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Minutes of the General Exco Council Meeting held on 18 April 2024 via Google Meet at 19h00

Attendees

Lee-Ann Rossouw
Adri du Toit
Sheena Pettit
Narina Uys

Petronell Vorster
Jo-Marie Myburgh
Michelle Knobel
Amy Partovi (by invitation, non-council member)

Apologies: Maret van Rensburg

Agenda

Welcome (Petronell)

Petronell welcomed everyone and wanted to know how the planning for Nationals is going and if anyone needs help.

Jo-Marie: going well, enough participants, 1 trial rider (30km, possibly 40km), the rest pleasure and also 2 juniors. Venue became a problem but resolved.

Amy: 14 qualified riders, 1 trail rider (40km's), 3 juniors, the rest pleasure.

Funding (Petronell/Michelle)

Michelle presented cashflow with various scenarios for Nationals funding. Each scenario depends on income. Council voted to fund R6 000 to each club – this would allow for a R15 000 to R20 000 balance. Council will look at setting up a club development fund to be ringfenced and set aside to aid club struggling financial or new clubs.

Trophies (Petronell)

Sourcing quotes (budget = not more than R2 500) and will feedback soonest.

HMS (Adri)

- Adri requested that all the contact details for the judges working at Nationals be sent through so that she can set up a WhatsApp group for communication.
- Score sheets to be updated (figure of 8, labyrinth, bending poles, box, L shape) – participants to practice these tests and advise participants that of the five, any of the three will be chosen.

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- Basic tests with minor enhancements but these will not be outside the participants capabilities.
- RM's to provide course obstacles for discussion in the judges group to ensure all regions align
- No new tests due to short season.
- Whatever Western Cape obstacles are the other regions will replication. Decided on transitions, canter-by's, tight squeeze, gates and a ditch.

Vet Rule Change (Cindy)

- Two 4th year vets, at DreamCatcher ride and the pulses taken varied quite a bit between the two, and it was assumed the vet tech counted wrong which is a potential problem - CRI needs to be accurate
- A pulse rate monitoring rule enhancement will be proposed at the next to begin the process of voting for the rule change.
- The suggested count is 30 seconds x 2 and standardised for all vets.
- Should each club have a pulse rate monitor as standard equipment at each ride?
- Vets authority is not to be undermined – vets have the ultimate authority at a ride.
- Any participant can refer to concern/query to the ride manager who will decide if the vet should be approached or not.
- Ride manager to ensure that at each ride the vets are familiar with the rules and to ask for a 30 second count.
- It was suggested that a memo containing a best practice checklist for vets at Nationals sent out.

Other

- Suikerbos ride in May to give participants opportunity to qualify for Nationals
- The team conduct forms are to be sent to Maret (athletes rep) and to form to Lee-Ann (DRASA secretary) for uploading to Drive

Close

Petronell closed the meeting by thanking everyone for their time and help in solving concerns/problems raised in the meeting.