

7. ELECTIONS:

Scrutineers to be nominated at meeting:

Election of officers will be by secret ballot and will remain confidential.

Only voting delegates as confirmed at the beginning of the meeting are eligible to vote

7.1 Judges Officer (Board Member & Chair Judges – Sub Committee)

There are two nominations for the position of Judges Officer

Note: The Judges Sub-Committee is by appointment. Expressions of interest received will be considered following Conference and members advised of the outcome.

Nominee(1): Judith Cunningham

Nominated by: Betty Brown(AMDG)
Qualifications | Refer to Resume

Seconded by: Karen Shields

Nominated by: Carol Eivers (NHB)
Qualifications | Refer to Resume:

Seconded by: Gill Chambers

Nominated by: Sue Hobson(JO)
Qualifications:

Seconded by: Mary Craine

Judith has worked on the Judges Sub-Committee for many years and always done an excellent job. She works well with our national judges and is keen to help them work through their upgrading. She worked hard on the Technical Manual revision and all the new tests and levels of judges.

She is efficient, polite, and always gets jobs done to a very high level of professionalism. She is a very hard worker and always happy to work with judges.

She would be an excellent Board member.

Nominated by: Heather Hilder (Waitemata) **Seconded by:** Christine Latch
Qualifications: Refer to Resume & Letter of Support

To: Dressage New Zealand Board

Letter of Support for Judith Cunningham – Judges Officer, DNZ Board

This letter is in support of Judith Cunningham in her Expression of Interest for the role of DNZ Judges Officer.

Judith's experience as a judge, locally, nationally and internationally is highly valued in the Dressage Waitemata Area where she maintains and supports very high standards. Her knowledge and skills are recognised throughout NZ as an A Level National Judge.

Judith is respected and held in the highest regard, whilst also being very approachable to riders and officials. She is extremely generous with her knowledge and her commitment to helping and supporting new judges to train and making "the List" is outstanding. We had two qualify in the 2019/20 Season, with three more on the pathway to qualify this Season.

Judith is incredibly hard working and is an exemplary role model for all judges. She is a consummate professional and is always accessible and supportive, made more so by her warm sense of humour and empathy for the people she works with. Her commitment to her ongoing learning and development sees her as one of NZ's finest Dressage Judges.

The 2020/21 Dressage Waitemata committee are unanimous in our support Judith's application.

Yours sincerely

Christine Latch
President
Dressage Waitemata

RESUME for POSITION of DNZ JUDGES OFFICER:

PERSONAL DETAILS:

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Dressage NZ Judge: A Level

Dressage Area: Waitemata

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST STATEMENT:

I am seeking support for my nomination for election to the position of **Dressage NZ National Judges Officer** sitting on the Dressage NZ Board, when the position becomes vacant in June 2021, to continue and develop the work I have been involved with as part of the Dressage NZ Judges' Sub-committee including:

- Support **NZ judges' education** and assist with facilitating national and local forums and clinics.
- Encourage and facilitate **judge development** of new judges and upgrading of our current judges coming through the system, with support of local AJO's to ensure we have sufficient qualified judges.
- Continuing to develop the **Australasian Judge Exchange** programmes (post Covid). This provides invaluable experience to our NZ National judges.
- Develop opportunities for more **Inter-regional Judge Exchanges** within NZ to assist judges to travel outside of their area to improve their skills.
- In 2018/2019 I assisted with implementing the new dressage tests for Dressage NZ, together with implementing the Australian Judges' Education System and judges' levels. I would like to continue being a part of continuing to develop this system in NZ.
- Work cohesively with the AJO's, Judges Subcommittee & co-opted members, while engaging with the Dressage NZ Board.

You can also read about my involvement and commitment to dressage in the recent March 2021 Bulletin, where I have been nominated as "**Official of the Month**".

INVOLVEMENT WITH DRESSAGE NEW ZEALAND:

- **2016:** Appointed to the **National Judges Sub-committee** to assist and support the National Judges' Officer, Sue Hobson.
- **2013:** Appointed as a **Judge Mentor** by our National Judges Officer, Sue Hobson, to assist with judge training and development in the Waitemata area and throughout NZ.
- **2013:** Appointed **Area Judges Officer** for Waitemata to assist with local area administration, training and judge liaison.

- **2003 – 2006:** Served as **National Junior and Young Rider Convenor for Dressage NZ.** I was involved in facilitating and organising New Zealand Young Rider Squad training camps to advance their knowledge and training. With this role I was part of the **Dressage NZ High Performance Committee.**

JUDGING BACKGROUND:

- Started judging dressage in the 1980's at a local level, gradually working my way up the Judges' List whilst competing up to Advanced Medium level.
- **2017:** Promoted to a **List 1 Judge** on the NZ National Judges Panel (now **A level**)
- **2014:** Completed the Australian Young Dressage Horse Exam to become an official Australasian **Young Dressage Horse judge.**

OVERSEAS EDUCATION and JUDGING EXPERIENCE:

- I have judged in Australia on several occasions, in Queensland at QSEC and Victoria at Boneo Park, on the Dressage NZ Judges Exchange Programme and through private OC invitations. This has provided valuable experience to improve my judging knowledge.
- I have attended two IDOC Oceania clinics in both Aachen and Hartpury which has been invaluable for developing my judging education.

