

Minutes of Wellington Regional Committee 1 May 2023

This meeting was held to discuss the format of the Interprovincial Trials for 2023. The meeting was held on-line and commenced at 4pm.

Present: Annette Henry (Chair); John Patterson (Treasurer); Graham Cheater; Martyn Rew; Margie Michael (Secretary).

John, as convenor of the interprovincial trials, provided a report in advance of the meeting which provided information in regard to the entries received, conditions of entry submitted by some trialists and advice from the Director's in regard to a recommended format for the trials for the Committee's consideration.

Annette submitted prior to the meeting an alternative paper supporting a teams' trial for consideration by the committee.

1. The first matter discussed was the issue of the late entry that was received from Vivienne Cannell and Cathy Nijman. The committee was unanimous in agreeing that this entry be refused. Margie was to write to them about their entry not being accepted.
2. Margie suggested that as John and Annette were both entered in trials they should leave the room at this stage whilst the formats were being discussed. John did not participate in this discussion. The rest of the committee felt it was not necessary at this point.
3. A vote was then held on the number of pairs in each team and the agreement was that there be 3 pairs in each team. Annette voted no and Martyn did not vote.
4. There was a discussion on the suggestion from the invited Director that there should be a combined pair trial involving the contenders from the Open, the Women's and the Senior teams that they trialed together. Annette outlined her rationale for teams' trials noting this format allowed all entrants to participate. She noted the risk of trialists withdrawing under a pairs format. The Committee agreed that the Senior team did not need to trial as there were only three pairs entered so these three pair became the Senior team. The Committee also agreed that the Open and the Women's team would trial within

their separate categories.

5. A discussion was held about the format of the Intermediate trial; whether it should be a pairs trial with Swiss pair scoring or that pairs would be placed in teams and a team format be held. A vote was taken, and the pairs format was agreed upon. Annette voted no.
6. For the discussion on the women's trial Annette decided to stay in the room and said she wouldn't vote. In terms of the format of the trials both Martyn and Graham were of the view that the integrity of the trials process must be paramount. A vote was taken as to whether the format should be for a pairs trial with IMPs scoring as was decided for the Intermediate team or asking the two pairs to form a team to play against the team that had entered. The vote determined that a pairs trial on the same basis as the intermediate trial should take place. Annette and Margie did not vote.
7. The final discussion was concerning the Open Trial. John left the room acknowledging his conflict of interest. A vote was taken by the remaining committee members present and the decision was made for it to also be a pairs trial with the same format as the other trials. Annette voted no and Margie did not vote. John then returned to the room.
8. There was a brief discussion but no decision on what to do around adding pairs if any trials end up with less than 3 pairs.
9. John was asked to notify the pairs and teams entered of the Committee's decisions.
10. The meeting concluded at 5pm.

These minutes have been unanimously approved by the committee by email.