Icelandic Horse Society of Great Britain Minutes of Sport Group



Date 9th March 2016 by conference call

Present: Mike Adams (MA), Gundula Sharman (GS), Ann Savage (AS),

Apologies: Kirsty Carson (KC), Andrew Nickalls (AN),

Agenda

- 1. Actions from last meeting
- 2. Open actions

1 Actions arising:	
AS contacted Fi regarding support for judging online tests: takes about 30 mins to mark each test, and she might need some support. Only Jackie Alexander indicated interest in helping out, she is qualified as dressage judge, but not trained in gaited classes. Standard of British riders is not very high compared to the international scene, but Fi has always been very supportive and positive in her feedback. Jemima is in touch with Shona, developing the website. Question to all − how can we support and develop the initiative? → For next meeting, formulate a line of action.	ALL
Trainer education – Some signs that Kristina is getting in touch with NZ re the development of instructor training.	
HestFest – AS has the template for designated HestFest rosettes; need to find a rosette maker in time for Easter festival. Eventually the aim is that all participants of a HestFest event will receive a HestFest rosette as a memento. T-shirts and hoodies are ready to go on sale in the next 10 days.	AS GS
SRDP event in Scotland: ca 10 participants, very positive event, quite a range of riding ability and horses. Thanks to Kirsty and to West Tarf for hosting it. Next event SRDP – intermediate in Dorset (mid-March). Experience shows that everyone will get more from the event when riders in groups of comparable experience and ability.	
Team selection rules – outdated rules on the website. Mike to circulate the rules used in 2015.	MA
BC – update: judges have confirmed, Heather will act as speaker, more support is needed in the office.	MA
2. Open actions: TiH question still open: To what degree is this part of the remit of the Sport group? Mike to take the question to the Trustees.	МА
Promotion and sponsorship – Andrew will continue to look at the possibility of promoting the team with sponsors to secure longer-term relationships with them. Andrew has been in touch with Lorna George from NAF. Attempt to use the 30 anniversary as 'hook'. Another hook might be the a WR event which might attract international competitors. But WR or not, it is not likely that it will make a difference re number of participants.	AN
AN still to confirm if shoeing rules are compatible. If there are any changes, the rules need to be widely publicised and explained in good time. And we need to think about if the events of the "festival" fall under the same shoeing rules.	AN
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