varying times depending what time the owner arrived on the grounds. Organisers tried to keep the initial riding time the same for all riders.

There was a brief meeting held at short notice prior to the first phase of the competition which Chef de quips from all countries plus National Pony Society representatives present.

Two decisions were made...

1. The bottom age has been raised from 14 to 18 years of age. This is because having to travel halfway around the world, it is safe to travel with legalised aged persons rather than with minors.
2. 2020 competition hosting order – Australia, then New Zealand and back to the UK.

At this stage Australia hope to go ahead in 2022 which puts NZ as hosts in 2023 and back to the UK in 2024 – all going well.

Our New Zealand riders – Laura Macnab, Courtney Mullen, Ashleigh Tawhara and Maia Waretini were always polite, helped their hosts whenever required, all got on well together, showed leadership, supported each other well as a team and were a great team to take away. They always conducted themselves in a mature, positive manner and were great Ambassadors for the New Zealand Royal Agricultural Society and our sport of Showing. The UK won the Kevin Cholmondeley-Smith Trophy with NZ runner up and Australia 3rd.

Thank you for the opportunity to assist in giving our talented young riders the opportunity to represent New Zealand and to experience our sport of showing at this level.

Tryphena Carter and Melissa Jebson
Chef de-quips

**Moved: Report be received.
M Jebson/L Tetenberg.**

CARRIED

16. General Business including any other items raised at point 6

- **Levies collected** as tabled – see pages 17-20. Noted by the meeting.
- **Show Connect** – M Jebson urged the members to send through items for the RAS newsletter. Meeting requested the ability to sign up for the newsletter be resent.
- **Equestrian Levies** – I Tippett asked how many clean sport tests had been done this season as the levies collected go towards this cost. It was noted this had been tabled in the Clean Sport report. Discussion ensued on the current rule that all equestrian sections are required to pay the equestrian levy of \$1.15 per entry. M McKerrow pointed out that some shows are not following this rule and asked the meeting what the members would like done about this. The following comments were noted:
 - A rule is a rule, no shades of grey.
 - ESNZ get the ability to use the A&P Shows as their vehicle to run their events and therefore ESNZ competitors contribute by paying the levy.
 - S Hansen from Masterton noted on the above point that Masterton have chosen to split off any ESNZ classes as they can then collect any levy from ESNZ competitors and keep it for their use rather than having to forward part of it on to the RAS.
 - Shows choose to interpret the rule in different ways, no teeth to deal with it.
 - Question asked whether breed members that run their own shows pay equestrian levies to the RAS – no.

To conclude this matter, the rule EESFL 1a was read out and the question was asked is this clear? Yes. Accordingly, a show of hands was requested as to whether the RAS should pursue any debts. The show of hands voted yes, no-one voted against.

One other point clarified by M McKerrow was equestrian levies are collected on behalf of the RAS. No member has the right to withhold those levies for any reason. Equally it is a breach of the competitor's trust to knowingly collect the levies and not pass them on.

- **Protests versus Complaints** – in short a complaint is a behavioural issue, and a protest is about a rule breach. Protests need to be handled at the show, by the show. If a complaint is made against a competitor for poor behaviour the show handles it, if a complaint is made against a Judge (RAS Official) the complaint comes through to RAS Head Office. A Watts raised the matter of, if a judge at a show visits the horse lines (for example) does the show have the right to deal with the matter? Yes. This is a clear rule breach, and the show is entitled to deal with the matter at the time however, a report should be sent into RAS Head Office as it would be beneficial for District Judge Convenor to know of the matter so they could discuss this further with the judge concerned.

