

Taupo Riders Meeting 7.20pm 13/12/18

Welcome, reminder to sign in attendance, 135 riders. **Apologies-** none

Intro- Taupo Christmas Classic Committee; Peter Herrick, Tracey Cropp, Sue Carr were acknowledged and a gift from the Strata Group was arranged to pass on to them for their efforts.

Answers to HB questions

Why can't we have a Gentleman's class? Write to HOY to suggest these types of changes. This has been tried many years ago, entries were poor due to focusing on main title classes. Any show can run a gentleman's class, so if you are keen to run new classes, then arrange them at your own area show.

Why are the Eventers taking prime time in premier ring? SMC control what happens in the main ring and they are looking after their main sponsors by giving Eventing plenty of prime-time.

Points on the leader boards

Rebecca Griffith has got the system sorted and can load the results very efficiently. However, she is held up by handling members problems, eg- half a day at work was spent checking on the 40 FEI 1* horses- to find that only 14 were eligible for the class. Reminder- FEI regos need to be renewed for 2019.

Riders need to tidy up their rego details

Please check on your registration details, check your spelling of names on entries, ownership of horses, breeding details on young horses- all these things make it hard for event organisers, adds to their work load, and then adds to head office's workload.

Young Volunteers- Adults remember to be nice to them, they are only trying to help!

Blackboard system discussion- no one is more special, be organised, be fair.

Late entries discussion was had on this topic raised by Peter Herrick. It was decided that the existing rule, (for late entries to go first) was good. It just needs to be consistent from show to show and class to class.

Show's refunds policy, discussion from Sally Steiner on some shows having unfair refund policies. Riders were encouraged to get involved with their local shows, to ensure that all conditions were fair.

The standard of shows, discussion from Tom Tarver about shows meeting a certain standard to hold World Cups.

Young Rider TV Series, Kate Peacock and Aime Bentall are developing a TV Series, involving Leeshelle Small, Emma Watson, Oliver Croucher, Emily Hayward, Drew and Ally Carson.

Groom of the Year, riders can vote for the best groom or supporter, with the finalists being voted on at the Horse of a Year Show. The Top three so far; Katelyn Harper, Gracie Fleet O'Neill, Elizabeth Sterling

Spot Prizes were awarded to Henry Bull, Kirsten Worker, Helen Kippen, Maddy Smith, for doing good deeds in the sport. **Fines** - Tegan FitzSimon and Sarah Forman were light-heartedly fined.

Meeting concluded at 8pm, followed by a presentation from Kevin Biggar