



SOUTHERN DISTRICTS DRESSAGE CLUB

MINUTES

General Committee Meeting

held on



01/12/2025

6:30

Via TEAMS

Present: Virginia Longley, Maggie Hill, Barbara Cooke, Tisa Crocker, Jan Madigan , Kelly Perkins, Tameka Ellard.
Sandra Friid joined at 7:30pm

Apologies:

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

Confirmed: Virginia

Seconded: Barbara

2. Correspondences:

Nil

3. Treasurer's Report:

Balance as at 01/12/2025 \$15768.43

Income:

Albany show: \$467.63 minus \$100.00 invoice for ribbons.
\$367.63

Expenses:

Ground fee not yet paid as no invoice has been received at the time of the meeting but is accounted in above Albany Show income.

Virginia \$93.95 for first aid kit

\$116.90 Horse world for extra 2 rugs for solstice.

No invoice for the regional champion saddle blankets yet.

\$140 to be paid for the October training day ground fee.

Motioned: Virginia

Second: Tisa

4. Albany show

Virginia: went well, no major upsets

Unfortunately there were small numbers and multiple scratching.

No riders above elementary and only 2 elementary riders, 1 Advanced training test.

Overall some good scores, quite competitive.

Still having trouble providing opportunities for people with higher level horses to compete due to limited number of local judges and/or the expense of bringing down judges.

Only 2 official competitor riders on the day.

Maggie: would there be a way to get sponsorship for local higher level riders to be able to have additional judges to bring down to allow for higher level riders.

Barb: previously had judges to Grand Prix and brought down judges for higher level when we had multiple riders at those levels – currently lots of previous higher level riders have retired their more experienced horses and are bringing up younger horses.

5. Southern Solstice 2026:

Event Secretary: Maggie

Entries and scoring: Barbara- Entries now open. Inter a and Inter II now open as training tests. Competitor up to Inter I.

Barb needs some people to try entering to ensure that SDDC membership and ground fee discount works.

Linked to EA database- bridle number should come up when entering.

Judges: Virginia

- i. List of judges below correct
- ii. Andy is also our para-equestrian steward so may not be able to judge when stewarding these classes.
- iii. Jan to be informed of the costs of the judges.
- iv. Judges to complete *judges form* - i.e. are they claiming travel.
- v. Judges form has previously been put on website by Peter and then it is able to be sent straight to Jan.

Sponsorship: Tameka:

- vi. Maggie to forward updated list of sponsors.
- vii. Would like to provide sponsors with copies of the materials and what has been said about the business, link to facebook page and website.
- viii. Schedule posts ahead of time to release every couple of days.
- ix. Check if sponsors ie South Coast sports med or others have banners etc – *done they will contact me once these are available*
- x. Prep thank you letters etc ahead of time
- xi. Laurie Benson able to come on the Sat and Sunday, hopefully pictures and write up for collection.
- xii. Sheldon Naughty Photographer happy to come
- xiii. Hoofbeats would be interested in a write up
- xiv. Presentations Sat and Sundays- invite sponsors once the draw is sorted out with a rough time.

Catering: Tisa:

- xv. Sent email to toasties man. Food for competitors or spectators to have a coffee or food van.
- xvi. Spoke to Karen about having access to the kitchen.
- xvii. Maggie has asked 2 people for quotes for judges lunches but has not had any replies as yet.

- xviii. Lunches and platters 2024 from IGA. Sandra reports that we had twice as much as we probably needed.
- xix. *Following this discussion Kelly advised she may be able to provide platters/some of the catering.*

Finances: Jan:

- xx. Form for judges: can do electronic transfers
- xxi. Invoicing sponsors and payments there of: all invoices sent out at present:
 - 1. Scott Leary Paid
 - 2. Rick Wilson Paid
 - 3. South Coast Sports Medicine Paid
 - 4. Louise Hillman has paid
 - 5. Just Sew Paid
 - 6. Maggie Hill Accounting Paid
 - 7. Albany Caravan repair paid
 - 8. Terry White Chemist paid
 - 9. Albany Stock feeds paid
 - 10. Horse world paid
- xxii. On the 1st of January if sponsors who have not paid could be reminded.

