

NOTES FROM THE NSW ACDS BRANCH MEETING HELD AT QUEANBEYAN NOVEMBER 24, 2007

Clubs represented were: Hills, Ellmore, Riverina, Bungendore, Canberra, Murrumbidgee, Goulburn, Reedy Creek, Macquarie, Southern Highlands, Gulgong. **30** attendees.

Panel Reports:

Dressage

- The revised Dressage Manual is almost finalized. Many thanks to Anne and Rob Robertson particularly for their help in checking the manual.
- Assistance is being given to members from all over Australia who want to become dressage judges. Written tests are open book and can be done at home.

Show Driving

- National Show Driving Championships now planned for May 4 2008 at Hawkesbury Showground. Schedules and Entry Forms due out in early February 2008, subject to the EI situation at the time.
- Show Judges / Drivers Schools are planned as soon as practicable in 2008 at Yanco and Londonderry. There will be an emphasis on the judging of heavy horses and their turnouts..
- Show societies to receive judges list, suggested harness programs and workouts in next few weeks. Important for members to support shows by competing.
- Carriage Driving Photo Show to be run by Murrumbidgee Club. Programs out now. Wide variety of classes. Well worth supporting.

CDE

There was no report tabled.

PEH

- Distance Driving Rules used in the British Isles being studied with view to some of these being used in conjunction with existing Endurance Driving Rules. Draft form available soon for clubs to look over.
- Keen for adoption of the Gulgong 'No Glow No Go' rule to be adopted in NSW whenever events are held on public roads. Input on this topic requested from clubs.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Club Newsletter Competition to be set up for 2007/8
- NSW ACDS to join Australian Horse Industry Council
- High Visibility Clothing – **clubs to be asked to discuss** the wearing of high visibility clothing by all ACDS members at all driving activities which occur on public roads.
Should it be
 1. mandatory or
 2. strongly recommended ?
- 2008 NSW Show Driving Championships to be run by Murrumbidgee Club in conjunction with Leeton Show on October 11.
- National CDE Championships 2008 to go ahead at Witwood, EI permitting. Federal Council permission to run in 2009 if 2008 not possible.
- The ACDS 40th year is in 2011. Federal Council has asked NSW to run the National CDE Championships that year. Unanimous support from meeting. **Clubs asked to consider** running other events in the 40th Anniversary year as well.

- 2008 NSW Dressage Championships – Bega Valley Club to be advised that its submission to run these has been accepted.
- Helmets : NSW Branch ACDS strongly recommends that all people in horse drawn vehicles wear protective head gear of the current equestrian standard.
- **Next Branch Meeting February 23, 2008 at the Bowling Club, Gulgong.**