

DISTANCE RIDING ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA

Representing the Competitive Trail Riding Discipline in South Africa

"Doing the Distance with you"



Drasa Council Meeting

Date: 26th May 7 pm

Venue: Zoom

Attendees:

Maret van Rensburg

Calista Kelly

Elsabe Potgieter

Petro Lee Louw

Lida Stander

Anne-Marie Kayne

Antoinette

Lizel Sieberhagen

Petronel Vorster

Emma Platt

Cindy Radomsky

Jennifer Smith

Laura Woods

Paula Leaver

Frances Grobbelaar

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1. Report back from each province of where they are currently

- a. Maret van Rensburg (Western Cape)– booked a venue, has sponsors for some prizes already, # of entries, a lot who will enter but not many who will do all three days - 30 on Saturday, barn dance in the evening on Sat, 20 on Friday and Sunday.
- b. Anne-Marie Kayne (Gauteng) – waiting for Lazar to provide quote for their facilities, have other options though, Klipkraal – but the route might be too technical, Bloekompoort also possible – not technical enough,
- c. Paula Leaver (Eastern Cape) – need to do a day ride before Nationals, waiting for judges to do their exams, provisional venues booked, Nationals will be August,
- d. Lida Stander – no members have qualified yet

2. Team entries

- a. Nothing to report as this can only happen after the last qualifiers have been completed.

3. Team criteria and composition

- a. After all qualifiers have been completed Cindy will redo the scores and then the provinces can select their teams.
- b. Choose the provincial team from the top four scores, then ask them if they want to participate in National.
- c. Decided we will have Pleasure teams and Trail teams competing against each other only.
- d. Pleasure riders can only compete up to 20Km, Trail can enter up to 40Km but can compete at lower kms. You get higher points the longer the distance you enter to ride due to the way in which the accumulated points are calculated.
- e. At the end of the 3 days the points of the 3 best riders in team per province are added up and the team with the most points will win.
- f. Provinces can choose more than one team
- g. Teams are chosen based on Accumulated Points which are calculated based on the distance ridden as well as the score of the rider.
- h. Team members have to ride three days at nationals, but it can be at a shorter distance.
- i. Can choose a reserve but they can only be exchanged before the competition

4. Team colours/clothes?

- a. It was decided to design a Bib per province with their province name and colour and a team number
- b. Awaiting quotes

5. HMS travelling judge

- a. It was agreed that there must be a travelling senior judge to each of the competitions.

6. Venues

- a. Venues were discussed briefly under provincial reports

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7. Distances and courses

- a. It was agreed we would only offer up to 40km for Nationals 2021
- b. Min 10km, 20km, 30km, 40km
- c. Petronell and Dirk will provide some suggestions in terms of course design
- d. Provinces to send in photos of courses for comment and riding technicality
- e. HMS Obstacles will be discussed and if possible it is suggested that they be changed each day but be standard across all Nationals
- f. Pre Ride Horsemanship test will also be standard across all Nationals and different per day

8. Horsemanship judging

- a. At a normal multi day ride the HMS score has been carried over. It was decided however for Nationals that the HMS judging should be done each day to accommodate how a rider treats his/her horse as the competition progresses.
- b. The judging committee will decide how the obstacles will be set each day.

9. Day riders

- a. Whilst some of the provinces need all the entries they can get, it was decided to not include non-member day riders in the actual Nationals competition due to it being the Premier event of the Calendar. Affiliated Full members will be able to ride 1 day only

10. Finances- entries?

- a. Drasa will pay for the rotating judge to travel to each venue, including catering and accommodation
- b. Vets will be paid per venue, at least one is required but must be a qualified treatment vet, although it is possible to have a lay person who takes the horse's pulse
- c. The entries per province must cover all other costs.
- d. Can set a fee per day (a standard fee across all distances and all Nationals) with a discount for entering all three days

11. Awards- finances, agreement on prizes

- a. It was agreed that the provincial team vests will be provided and will be returned to province
- b. Develop buffs for everyone who qualifies and enters the Nationals (Liesel and Petronell will check with their suppliers to provide quotes)
- c. Continue to use the embroidered scrolls for the winners of each section etc.
- d. Silverstar has a box of trophies they are prepared to sponsor
- e. Cost of trophies etc.