- **Concussion** – both ESNZ and Pony Club have a system that deals with concussion however the systems are different. RAS do not have a current system mainly due to having no digital platform across the member societies that can handle this.
- **Fall Card** – S Gowing from Whangarei A&P was asked to speak to the Fall Card system they utilise. Essentially, a competitor that is seen to have a fall from their horse or pony is given a “Fall Card”. This card notes they had a fall and strongly recommends they seek medical advice and with instructions to where that medical advice can be located on the grounds. Noted this is not a concussion card although concussion may result from a fall. This is a card that protects the A&P Show as they have showed due diligence and responsibility towards the competitor. Collated with an Incident Report this is an excellent system. Whangarei A&P happy to share their template - R Walker to look at this to incorporate with the RAS H&S Manual. E Maxwell noted at this time the current Incident form was a bit “corporate”; agreed she would forward some feedback.
- **Whisker & Ear trimming** – ESNZ and Pony Club brought in a ban on clipping the muzzle and inner ear hair of horses/ponies. The RAS indicated at the time they would look to follow suit in due course. Currently under rule GR6 this could be implemented as it is generally agreed that the clipping of those areas could cause unnecessary discomfort to the animal. Discussion on whether it needed to be an educational approach in the first instance or set a date and ask for it to be enforced. This will be taken through to the post conference Executive meeting and a decision will be made. Communication to all will follow.
- **Breed Performance Cards/RAS Height Certificate** – following on from the discussion at the breed meeting – options include wait for digital system and in the meantime educate judges and stewards how to utilise the Breed Performance Card correctly or add breed wins to the current RAS card or add stickers to the current card. This discussion will be considered at the post conference Executive meeting and a decision made.
- **Attendance at HOY** – question was asked what the attendance requirement would be for HOY this year? This will be a matter for the HOY Showing Committee to discuss with the HOY Board and Management before any decision is made.
- **Equestrian Rule Review** – this review is extensive, it is not just a matter of the rules; it is reliant on the strategic direction of the organisation, for example, around membership, digital platforms, and many other aspects. Once those aspects have been determined then the rules and simplification of them come into play. This group received 7 applications and all of them were accepted. It has resulted in a good cross section of people – judges, competitors, breeders and show convenors. The first zoom call has been held as a meet and greet and to establish a few common principles.

17 . Election of Horse Steward’s Council Executive

- Chair – term remains current for Helena McLeod.
- National Clean Sport Convenor – term remains current for Maxine Mulligan.
- National Judge’s Convenor – no nominations received.
- National Measuring Convenor – one nomination received for Stephani Mann
Nominated by: NZ Carriage Society & Eastern District Chair
This is carried through to the AGM agenda, pages 47-48.

Steph Mann introduced herself, currently involved with the Carriage Driving Society, and has been a measurer at the Carterton Stand for several years.

Meeting closed at 3.59pm.

Royal Agricultural Society Equestrian Levy 2020/21 show year

A&P ASSOCIATION	Entries & Levy	Entries & Levy	Entries & Levy	Entries & Levy	Entries & Levy	Entries & Levy	Entries & Levy	Entries & Levy	Entries & Levy
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Bay of Islands	1055	975	1030	1096	1129	1478.40	1086.75	1084.45	NS
Clevedon	1762	1520	1208	1465	NS	1257.30	1159.20	1478.00	NS
Kaikohe	1015	884	549		484	548.90	745.30	746.35	447.35
Whangarei	2371	2112	2318	1880	1596	1758.90	1467.40	1937.75	1700.85
Warkworth	781	1152	1173	883	1446	1272.10	NE	NS	
North Kaipara		625	724	704	641	607.40	849.85	722.20	811.90
Nthn Wairoa (Arapohue)	1092	812	710	845	593	773.30	770.50	755.54	1023.50
Waitemata		NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
North Hokianga	289	401	375	285	221	NS	358.80	408.25	NS
Helensville	994	875	839	761	884	NS	914.25	1062.60	1101.70
Kaitaia		392	435	317	267	317.90	366.85	318.55	
Kumeu	1333	1306	1114	1108	811.00	947.10	1048.50	727.95	1301.80
Auckland	1712	1918	NS	-	-	1166.00	1437.50	NS	NS
Franklin	1967	1819	2019	1777	1809	1789.70	1689.35	1618.05	
Matamata	936	707	868	960	NS	836.00	959.10	1091.15	1090.20
Waikato	2100	1900	1819	1774	1557	1800.00	1888.30	1871.05	673.90
Tokoroa	271	352	390	280	307	374.00	NS	NS	NS
Waihi	589	610	578	670	584	504.90	529.00	529.00	NS
Te Aroha	577	545	722	545	816	644.40	817.65	724.50	1100.75
Cambridge	1758	1912	1528	1398	1137	1272.70	1513.40	1734.20	1105.15
Te Kauwhata		592	400	724	365	1295.20	1279.95	1315.60	1147.70
NI Premier	715	130	281	347	299	463.32	454.25	427.80	506.00
Paeroa	983	816			746	1038.17	654.35		750.95
Tauranga	302	544	625	583	459	453.20	630.20	299.00	326.10
Rotorua	1101	996	894	797	686	608.30	603.75	335.50	516.00
Katikati		204	192	228	243	220.00	258.75	215.05	NS

