



MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF SCDA

HELD ON MON 20TH JULY 2020 at 7.30pm by ZOOM

Attendees: Colin Smith (Chair) (CS), Ian Bertram (IB), Jane Isaac (JI), Louise McCutcheon (LMcC), Jamie March (JM), Susan Don (SD), Eileen Cornish (EC), Sanchia May (SM), Erica Mancini (Secy)(EM), Sheila McNeill (Minutes)(SMcN)

Apologies:

Dave Russell (DR)

Agenda Item		Action
Minutes of Last Meeting	(Already Approved)	
Matters Arising from Minutes	SMcN asked about the proposed photo competition and agreed to canvass members for categories. These to be suggested by 30/7 with competition opening for entries at start of Sept and all to be received by mid Oct in order to allow for judging. Prizes to be awarded at the (Nov) end of season party (if it goes ahead). There was a discussion about the National Championships 2021 and the possibility of Hopetoun being put forward as a venue to host. JI advised that SCDA did not submit an application; it was understood that Ashfields will most likely be awarded the National Championships in 2021 as they were supposed to host the 2020 event. Future dated/bids will be considered by BC in due course so we might put Hopetoun forward another time.	SMcN
2021 SCDA Membership Fees	There is no expectation that BC will refund affiliation fees for 2020. After some discussion, it was agreed that SCDA 2021 membership fees would remain at 2020 level but the situation would be kept under review, dependent on the club's financial situation.	
Training 2020	JI reported that as a coach is only permitted to take 2 people per day, it was difficult to see how the August training weekend with Jan de Boer could run cost-effectively. JdB had managed to change his earlier flight bookings to August and it may be possible for him to change again. JI will check this with Jan. Meantime, it was decided that no publicity would be done about the 21/8 training weekend yet; the list is currently full but confirmation from the venue (Seacliff) would be needed (JM to check with Carol Boswell) and a well-written risk assessment would be required. The upcoming BEF/HorseScotland discussions (end July) will help to inform but currently all equestrian events are cancelled.	JI/JM
Hopetoun 2020	CS enquired of JI re the situation of judges' flights being refunded. JI advised that she awaited information from Ewan McInnes but she thought all was in order.	JI
Facebook	It was established that SM, SD and LMcC have admin access but there may be a problem with the SCDA pages "talking to each	SM

	<p>other". There had been a post on Facebook regarding training which had gone unanswered. EM commented that DR felt an appropriate person should respond to Facebook posts/requests rather than the responsibility lie with one person. JM proposed that an auto-response message should be set to generate on private messages to contact SCDA Secretary. CS asked that EM be added as an additional administrator. SM will arrange this. CS recorded appreciation for all that SM does on the SCDA facebook pages.</p>	
New Venues	<p>IB reported on his visit with CS to Garth Stud. The first route proposed by Diane/Penny was not very suitable with blind bends on single track roads but another route was researched which would be better. IB felt that rather than a Grassroots, this venue could host a full Club event. It would require a team to organise; SM offered to do the admin and IB mentioned that Garth Stud has some people who might help with manual work on the course etc. There was much discussion about access being created to the parking field and the not inconsiderable costs associated with this. It was felt than an investment by SCDA would be acceptable with some conditions to apply eg use of facility/venue for x number of years. IB to report back with a price for the job at Garth Stud which would then be discussed further by the Directors, along with a policy on supporting events.</p>	IB
Seacliff Event	<p>JM reported that an offer had been received from the Bywell team of some obstacles towards the creation of the Seacliff Event. A date for the 2021 competition will be decided once BC have confirmed their schedule, as JM will be involved with competing at some of the BC events.</p>	JM/ALL
End of Season Party	<p>SD confirmed that she had not cancelled the Royal George, Perth, as we had not paid any deposit for the venue. Lockdown had prevented SD and SMcN from visiting Crieff Hydro as a potential venue. There was some discussion about dates, venues, band availability but the first thing to do is check with any of the hotels that we might use whether larger social gatherings could be accommodated under current COVID19 regulations. SD will contact the hotels and revert so that a decision can be taken by mid Sept whether or not to go ahead with an end of season party. IB will also check if there are likely to be any cancellations charges for the band.</p>	SD IB
Arena Challenge	<p>Jl wondered if Hopetoun ,might suit as a venue for a fun end-of-season event and offered to check availability with the Estate as well as costs. IB mentioned that Paddockhall might also be a venue, offered by Ruth Martin. SMcN raised a query about parking at Paddockhall which IB will check out. JM offered to check whether Seacliff might host a late season arena challenge, the format of which would need to be discussed/clarified.</p> <p>Confirmation that if the SCDA would like to run an Arena Challenge at Seacliff this would be welcomed. JM would however qualify, by saying that if other venues (Ruth Martin) have already been approached then we would not want to clash or take the place of that event. In addition, as we use</p>	Jl IB JM JM

	Seacliff for a training venue it might be nicer for membership to have a change of scene. In order to take forward, when would the SCDA be thinking of running the Arena Challenge? And would it be able to run by the SCDA as Seacliff currently does not hold any insurance to run events.	
Planning	LMcC would like to see a 5-year plan to include commitment from existing and new venues. JI suggested that a questionnaire be circulated to members in advance of the next AGM to establish what they want from the club.	JI
Younger Drivers	EM raised a question about younger members and much discussion ensued including creating the opportunity for a Scottish Young Drivers Group, which would create the opportunity for Young Drivers to train in Scotland with a view to joining with the British Young Drivers. Carol Boswell had intimated she would be keen to support as she has 6-8 young drivers coming up. JM suggested a junior camp to bring all young drivers together and then take them to BYD. SM advised that Elinor Bosanquet also has several young drivers but there may be limiting factors to them travelling (SM will check this out and offered to help with transport from Aberdeen). If a summer or Easter Camp were to be arranged (at Seacliff?), JI proposed that everyone on the committee would need to help. EM knows of some young drivers who are hesitant about joining SCDA so asked what could be done to encourage them. Were they to be invited as non-members to the SCDA junior camp, SMCN queried insurance cover – this needs to be investigated. JM reported that Carol Boswell has asked Chris Smith about reducing the age of young driver competitors, which is currently being reviewed with the insurers. JM has spoken with JI and they are both happy to take this action forward, unless anyone else would like to help. JM has also spoken to Carol Boswell and she would be happy to help with a Young Drivers Training Camp.	JM/JI
Campbell Bosanquet	JI had hoped some form of memorial for Campbell could have been held at Hopetoun this year but now wondered if perhaps a special trophy could be presented for the Junior Camp. All agreed this would be highly appropriate as Campbell keenly supported junior drivers. CS will speak with Elinor to discuss.	CS
AOB	It was agreed to send flowers to Patsy Muir-Simpson who had recently had a riding accident and damaged her spine. CS requested in future that this kind of thing needed collective decision/approval rather than individual requests being sent to EM.	
Date of Next Meeting	(not discussed/arranged yet)	EM/CS