EARLY BACKGROUND TO MY INVOLVEMENT WITH DRESSAGE IN NEW ZEALAND:

- I competed in dressage and other equestrian disciplines from a young age and have been a member of Equestrian Sports New Zealand (New Zealand Horse Society as it was then), since I was 16 years old.

STRENGTHS:

- Reliable and willing to communicate and work with fellow judges, officials and competitors.
- Sound base knowledge of the sport and the rules.
- Contribute with knowledge as a senior judge.
- Professional, unbiased with my judging.
- Adaptable and able to cope in challenging situations.

JUDITH CUNNINGHAM

Nominee(2): **Linda Warren-Davey**

Nominated by: Gill Usher (A Judge/Ctby)
Qualifications | Refer to Resume

Seconded by: Charles Usher

Nominated by: Charles Usher (Member)
Qualifications | Refer to Resume:

Seconded by: Gill Usher

Nominated by: Karen Daniel (D Judge/Ctby)
Qualifications | Refer to Resume

Seconded by: Christine Lovelady

Nominated by: Sally Goldsmith (DR Ctby)
Qualifications | Refer to Resume

Seconded by: Cherie Pearson

Linda Warren-Davey - FEI 4* Dressage/YH judge - NZL Judge Mentor/Educator
In support of my nomination for the DNZ Judge's Officer role

8 April 2021

Having experienced both the National and FEI judging pathways over the past 30 years, culminating in my current FEI 4* status, with judging roles in Australia, Holland, Germany, Eastern Europe, Japan, and Singapore I have gained a wealth of knowledge and in-depth experience that provides me with the credibility and credentials to become Dressage New Zealand's incoming Judge's Officer.

I have held the role of Canterbury Judge's officer for several years and have been a member of the Judges sub-Committee for two terms, where I was involved with the decision-making process to adopt Equestrian Australia's educational system and the updated tests. These roles have all provided me with a clear understanding of the educational and support requirements of judges on both a local and national level. I have also held the Performance Portfolio on the Dressage NZ Board, and am familiar and comfortable with Board processes.

Due to realising and understanding the value the Young Dressage Horse concept provides to judges, riders, and trainers, I have been instrumental in encouraging and promoting the continued development of the concept within New Zealand.

I will bring to the role.....

- A framework to support and assist judges to realise their potential and meet their goals whether they be national or international.
- Facilitate educational opportunities nationally and offshore.
- Regular communication and educational opportunities
- An open and transparent pathway to advancement for those judges that wish to advance.
- Encourage an open-door policy.
- A leadership style that is collaborative and inclusive.
- Develop a cohesive working relationship with DNZ Coaches and riders to ensure unity in our end goals and vision for the sport.
- Ensure that all regions are fully represented with mentors and/or judges' educators so educational opportunities can be more easily attained.
- Encouraging succession and the next generation of judges by ensuring the 'entry' process is easily understood, available and promoted.
- Incorporate Young Horse judging education and exams within the DNZ judging framework.
- Explore the development and integration of the Para-Equestrian judging framework into the current structure.
- Inspiration and energy

I believe that stability is important; yet it's also important to listen to our judging community and stakeholders, build on the positives, and formulate any future changes to adapt or better fit our judging community with an inclusive and collaborative approach.

"Judging is my passion, and I enjoy nothing more than fostering, developing, and growing that passion and love for judging in my fellow colleagues and assisting them to become the best they can be".

I would appreciate the opportunity to grow, develop and foster a strong national judging team, and look forward to your support and vote at the 2021 Dressage New Zealand Conference.

7.3 Election of Committee Representative to Appointment Panel

Nominee (1): Debra Cowen
Nominated by: Michelle Paterson
Seconded by: Kara Lockhart
Qualifications:

Debra Cowen is the current committee representative on the appointment panel

Nominee (2): Renai Hart
Nominated by: Linda Warren-Davey
Seconded by: Karen Daniel Kara Lockhart
Qualifications:



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To whom it may concern

Here is a bit of background, I have been involved with many aspects of our sport over many years, I was Vice President of Dressage Waitemata and Show Secretary for many years, we were also a major sponsor for many of our Championship shows, so have a very good understanding of what is required.

I have a small Hanoverian Stud farm, standing 3 German imported Stallions, breeding a small band of Hanoverian mares, I am also a rider, I have ridden to PSG, I haven't competed so much but have some young horses coming through, I ride most days and train often.

I am currently the President of the NZ Hanoverian Society, Vice President of Hanoverian International (Germany) and most recently was appointed to the disciplinary board of WBFSH World Breeding Federation of Sport Horses. I feel I have a broad understanding of the sport and the fundamentals that are required. I am very passionate about all corners of our sport, and enjoy offering support wherever needed.

Kindest

Renai

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Dr