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	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Taumarunui	412	329	396	-	1312.82	-	-	-	-
Te Puke	422	309	266	275	215	205.70	332.35	147.20	NS
Morrinsville	859	663	713	587	573	636.90	549.67	512.90	NS
Poverty Bay	1598	1608	1523	1495	1740	1822.70	2139.00	1886.00	1999.85
Hawkes Bay	2712	2764	2585	3101	2593	2429.90	3638.60	3363.75	1431.75
HBS Championships		447	551	554	861	724.90	862.50	NA	NA
Wairarapa	2268	2442	2300	1066	2439	1098.90	2949.75	2418.45	1243.15
Central Hawkes Bay	1739	1925	2026	2271	1852	865.70	469.20	1775.60	2909.50
Wairoa	1248	1449	1419	1510	481	1290.30	1171.85	1044.20	1233.95
Dannevirke	1879	1815	1419	1741	1639	1142.00	1164.00	1935.45	1710.05
NZ National H & P	1537	1404	1584	1194	1157	NS	1369.65	1086.75	2121.75
Pukahu					364.00	475.20	NS	2021.70	NS
Masterton	2068	2048	2379	688	2070		1451.30	1746.85	846.40
Manawatu	1198	909	1167	1167	1564	1857.90	1833.10	1983.75	2249.40
Wanganui	1572	1691	1474	922	752	NS	1733.05	2124.05	2886.50
Waverley	216	1098	771		525	669.90	773.95	1138.50	1079.85
Egmont	736	1334	913	768	744	884.40	1636.50	1603.10	1419.10
Stratford	1377	1433	1230	565	840	915.20	1191.40	1304.60	1651.40
Feilding	2014	NS	1485	1533	1282	2466.20	2488.60	2310.35	2490.00
Taranaki	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE	NS	NS	NS	NS
Taranaki H & P	442	368	509	442	359	487.30	518.65	NS	276.00
Horowhenua	1630	1495	1359	1374	1288	1149.50	1322.50	1279.95	1370.80
Royal A&P Show		960	-	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB
Taihape	463	419	775	636	405	429.00	NE	NE	NE
Waimarino	348	70	273	424	513	556.60	562.25	723.50	514.05
Ellesmere	1338	1226	1190	1324	1312	869.00	1403.00	1332.85	NS
Northern (Rangiora)	2100	1864	1580	1750	2067	2058.10	2118.30	2170.05	NS

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	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Ashburton	1874	1574	1568	1500	1312	1158.30	1611.15	1419.10	NS
Amberley	1377	1281	1310	1173	1171	1421.20	1189.10	1190.25	1275.35
Marlborough	1412	1311	1308	1323	1027	904.20	1061.45	1229.35	NS
Canterbury	2700	2750	2963	3078	3197	2928.20	2711.35	2820.95	2082.10
Sth Canty Show	501	468	429	920	NS	1522.40	1377.70	540.50	1373.10
Sth Canty (prevTimaru date)	749	785	650	920	992	497.00	714.15	1411.05	1258.10
Courtenay	992	1113	1321	1090	1252	1563.10	1576.65	1363.90	234.60
Nelson	1169	1072	1109	933	945	946.00	1204.05	1230.50	960.25
Motueka	1184	1357	1264	1089	1050	562.10	780.85	1070.65	NS
Buller	500	296	173	197	178	206.80	428.95	274.00	263.75
Duvauchelle	665	787	176	153	829	751.30	792.00	756.70	464.60
Golden Bay	503	370	411	364	377	247.50	296.70	564.65	713.00
Banks Peninsula	780	724	828	708	721	726.00	717.60	564.65	713.00
Westland (Hokitika)	364	388	490	324	339	339.90	456.55	570.40	507.15
Inangahua (Reefton)	585	593	441	375	388	388.30	383.00	403.65	592.25
Murchison	582	489	418	701	627		886.65	983.25	1173.00
Sth Westland (Whataroa)	279	314	154	112	168	330.00	NS	203.55	NS
Kaikoura		648	804	637	NS	665.50	979.80	856.75	784.30
Amuri (Rotherham)	769	780	884	805	805	288.20	790.65	701.50	NS
Rai Valley	483	490		292	515	399.30	377.20	644.00	NS
Temuka & Geraldine	680	719	648	659	712	776.60	1012.00	944.15	NS
SI Premier Show	804	512	702	723	1150	NA	NA	NA	NA
Cheviot	991	828	949	879	803	759.90	954.50	669.30	1578.95
Mayfield	541	673	395	609	668	666.60	853.30	816.50	1003.95
Hawarden	736	772	792	983	926.00		698.05	NS	749.80
Methven		923	622	912	725	753.50	777.40	NS	1025.80
Flaxbourne	526	375	588	507	472	541.20	635.95	627.90	822.25
Malvern	719	756	880	788	760	1057.10	1411.05	NS	1247.75
Mackenzie Highland	1171	849	856	771	721	757.90	878.60	NS	715.30

