

Executive Summary

BD Youth Technical Committee Meeting

Date of Meeting 14 May 2018

1. As this was the inaugural meeting of the new BD Youth Committee, CM asked everybody to introduce themselves. All then completed a Conflict of Interest form.
2. **Rider Squads:**
 - It was agreed that the new system of an upgrade score of 85 was not working. Too prescriptive and had unintended consequence of preventing riders attaining good scores in their current squads.
 - It was agreed that we revert to a discussion between the rider/parent/BD youth rep and Assessor as to whether or not the individual was ready and confident to upgrade to the next level after a good rider test had been ridden either at a regional camp or test riding day.
 - Riders should only be allowed to upgrade once within a 12 month period.
3. **Assessor training:** it was agreed to carry this forward as a large topic that needed more thought.
 - Accredited and Approved trainers only should be recruited.
 - Those accredited and approved trainers between 18-25 should be encouraged to be assessors.
 - Assessors used at the inter-regionals should be invited by the BD Youth committee to encourage positive assessment.
4. New **Rider tests**, drawn up by HM, (grateful thanks to her) were shown to the committee and discussed. Some minor amendments were made. It was agreed that between us we would ride them through and time them before the inter regionals this year.
 - It was agreed to change the name of all the Rider Tests to 'Rider Skills Test'
 - Terminology on all the score sheets was updated to make them consistent with normal dressage scoring and therefore more understandable to families.
 - It was agreed to introduce a new rider skills test score sheet for the new D Squad (U12s) taking out the inappropriate sections in the way of going of the pony for similar reasons.
 - It was agreed not to have a demonstration at Keysoe Inter Regionals as no time and difficult to get suitable guinea pig riders as all would be competing.
5. It was agreed to hold a **members' meeting** at Keysoe Inter-Regionals at 6pm before the evening entertainment. New rider skills tests, score sheets and Foundation Academies – application procedure and timelines should be on the agenda.
6. **Foundation Academies:** Committee was updated on the coaches to be used together with the strength/conditioning, sports' psychology and profiling staff situation.

7. **Log Books:** Anne Ratcliffe, Jo Swain and Charlotte Osborne are going to liaise on the development of a suitable design by the end of July.
8. **Committee attendance on one day of all the Foundation Academies** with Jo Swain, Stephen Arnett, Claire Moir and Hannah Moody agreeing to attend and report back.
9. Flexible approach agreed on the cut off dates and required scores for the Academies, to ensure sufficient take-up on the first year.
10. **ASE/DISE, YPP, Youth Coach Development programmes** were discussed and updates given.
11. **BD youth Stable Management.** Anne Ratcliffe, Charlotte Osborne, Jo Swain and Stephen Arnett will all have input in developing a programme encompassing online and practical assessment. CM suggested that this would not be possible for another year or so and we need to get it right rather than rush into something that is not fit for purpose.
12. **Sheepgate:** It was agreed that there would be no lecture/demo of the Rider Squad winners as it was too much to ask them to travel there.