



AUSTRALIAN CARRIAGE DRIVING SOCIETY

Summary of Federal Council Meeting held on Thursday 3 December 2020

Junior Age Limits at Indoor Event

Federal Council discussed the proposal from the Indoor Committee in regard to the minimum age limit and it was agreed that the minimum age for junior drivers at a competition is 8 years of age, with a responsible ACDS member holding a second set of reins and that the minimum age for non-competitive junior members be the same as per the ACDS By-law 14.7 (6 years of age).

Reports

Council received reports from States, Discipline Conveners, Co-ordinators and sub-committees.

Minutes of Federal Council Meetings

Council agreed that it would continue to provide summaries of the minutes to State branches and for inclusion in the journal.

Junior Bursary Applications

Nine applicants. Council agreed to award each applicant an amount of \$330.

It was noted that most of the applicants wished to obtain some coaching and that Federal Council policy for many years had been to encourage the use of coaches from the ACDS Coaching accreditation scheme. Council agreed this was preferably and would encourage recipients to use ACDS accredited coaches but did note this would be difficult with the junior applicants due to the distance from some ACDS coaches.

Junior Camp Funding

Application received as part of the Junior Bursary process from the Victorian Junior Driver Coordinator for funding of a junior camp. Agreed that the application was not part of the Bursary system and should have gone through the State first, but members decided to discuss the need to assist in such activities. Federal Council was also aware of junior camps in NSW, WA and SA.

Federal may look at budgeting for such activities in the future but agreed that there should be support for this type of junior training in each State.

It was agreed that for the year 2021, Federal would assist with Junior Development to the value of \$1000 each for Victoria and New South Wales and \$500 each for other States.

Camps for Victoria and New South Wales are already planned and issue of monies to these States is approved. The remaining States are to apply for funding once a program has been developed.

Juniors and Membership Issues

Discussion as to status of junior members were previous Family Membership have been changed to Single Membership as Single membership does not include juniors.

A reminder to be sent stating that Clubs needs to 'upsell' memberships to parents and point out that juniors need to be members to handle the reins at an activity.

May use One Activity Membership (and only allowed three per year) but Junior membership is \$80.00 and provides all member benefits, except voting.

Helmet Requirements

An updated information document was produced for replacing the current document on the website.

Dressage Tests - ADS

Council approved a number of new dressage test which we have received permission from the American driving Society to use.

Associate Memberships

Under ACDS Rules, Associate members currently cannot vote. By-law 2.11 allows an Associate member to be an office bearer of a State branch or Club however as a result of the Rules, whilst they can be an office bearer, they cannot vote. This can create difficulties with getting committee members at Club level. Council to consider and may require a change to Rules, so it was agreed that all membership categories need to be reviewed in time for the next AGM.

Southern Tasmanian Carriage Driving Club Inc

Southern Tasmanian Carriage Driving Club Inc was accepted as an Affiliated Club of the ACDS.

Ratification for Reaccreditation of Officials

A number of officials were reaccredited.

Three Phase Rules

Discussion occurred on the Three Phase Rules currently in the Activities Manual and whether the Three Phase Rules should come under the auspice of the CDE Convenors, both at Federal and State level.

Agreed that the Federal CDE Convenor will approach States on this and possibly discuss a revamp of Level 4 CDE and eliminate the need for Three Phase Events.

Bio-security Forms

Need to be adjusted.