Medical: Tameka

- xxiii. If proposed EWA changes go through in January the Medical officer cannot be a competitor, official or part of the organizing committee, this makes it tricky as an additional person needs to be recruited who has the required qualifications to cover the weekend.
- xxiv. Potentially Sandra could be this person for 1 competition day.
- xxv. Ask Mount Barker Vet to be vet on call or Wendy. Ensure they know when the day is on and who is close by.
- xxvi. Tony has confirmed that he is happy to be farrier on call

Promotion and Publicity: Tameka

schedule posts to go out

Prizes and Gifts: Sandra

- xxvii. Rugs are at the embroiderer.
- xxviii. Check with horseworld the saddle pads for the regional champ.
- xxix. We have plenty of ribbons
- xxx. Week before will check number of gifts etc for judges and officials
- xxxi. Friday before the comp Sandra will open the clubrooms and prep.

Grounds Preparation: Tisa

- xxxii. Arrange a time to put the old board arena onto the trailer – Barb, Maggie, Dave and Tisa to liaise and do this
- xxxiii. The old arena has a large overhang when on the trailer which makes turning difficult and risks damage to the car being used. Tisa will try and come up with a solution to fix this.
- xxxiv. Organize a meeting with Karen to arrange a time to whipper snip
- xxxv. Potential for a busy bee the weekend before the southern solstice to clean the toilets etc potentially 10th/11th of Jan.
- xxxvi. Arena placement and warmups to be decided. This will depend on the number of entries.

Grounds on Day: Maggie

- xxxvii. Gazebo to be used for marshalls and stewards. Typically only 1 or 2 needed. Check these are in sea container.

Help Desk: Sandra

- xxxviii. Has Saturday relatively organized
- xxxix. Sandra typically cannot get there early Sunday but may have capacity this year.

Pack up: Kelly

- xl. Allocate pack up to one of the riders and sections to the committee members
- xli. Bins, gazebos put away.
- xlii.

Additional comments re southern Solstice:

Virginia: Advertise that we have an International Judge to come to Southern Solstice much more.

Closing date 7th of January not 10th which is on current flyer.

This needs to be updated and re-advertised.

Barb: Send Jpeg of flyer and try and update. Elizabeth Wakely Dawes Wife might be able to spread to dressage FB pages.

- Repost once change of closing date 7th of January.

Para and Virtus classes- will need to contact Maggie/ Barb to add to the nominate page to allow us to add appropriate test.

Kelly: May be able to do platters – fruit and cake for morning and afternoon tea, platters and ensure vegetarian options allowed for, Water bottles etc.

Maggie to Liaise with Kelly

Camping: Andy previously coordinated this and marked out

Karen Mayfield took over doing this.

Because Camping booking is done through the AEC Karen did this in 2025.

ii. Committee Roles

Maggie	Secretary for the Southern Solstice and Catering
Virginia	Coordinate Judges
Jan	Help desk, finances
Barbara	Entries and scoring
Sandra	Prizes and Gifts, help desk.
Tisa	Grounds prep
Tameka	Sponsor coordinator, Medical, Social media.
Kelly	Pack up coordinator

6. 2026 Proposed event Dates :

Dates	Comp	Site	Facilities needed	Judges
17 th /18 th of January	Southern Solstice	AEC		Judith Conningham A Lisa Baker A Virginia Longley B Penny Lee C Phoebe Johnson D Linda Page? Possibly C or D Heather Carrington Jones E Angela Shepherd E Lene Skovsted F Andy Forbes F - however uncertain if reaccredited properly, multiple rider conflict of interest due to riding. Also stewarding.
15 th March	Training Day ? With a	AEC		

	coach and Judge			
18/19 April	Competition day/ Judges seminar	AEC		
24 th of May	Training Day	AEC		
12 th of July	Training Day	AEC		
16 th of August	No Frills	AEC		
19 th October	Training Day			
15 th November 2026	Agricultural day			

Additional comments:

Tameka: what bookings do we need for set up and the grounds/ or club rooms on training and competition days?

Book the evening before on official competition days from 4 pm.

Training days are typically set up on the day.

Typically booked the sand and indoor arena for training and competition days.

Set up for Southern Solstice booked from 12 pm on the Friday.

Confirm Grounds booked for set up on Friday. *Done*

Tameka to email this to Peter for booking.

Meeting closed at: 8:05pm

Next Meeting: Jan 5th at 6:30pm