

**MINUTES FROM CANTERBURY BRANCH AGM
HELD AT TWO FAT POSSUMS, WEST MELTON
9TH JULY 2018 AT 4PM**

PRESENT: A Carston, M Pitman, S Cameron, A Furlong, N Ridley, R Didham,
M Osborne, D Champion, W Cooper

APOLOGIES – S Kennedy, M Pitman (Jnr), K Murphy

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 4/8/17

Passed as a true record – *Carston/Pitman*

Matters Arising:

Handicapping Review– M Pitman advised he attended the recent meeting held in May. To try and ease the bottleneck occurring with R65 – R75's will now be R72 – and R85 will become R82. There will be a maximum penalty of 12 points when horses win out of their grade.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A Carston reported that he was prepared to stand down as had concerns he wasn't always available to be on the NZTA Executive Conference calls. It was agreed by those in attendance however, that Andrew was always approachable and represented the branch well.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President – A Carston nominated – *Pitman/Ridley*

There being no other nominations, A Carston duly elected as Branch President.

Vice Presidents –

D Champion nominated – *Pitman/Furlong*

A Furlong nominated – *Pitman/Didham*

There being no other nominations, both D Champion and A Furlong elected as Branch Vice Presidents.

APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY/TREASURER

W Cooper appointed to undertake duties as required.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

A Carston, D Champion, A Furlong, N Ridley, R Didham, Matthew Pitman

PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

A Carston, M Pitman, A Furlong and as invited.

TRACK REPRESENTATIVES

- Riccarton – A Carston/N Ridley/D Champion
- Ashburton – E Wilson

- Timaru – M Daly
- Rangiora – S Woodford

GENERAL BUSINESS

KEEPING NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR SOUTH ISLAND RACES - It was agreed by the meeting that all races when there are 3 or more entered, should be held open. "Fake" nominations followed by scratching will be looked at in the future. This to be further discussed at Southern branch AGM being held on 10/7/18.

STRAPPERS' AWARD – Trainers reminded the deadline has been extended to put staff forward for this award.

OUTER-RIM SHOES – meeting was unanimous that they are the best shoes – better grip, less slippage so safer and they don't fly off. If a bigger head nail is used, it is only for a day that the head is protruding. To be included in submission to NZTR.

NEW RACING PROGRAMME GUIDE – a mock-up of the new combined monthly publication circulated. Feedback included font size needs to be enlarged; not enough room to write horses name in program – reduce to 2 meetings per page. Move trial dates to program section by region.

SECOND PARTNER – Whilst under 30 licence-holders had their fees refunded in full, a discount was not applied for second/junior partners. W Cooper to follow up with NZTR.

MESSARA REPORT – W Cooper advised she attended a meeting with Tony Pike and Murray Baker to discuss NZTA concerns with John Messara. As a result there was confidence that the report due out at the end of July will include recommendations that will improve the efficiency of racing and ensure greater distribution to stakeholders by way of stakes. A further submission was made for the report to also consider the efficiency and effectiveness of the RIU and the JCA.

ALCOHOL TESTING ON RACEDAY – the meeting did not have issues if licence-holders were tested on raceday prior to having a horse starting.

TRAINERS' DAY – meeting agreed that this should be re-introduced. Approach to be made to Riccarton – possibly the December twilight meeting.

NEW APPRENTICESHIP AGREEMENT – needs to be more widely distributed. Need to know protocol when apprentice is transferred and whether previous employer receives a percentage of future stakes.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.25pm and was followed by sponsor, Dunstan's Speedfeed Roadshow