

# Equestrian Federation of Australia Ltd

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## Summary of business conducted at a meeting of the National Vaulting Committee held on

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2008 at Sports House in Brisbane

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### 1. Welcome and Apologies

1.1 Administration

### 2. FEI STEWARD

JL has received his Official FEI Steward status, this arrived in time to meet the requirement for the recent CVI held in Sydney. Chairman to enquire with EFA as to why other vaulting attendees at the FEI steward course have not yet received theirs.

### 3. SUBMISSIONS AND RULE CHANGES

NVC has received criticism from sections of the vaulting community for not approving submissions quickly enough. Investigation reveals that in most cases the submissions were either not lodged early enough or in fact not received at all. If the submission happens to be a rule change it is then passed on to the EFA for implementation which has a 4 month time frame.

It is not policy for the NVC to delay submissions.

### 4. NATIONALS/CVI

The committee discussed the report lodged by the OC of the Nationals/CVI and all agreed it was an outstanding success and that the OC needs to be congratulated for undertaking such a major undertaking. Some attendees felt that the CVI overshadowed the Nationals. The NVC has recommended that in future any OC intending on conducting a Nationals/CVI need be mindful of the need for both events to be given equal status.

### 5. PROCEDURES

Each EFA sport is required to submit an annual budget and develop a three year development plan. The NVC are intending to invite Nathan Holman to its next NVC meeting to assist in the creation of a 3 year development plan that fits within the EFA structure

### 6. COMMUNICATION

In an effort to keep the vaulting community up to date and informed a facebook page will be created. Joanne Lee has volunteered to create and maintain this project.

### 7. LUNGING CERTIFICATES

It has been perceived that the NVC had held up the implementation of the introduction of the new lungers syllabus accreditation. It was not passed at the previous NVC meeting as not every state had the necessary infrastructure in place. The adoption of this system has now been approved by the NVC and to provide clarity, Tony Richardson will draw up an official list of names of all Level 2 coaches and a separate list of persons authorised to sign off workbooks for the vaulting specific components. The commencement date will be the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009 and it will be a requirement that all lungers will be able to provide their certificates. Lungers who have not obtained their Official Lunging Certificates by this date will need to commence the Associate Lungers Certificate workbook and gain accreditation via this.

More work is yet to be done on the duration of accreditation and as to whether a currency updating procedure is required as with other forms of EFA accreditation.

## **8. HC COMPETITORS**

Considerable discussion took place regarding HC competitors competing at various competitions and the appropriateness of doing so. The rule book is not clear in this area as no reference is made to teams. The NVC has ruled that individual competitors may not compete HC at Championships but HC teams are acceptable at the discretion of the OC. Regardless of HC or competitiveness, horse points still apply.

## **9. SELECTION FOR INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

New selection criteria needs to be developed to keep in line with EFA procedure, this has not been a priority in the past as selection has been rarely implemented. John Lowe has agreed to liaise with Franz Venhaus to develop a draft on selection procedures for discussion at the next NVC meeting

## **10. JUDGES ACCREDITATION**

New judges syllabi is being developed currently by the Judges panel and has been sent back for further review. The current accreditation system does not include currency updating procedures and this will need to be addressed to align with EFA procedures.

## **11. PROCESS PERTAINING TO RESULT PROTESTS**

Discussion took place regarding what actually constitutes a protest. In many cases the "protest" is merely a query relating to the posted results at a competition. John Lowe has agreed to raise the subject at the January forum and report back to the NVC to gauge whether a system can be introduced to "ask a question" rather than "lodge a protest" in relation to scoring issues.

## **12. SPLITTING OF CLASSES**

Splitting of class sizes has always been a contentious issue particularly at Championships. The NVC feels that it is not appropriate to make rule changes to cover this topic as the OC should retain the discretion on how it conducts its event. However if class sizes are split, points accrued for the purposes of trophy calculation must not be split.

## **13. SUB COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The NVC has resolved that when sub committees meet, either by face to face or telephone hook up, minutes be kept and forwarded to the NVC Chairman within 4 weeks. The sport of vaulting has been disadvantaged in the past with initiatives not being implemented due to no records being kept. Some of the hard earned initiatives agreed on by Brad Patterson have not been introduced because no record is available

## **14. EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO COMPETE OVERSEAS**

Chairman sent CVI dates to state chairs to pass onto the community regarding EOI to compete overseas in 2009. Joanne Lee has also sent out an EOI email to the community seeking advice and is awaiting confirmation from interested vaulters who wish to compete overseas in 2009.

## **15. 13<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL VAULTING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2009.**

Vaulting SA will host the National Championships at the Mallala Equestrian Centre in South Australia on the long weekend of 2,3,4 October. There is considerable camping and stabling facilities on site. A list of off site accommodation will feature on the schedule. There will not be a CVI held in conjunction with this event. (A draft schedule to be lodged with the NVC by next meeting).

## **16. NEXT MEETING**

To be held in Sydney on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at a venue to be advised

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