



Riding for the Disabled Association (NSW)

Summary of Issues and decisions from Minutes of Board Meeting held 26 September and 6 October, 2022

- Annual Rider Registration fee for 2023 will be \$90 per Rider/Carriage Driver. Increasing the fee from \$87.00 to \$90.00. Rider Registration Pro Rata payments will continue to be accepted for the 4th quarter only in 2023. Pro rata for the 4th quarter for 2022 is \$22
- Annual Centre Affiliation fee will be retained at \$110 inclusive of GST per member Centre for 2023
- Reduction of office space and parking at Sports House - SO, will be given a small office and a desk outside the office. Some parking will be provided. The office will be closed for use for 6 weeks for the renovation around the middle of November.
- Ed Binney working on a Min-Strategic Review; Questionnaire sent out to Centres with 25 responses. EB will collate and analyse the information and distribute a summary and the original responses for consideration and discussion which will be held by ZOOM meetings in November and December.
- The TORS for disciplines to be revisited - To ensure that all Committees comply with the RDA (NSW) Constitution, the TORS will include a statement for ensuring that each Committee invites a Board Member to attend each Committee Meeting as an ex officio member of that Committee and while the Constitution states that it is the Board's responsibility to appoint members to the various Committees, the Committees are invited to nominate suitable nominees for Board consideration.
- Nepean Centre - Ed Binney ran a project to rehome flood-effected equipment – 2 horse floats and 1 BBQ trailer were salvaged, registered and allocated to the Forbes, Coonabarabran and Young Centres. Carriage that belonged to RT & LH Centre was transported back to the Centre. A discussion with Penrith City Council representatives will be made re the relocation of the Nepean Centre and the Arena as per agreement made many years ago.
- CASP meeting note - Regardless of changes to government ruling re vaccinations after 14 October 2022, this does not apply to disability associations. Government and CASP ruling volunteers and coaches cannot volunteer if they are not double vaccinated.
- West Wyalong Centre has closed - Members of Camp Drafting to complete the EOI to restart a new Centre in the area
- Forbes RDA is moving forward to become a Centre with a new committee keen to start up.
- Redistribution of \$250 originally intended for those who did not attend the AGM to go to those attending Government House. Centres attending will receive \$250. Grant was for \$2500 for 35 Centres.
- 50yr book published - Each Centre, each director and Regional Rep. to receive a copy. Copies will be sold. Reprints can be made as it is digitalised and a digital copy will be sent to each Centre for circulation amongst Centre Members.

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- Jan Pike will step down from assistant Regional Rep. for Metropolitan. Margaret Norman will contact representatives at the next AGM to take over the Metropolitan Regional Rep. role
- Some Centres and Regional Rep's have reported concerns that the coaching modules are over complicated - Coaching sessions are pre-recorded and can be downloaded by the trainee coaches for assistance. Requirements of the Safe Work provisions are that we identify and manage potential risks. There is a concern that there are less coaches in the organisation, less volunteers resulting in fewer volunteers prepared to commit to the responsibility of being a coach.
- Meeting with Margot Bulger re the status of EFMH&L - The program went through a dormant time for the past few years. Margot to communicate with Nola Baker and Jo Shannon to discuss the way forward for EFMH&L.
- Mounted Games meeting with Kirsty Hardman acting chair of Mounted Games - Board to build more positive/truly constructive systems to support Committees developing intra-RDA discipline events. RDA Committees are expected to run their own discipline as they have the knowledge and know-how, but need to keep the Board informed in advance of any proposed activity

Next Board meeting: December 2022

Government House RDA (NSW) 50-year Celebration

The Board was honoured to have received an Official Invitation from Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC, Governor of New South Wales, to host an afternoon tea to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Riding for the Disabled Association (NSW)

The date nominated by Government House was Thursday 27 October from 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm for maximum of 80 guests to attend. Government House Sydney issued all the invitations and processed the final RSVP 's as well as managed all the catering logistics.

It was an extremely successful function. In attendance were our Life Members that played an integral part of the way RDA is today. Our Board of Directors, Regional Reps. Centre representatives, Discipline representatives, individuals that have made a considerable contribution to RDA, staff members and some of our precious riders. Our wonderful horses were not invited for obvious reasons.

Directors - Tracy Lucas and Olwen Smith, Board Consultants Margaret Norman and Jan Pike and Office Coordinator Lucy Pentony played an integral part in making sure all protocols for Government House were followed.

Thank you all that attended to make the Celebration a memorable occasion!

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Governor of NSW, Mr Denise Wilson and the Life Members of RDA (NSW) at Government House



Governor of NSW and the Board of Directors at Government House

