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**TO: District Managers, District Council, A&P Shows & Committees,
Breed Societies**
FROM: RAS Executive
DATE: 24 September 2018
SUBJECT: Notes from Various Meetings – Executive & Tutor Judges

The RAS Executive has met recently as well as having a telephone conference call. The notes below are from those meetings.

Yellow Action List – RAS Head Office and/or in conjunction with other parties

Aqua Action List – District Managers in conjunction with District Council

After the round of equestrian judge's seminars and the two-yearly tutor judge's seminars several recommendations were brought through to the Executive meeting

Equestrian Updates

- Red Judge's Information Manual to be updated – **see Action List**
- Tutor Judge's Manual to be updated– **see Action List**
- International Judge's List to be reviewed & updated – **see Action List**
- Multiple grade 1, 2 & 3 written papers to be developed – **see Action List**
- Moderator (to be out of District) to be introduced for all written papers
- All judges that have not attended a two-yearly seminar to be reminded of their responsibilities. Those who have not attended from 2015 to be notified of any workshops, if unable to attend to drop to the inactive part of the judge's list until they have attended their next seminar.
- All tutor judges who have not attended a seminar every four years to be reminded of their responsibilities. A Windle to hold further seminars, if tutor judges unable to attend then they need to step back from tutor judging activities until they have attended a seminar.
- International Judge's List to be reviewed every 5 years to ensure they still meet the necessary criteria
- Reminder for all Working Hunter & Hunter Jumping judges – to judge these sections a written paper must be sat (this is separate from any other written paper) and they also need to attend a two-yearly workshop to retain their status for this type of judging.
- Judges who do not have the x in the box for these classes are not eligible to judge these classes – Reminder for A&P Shows & Equestrian Convenors
- Travel reimbursement for tutor judges – recommendation the amount reimbursed should be standardised nationwide – e.g. up to 1 hour's travel - \$30, up to 2 hour's travel - \$50, up to 3 hour's travel - \$80, 4 hour's travel and over \$100 (note this is optional for tutor judges to request, no double dipping allowed, for instance if already carrying out duties at the show) – please discuss at Council level and come back with feedback - **Districts Managers see Action List**
- Show Horse Council (SHC) have trademarked their OTT series and are attempting to trade mark "Led Thoroughbred." RAS have opposed the Led Thoroughbred trademark on behalf of those Shows/Events who already run this class and have for years.
- There appears to be a certain amount of bullying going on with SHC representatives ringing shows telling they can't run certain classes and wanting them to run their OTT series.

- SHC have advised they see no value in affiliating to the RAS as they don't believe RAS has anything to offer.
- Taking the above three points in to consideration it is the view of the Tutor Judges and the RAS Executive that SHC need to go about their business and leave the RAS and the RAS Showing Movement to go about their business. Highly graded judges need to think about their loyalties and who they wish to support.
- New class introduced at the NZ Royal A&P Show – RAS Fashion on Show – lady's & gentleman's class

Golden Fleece

- To be identified as the NZ Royal Golden Fleece Exhibition
- HRH Prince Charles has been invited to be Patron
- Thanks to Shirley Grant (alpacas) who has come on board as one of the main sponsors
- Dates for 2019 are the 10/11 May 2019 in Rangiora
- The motion to remove several classes from the Golden Fleece schedule has been revisited after a letter of concern from the Perendale Society. There had been no consultation with the breeds affected prior to this decision being made at conference – schedule status quo to remain for 2019. Consult with breeds. **See Action List.**

President's Newsletter

- This is distributed every few months, the most recent one a few weeks ago
- Please note it is important to engage with the Breed Societies and keep them involved
- District Managers please ensure you send notification of meetings and your agendas to RAS Head Office, so they can forward on to the Breed Societies within your area.