12. Finances

- a. Each province must put together their budget for their national, submit them to head office, and this will be approved.

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- b. The fees will be paid to National but refunded to the province to pay their expenses
- c. It was suggested that there be a national daily fee of R450 with a possible discount for riders who enter all three days. This will need to be decided based on the provincial budgets
- d. By the 10th June everyone must send in their budgets through to Cindy for approval and consideration.

13. To be decided

- a. Travelling judge - who
- b. Finalise prizes - what
- c. Entry fee – how much

Prizes and awards document released after the meeting closed for consideration and inclusion in the minutes:

YEAR END AWARDS (June to July or last Nationals to be held)

Scrolls for year end awards(AFTER ALL NATIONALS ARE COMPLETED)

1. "DRASA CHAMPION - VETERINARY 2021"
"DRASA CHAMPION - TIME 2021"
"DRASA CHAMPION - HORSEMANSHIP 2021"
2. "DRASA CHAMPION – PLEASURE 2021"
"DRASA CHAMPION – TRAIL 2021"
"DRASA CHAMPION – SUMMIT 2021"
3. "DRASA HIGHEST KMS – PLEASURE 2021"
"DRASA HIGHEST KMS– TRAIL 2021"
"DRASA HIGHEST KMS – SUMMIT 2021"
4. "DRASA HIGHPOINT PLEASURE - 2021"
"DRASA HIGHPOINT TRAIL – 2021"
"DRASA HIGHPOINT SUMMIT - 2021"
5. "DRASA ETHOS - 2021"
6. "DRASA PROVINCIAL TEAM CHAMPIONS TRAIL– 2021"
"DRASA PROVINCIAL TEAM CHAMPIONS PLEASURE – 2021"

Criteria:

Only horse/rider combos who are paid up members for the final part of the season (so we cannot count those who were paid up the previous year but did not renew for next year). This will include points/scores from Nationals.

1. Top Vet, Time and HMS Scores-to honour the horse/rider combo who consistently gets good vet or time or horsemanship scores at rides. Rewards those who improve their scores as they go along, also then gives everyone a chance to improve their specific skill score and get recognition for that as some horses/riders are only really good in one of the criteria and the other criteria let them down.

All scores counted in the period
Only by horse/rider combination

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All scores added up and then divided by amount of rides they completed – so average scores NOT points.

2. Top Total Points by division – rewards those per division who work on all 3 skills and have high overall skills
All points counted in the period
Only by horse/rider combination
3. KMS award by division – to reward those horse/rider combinations who complete many rides per season and pass all criteria each time – even if they don't necessarily get top points overall or in specific skills. By division
All kilometers counted in the period
Only by horse/rider combination
4. Highpoint Award overall – to reward the horse/rider combination who has the highest points BY division.
All points counted in the period
Only by horse/rider combination
5. DRASA Ethos Award – Clubs nominate a person who has displayed the DRASA ethos/spirit throughout the year. Nominations must be from Club members and must be justified with as many reasons as possible. Council will choose the winner by majority of votes
6. The Provincial Team that won the Nationals by division Pleasure and Trail. Each member gets a scroll.

Awards at Nationals

When Virtual Nationals are held each Provincial event will award the following. These will be standardised and ordered and paid for by National Office.

1. BUFFS for each entrant if a full paid up member

2. Trophy for each of the below:

- Highest Total Score for Veterinary score (Score NOT points) all 3 days added up so a mark out of 300. Not by divisions. **Currently 3 trophies needed as will be by Nationals venue**
- Highest Total Score for Time score (Score NOT points) all 3 days added up so a mark out of 300. Not by division. **Currently 3 trophies needed as will be by Nationals venue**
- Highest Total Score for Horsemanship score (Score NOT points) all 3 days added up so a mark out of 300. Not by divisions. **Currently 3 trophies needed as will be by Nationals venue**
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