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	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Oxford	1363	1481	1482	1540	1415	1289.20	1447.85	231.15	1511.10
West Otago	696	1010	611	665	829	567.60	583.20	887.80	884.35
North Otago	458	398	510	677	631	433.40	723.35	790.05	891.50
South Otago	422	351	353	89	740	366.30	31.05/NS	610.65	572.70
Gore	732	798	934	866	832	1158.30	1160.35	1242.00	1193.70
Wyndham	495	531	NS	490	461	574.20	552.00	678.50	518.65
Otago Peninsula	60	30	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Southland	1035	1263	1055	1079	669	1245.20	1399.55	1300.65	NS
Tokomairiro	578	565	550	684	721	707.30	976.35	826.85	656.65
Lake County	439	368	555	498	521	526.90	552.00	527.85	741.75
Palmerston/Waihemo	518	478	502	888	928	981.20	1012.00	817.65	753.25
Waiau	142	143	375	388	292.00	496.00	655.50	368.00	634.80
Otago Taieri	964	575	777	1272	815	1101.10	1499.60	1516.85	1391.50
Winton	824	858	802	637	748	982.30	931.50	926.90	982.10
Central Otago		1032.17	760	886	922	1073.60	1139.65	1122.40	1021.20
Maniototo	511	475	592	580	591	935.00	1014.30	577.30	NS
Mt Benger	536	591	632	589	827	793.10	672.75	645.15	759.00
Upper Clutha	1295	1708	1496	1625	1598	1722.60	1350.10	1567.45	1569.75
Blueskin	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE
Strath Taieri	516	171		127		121	450.37		

Reports

NZ Equestrian Pleasure Society

Like most groups we were forced to adjust due to the impact of Covid19.

Our society decided to roll over all memberships and horse registration from the 2019 / 2020 season to the current season, whilst still accepting and encouraging new memberships. Our membership database continues to steadily increase, with more riders joining the society from both ends of the country.

The cancellation of the Landrover Horse of The Year show was a huge disappointment to riders, but totally understandable. In view of this, the society decided to offer our riders an end of season competition, which was held at Foxton on the 24th April 2021.

Riders who had entered LHOY were given a free entry into our title classes, called champion of champions, and we had one rider from Christchurch travel especially to attend.

We are looking forward to the next season and hope it will be without the challenges of the last.

Leeanne Morrison
Chairperson
NZEPS

NZ Golden Horse Society

Like so many other A & P shows and Societies, it has been a difficult year with Covid. With the cancelling of complete A & P shows, to the shows that scaled back their classes – to only have HOY qualifier classes. On the bright side the A & P shows that New Zealand Golden horse classes that did go ahead at, our numbers were very good. Our judges have mentioned our quality of horses and ponies is excellent.

We look forward to hopefully having a more settled season and being able to support the A & P shows with our New Zealand Golden Horse entries.

Secretary of the New Zealand Golden Horse Society
Wendy Blithe

NZ Gypsy Cob

And just like that another year is over, shows are done for the year, and everyone is preparing for the joys of owning cobs in the winter. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first term as president of the NZGCA, and together with my hardworking and supportive committee members Julie Coker, Tracy Wilde, Chris Gray, Gay Hayward, Debra Garner, Miranda Nicoll, Pippa Newby, and Debbie Lister, I would like to thank you for being part of the NZGCA and to take this opportunity to reflect on the year.

