



Vybrant Dressage Club Annual General Meeting 19th June 2019

Report for the year ending 31 December 2018 by the President of Vybrant Dressage Club: Suzanne Horne

Council Members Appointed at last AGM – 20th June 2018

Suzanne Horne (President)
Kim Hobbs (Chairman)
John Smith (Coaches Representative)
Caroline Potts (Officials Representative)
Gill Taylor (Athletes Representative)
Lynette Byrne (Treasurer)
Judy Vertue (Secretary)

Membership

As of 31 December 2018, there were **201** members in the following categories

- Competitive 131
- Recreational 29
- Officials 41

This was a split into 188 Adult members, 8 Junior members and 5 Pony Rider/Children's members.

These numbers are growing daily and include members from the other disciplines as well as members from provinces apart from Gauteng and neighbouring countries.

Activities from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2018

Events

Niall Quirk held three clinics in January, May and November 2018, including some lessons in the Cape, KZN and North West, and with an ever growing waiting list in Johannesburg

Our first Development Clinic was held in July 2018, which offered growth opportunities for riders, coaches and judges. Riders rode a test and received immediate feedback from the judge, coaches sat in with the judge, and younger judges had the opportunity of doing practice judging.

A Ride and Go Event was held in August as a warm up for SA Dressage Championships.

The highlight of the year was the staging of the very first Africa Dressage Forum at Manor D'Or in November, led by Dressage Judge General, Stephen Clarke and featuring 6 international presenters from UK, USA, Germany and Canada as well as local experts in their field. Delegates came not only from South Africa but also from neighbouring African countries - Botswana, Kenya, Namibia, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe. The Euro Dressage Website featured this event as a 'Massive Success'.

Newsletters

Ten newsletters were sent out during the year. These can be found on our website as well as all previous newsletters from 2017.

Ranking System

The Ranking System is in place and an Awards Evening was held in January 2019 for achievements during the year 2018. This event was very well attended and the trophies organised by Judy would elegantly adorn any mantel piece or trophy cabinet.

Portfolio Holders Reports

A separate report from each Portfolio Holder will be circulated

Branded Clothing

Our range of branded clothing continues to be popular and included the introduction of a padded feather/down jacket for winter.

Acknowledgements

I should like to record our sincere thanks on behalf of all Council Members to the following who have contributed to the success of Vybrant Dressage Club

Venues for Clinics

Manor D'Or, Arina Petit, Kyalami Equestrian Park

Sponsors

Adelprag Friesian Stud, Alpha Universal, Arco 360, Ardmore Ceramic Art, Callaho Warmblood Sport Horses, Caroline Potts, Equiknow, Equisystems, Ernst Holtz, Fourways Riding Centre, Front Page Industrial Marketing, Hobday Equestrian Enterprises, Kuda Insurance, Manor D'or, Mark White Nissan, NCH Piaffe Holdings, Nicole Smith Dressage, Penny van Asche, Plastic World, Postnet Woodmead, Rosanne Le Jeune, Sunlands Farm, Team Brink, Teranga Stables, Take 5, Tack'n Toggs/Erreplus, The Cleaning Hub, The Compton House Stud, TI Warmblood Stud, Ute Schutz, Wait a Little Safaris, Western Shoppe.

Council Members

Thank you to all Council Members for their great contributions to the success of Vybrant Dressage Club.

A Special thank you to Penny Van Asche who is not on the council but puts in a great deal of time to help with our events.

Lastly, I would like to thank the members who have supported us during the past year and hopefully will continue to benefit from our efforts to develop the sport we all love so much.



Suzanne Horne
President, Vybrant Dressage Club