Resolution Process

- This has been simplified and after running past the six District Chairs, the document was released to the membership. It can be found on the website at the following link - <http://www.ras.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/RAS-Resolution-Process-updated-2018.doc.pdf>
- Note the protest form should be used by all shows if handling a protest at their show.
- If you would like a word copy, so you can adapt with your show logo, please contact RAS Head Office

RAS Strategic Plan

- Based on the feedback from the membership, the vision has been established as “The RAS exists to inspire members to promote rural excellence, sustainability and innovation.”
- Executive members have been given areas of work to complete by the end of September. These will be refined over October and then released to the Districts via a two-hour workshop
- All Districts are requested to hold a District meeting between the 1 November 2018 – 28 February 2019 for this workshop to take place. Please liaise with RAS Head Office as to your dates and we will arrange for an Executive member to attend and present the findings of the membership and the plan going forward – **District Manager's see Action List**

Feedback on the Canterbury Rebranding Situation

Question 1 – does your Association believe the rebranding of the Canterbury A&P Show as the NZ Agricultural Show could prove detrimental to the Showing Movement and the Royal A&P Show or alternatively enhance the Movement and the Royal A&P Show.

DETRIMENTAL	48 (2 - ROYAL SHOW ONLY)
ENHANCE	22
INVALID	1 (one person of a committee)
NEUTRAL OR SPLIT	5

Question 2 – bearing in mind your answer to question 1 (either Detrimental or Enhance) would you still consider it appropriate for Canterbury A&P Association to be a host association for a Royal A&P Show

YES	37
YES	1 ONLY IF EQUAL NORTH & SOUTH
YES	1 WITH EXECUTIVE HAVING FINAL SAY
YES	1 NOT IN PERPETUITY, REVIEW AFTER 5 YEARS
NO	32 (8 YES IF DROP NEW BRAND)
INVALID	1 (one person of a committee)
NEUTRAL OR SPLIT	2

It is interesting to note a good majority see the name change as a detrimental move by Canterbury to the A&P Showing Movement but especially for the concept of the Royal A&P Show New Zealand. The general feeling was the Canterbury were only concerned about their welfare rather than looking to benefit the movement as a whole.

However, showing people are nothing but practical and they want a Royal Show to be able to attend in the South Island. At this point and time Canterbury A&P Show is the most viable option and a majority, albeit a very slim majority, have indicated that it is still appropriate for Canterbury A&P Show to host a Royal Show, whether they retain the name of the NZ Agricultural Show or not.

The RAS Executive has spoken to the Canterbury Board Chair as a courtesy before this information was released. They have advised him of the outcome of the feedback and asked him to consider the feelings of the membership on this issue. Whatever Canterbury's final decision on the rebranding the RAS Executive have indicated the following

- They would like to re-open discussions with Canterbury representatives immediately after their show this year with the expectation decisions would be reached by the end of February 2019 at the very latest. **See Action List**
- Equality of Royal Shows remains important – if Canterbury retain the NZ tag, then RAS must do the same.
- Dual branding across all aspects of signage, catalogues, schedules etc for all parties involved in a Royal Show hosting arrangement remains a priority – essentially the components of any Royal Show whether it be an educational hub, seminars, livestock, farmyard nurseries etc is seen as part and parcel of a Royal A&P Show. Any aspects that the host association can bring to it is to be encouraged and celebrated as a partnership with the RAS.

Royal Show & Events – please support your premier Royal Show & Events

- 17-9 October 2018 – NZ Royal A&P Show – hosted by Hawkes Bay A&P Society
- 26-28 October 2018 – Royal Alpaca Event – hosted by Waikato A&P Association
- 23-25 November 2018 – Royal Equestrian Event – hosted by Stratford A&P Association
- 24-25 November 2018 – Royal Equestrian Event – hosted by Nelson A&P Association
- 26-27 January 2019 – Royal Equestrian & Dog Trial Events – hosted by Otago Taieri A&P Society
- 30 March 2019 – Royal Dairy Goat Event – hosted by Oxford A&P Association

Action Lists

Item	Who	Timeframe
Update Red Judge's Manual	RAS H.O	Oct/Nov
Tutor Judge's Manual	RAS H.O	Oct/Nov
International Judge's Application	RAS H.O	Sept
Multiple Grade Written Papers	RAS H.O	Nov/Dec
Travel Reimbursement	District Manager	Feb 19
Consult with Breed Societies – GF classes	RAS H.O	Nov/Dec
District Meeting – Strategy Plan	District Manager	Feb 19
Discussions with Canterbury	RAS Executive	Nov/Feb