The NZGCA committee has been hard at work this year on behalf of its members. NZGCA membership is relatively stable compared with previous years - we currently have 81 general members (2020: 78) and 10 life members (2020: 10). We acknowledge how difficult the prior year has been for everyone because of COVID-19 and as such we reduced membership fees for the year. We have had three new committee members join us this year, Debra Garner, Miranda Nicoll with Debbie Lister seconded onto the committee later in the season. These three members have not been afraid to get stuck in and have brought some valuable ideas and skills to complement the rest of committee. Once again, Bridget Allison has been fabulous in organising the two South Island shows and HOY which we really appreciate.

A large part of the NZGCA's directive is to maintain the Register and Studbook. Horse registration numbers stand at 240 Purebred Gypsy Cobs and 460 Partbred Gypsy Cobs and 23 Drum Horses. Registrations of purebred and partbreds are continuing to steadily increase. Our Drum register shows significant growth, with increasing numbers of Drum horses being registered.

The show season has been a challenging one to say the least. COVID-19 has seen the cancellation of shows up and down the country which has been highly disappointing for show organisers, sponsors, and competitors alike. With the cancellation of most of the A&P Shows in the Auckland region as well as Waikato A&P, the committee held a Waikato Spring Show at Cambridge RDA to provide another HOY qualifying opportunity for upper North Island competitors. Similarly, In the South, the cancellation of Northern A&P, SI Premier Show, and the impending cancellation of the Canterbury A&P Show, saw Bridget Allison and her show team run a successful South Island Spring Show on 24th October.

As the season progressed, it became clear that it was going to be difficult for many people to qualify for HOY. To address this, the committee waived HOY qualification requirements for the season allowing those competitors that had already qualified to carry their qualifications over to the following year. Feedback from members was positive, however, disappointingly HOY also fell victim to COVID-19 with the cancellation of the show.

In more positive show news, Bridget Allison and her show team ran the well-attended South Island Gypsy Cob Show on the 12th of December, with 24 entered. The weather was fabulous, and competitors looked to really enjoy the show. In the North, the North Island Gypsy Cob and Drum saw 24 competitors attend the show at NEC Taupo on 17th April after it was cancelled the previous season. The committee, following with members trialled a split in the partbred classes between Sport Type and Draft Type cobs. The intention was to better reflect the differences in type among the partbreds. Overall feedback was positive, and the committee will discuss and continue to refine the split going forward. Additionally, separate Drum classes were held for the first time, which we are excited to see grow as Drum Horse numbers increase.

Committee work this year has included communication with members, administering and collating Hi Points, Lifetime Achievement, and other annual awards, recording novice show wins, NZGCA show organisation, liaising with A&P societies and the RAS, and sponsorship of A&P Shows. Additionally, our Newsletter Editor, Pippa Newby has produced several fabulous newsletters for our members which have been well received. If you have any ideas or content for the newsletter, please feel free to contact us.

As part of streamlining our online presence, we have amalgamated and archived unused Facebook groups, created FB page rules, set up a dedicated email address for all NZGCA correspondence, and maintained a page on the NZGCA website where it is free for members to advertise their horses. In the showing arena, we have separated the paced and mannered ridden classes which will provide ridden competitors an extra class on show day. During the year, an issue came to light with the reliability of DNA verification process of horses registered with another NZ society. A remit was successfully carried at the SGM in August 2020 to ensure the integrity of our studbook was maintained. We are currently trialling a new DNA verification process direct with Massey with several of the larger breeders and we hope to roll this out to members in the future.

I am looking forward to another productive and successful year as your President. I have my fingers crossed that the coming season will not be as disrupted as this last one has been. There are still a good number of A&Ps around the country that have Gypsy Cob classes so please get out and support them if you can. If showing is not your thing, never fear! The versatile Gypsy Cob and Drum horse can turn their hoof to anything, and I'd love for you to share with us photos and stories of your lovely cobs out and about on the NZGCA Facebook page and the newsletter. As always, the committee welcomes feedback from members so do drop us a line if you have any ideas, comments, suggestions or want to get involved. On a more personal note, I am really looking forward to getting my 2yo Purebred Chatto Creek Connor out and about this coming season after a few years away from the showing scene.

Kind regards,

Annika Jackson
President,
New Zealand Gypsy Cob Association

NZ Riding Pony Society Report to RAS Conference 2021

Greetings to everyone,
Like everyone due to Covid the NZRPS has had a challenging year.

Unfortunately, with a number of shows cancelled it meant our beautiful NZRPS sashes were not awarded at as many shows and only one Melville Black Memorial Competition was held with the sad cancellation of HOY. Because of this the Council decided in fairness to all to cancel our Performance and Young Producer Competitions this season and commence them again this coming season.

On a brighter note our Stud Book Classifiers have had a very busy time with numbers being inspected very high in the North Island and this does not include some that were to be done at HOY, now to be done at a later date. This is very encouraging and shows animals are still being bred.

After no Conference last year, we will at the same time be joining Pony Breeders and the Welsh Societies in Palmerston North in June for our AGM and Council meetings and are hoping for good attendance numbers.

Beautiful, registered Riding Ponies continue to scoop the major awards at most Shows and Councillors and volunteers and breeders are to be congratulated.

Our great band of Councillors and Volunteers continually strive to make the NZRPS bigger and brighter and our Journal produced twice yearly is second to none and eagerly awaited by all members, thank you to our fantastic editor Debbie Schnell.

New Prefixes are still being registered showing new breeding is happening and new people becoming involved.

We thank all the Shows that run our Sash Classes on our behalf to show case the Society's beautiful ponies. This is much appreciated, a big thank you to all.

Kindest Regards on behalf of the NZ Riding Pony Society.
Alan Windle
President.

NZ Side Saddle

As with every other group, it has been a most unusual year with most of our goals taken from us. Members in the North Island managed to compete side saddle at three shows, as did members in the South Island. However, the South Island, suffered with shows that normally run side saddle classes either being cancelled or dropping the section.

When we do get back to normal, may we remind RAS judges who are given side saddle to judge, please start work on the right rein, please don't make the most of the workout at a trot and PLEASE don't judge the mount on conformation. Side saddle horses must be suitable for a lady to ride with the emphasis on paces, manners, elegance and looks like a lady's horse. We have distributed Judging Guidelines to A&P Shows and urge your judges to read them.

After a tough time for everyone, we look forward to normalcy and wish RAS all the best in your organization, through this difficult time.

NZ Standardbred Society

As I do every year, I would first like to extend thanks to all the shows that have chosen to include our breed schedule of classes at their show.

We are grateful for this and hope our ongoing sponsorship goes some way into helping you provide these classes for the Standardbred competitors, especially through a somewhat unknown "COVID season". Here's hoping to a return to a full uninterrupted season for 21/22!

Since our last report in 2019 we have continued to have our 'green' Breed Performance card in play for our competitors and unfortunately the problems we initially had, have continued, and not really eased up despite constant publicising of the card and when it was to be carried and used. In fact, if anything, more problems seemed to occur from all sides.

So again, would like it noted that we strongly advocate for space to be made available for breeds to record wins on the RAS card.

One card to rule them all just makes more sense and less confusion for those judges and stewards out there...(and the odd competitor!!!!)

We were lucky enough to have Livamol come on board this season to trial a similar series to that of the Thoroughbreds and am pleased to say, for the coming season this has been extended to include more shows in both islands.

To end, just a quick thanks to NZSBA for their support on the Standardbred Showing movement at this time and to all those that help run these classes as we all know without their support we wouldn't be able to enjoy showing our horses.

Julie DeFilippi

Pony Breeders Society of New Zealand Inc.

We would like to thank the A&P shows who could carry on with their shows this season and supporting our sash classes. To the shows who had to cancel or made the hard decision earlier on not to have a show we wish you all the best with the coming season as we learn to live with Covid.

Our membership is down this year as with covid and our newsletter editor becoming busier with work we have not had as many newsletters published. Some of our members like the hard copy of a newsletter to keep them in touch with what is going on around the rest of the country. Not everyone is on email or like to keep in touch with Facebook and other similar accounts.

Thank you to our councillors who took it upon themselves to carry on our annual foal show in a new way with videos and photographs being presented online to the judges. Some of the exhibitors enjoyed not having to leave home in the early hours to compete. We are doing the same this year to add something different to the showing calendar and making it easier and less stressful for everyone. This show is open to everyone not just our members.

Michelle Mair
Secretary