

Annual General Meeting of the Central District Incorporation Annual Awards Evening

Present: Committee Members – Robbyn Wilkinson, Shaneen Philips, Julie Potter, Annelle Rossouw, Lindy Bruyns, Pippa Abbot, Mandy Schroeder, Madelein De Beer
Panyottis Stais (Gauteng Chair)

Apologies: Sarah Butler, Simone Howarth,

1. Notice of Meeting went out timeously.
2. Minutes were approved and seconded by Shaneen Philips and Nadia Cetinich.
3. No matters arising were raised.
4. Central Committee set five goals for 2010 at the beginning of the year. All were achieved barring one, being focus on development and social responsibility which will be continued with into the new year. The others being:
 - a) Broaden and build relationships with members
 - b) Encourage new disciplines – Reining was welcomed
 - c) Grow teams across all disciplines
5. There was a strong team of 8 committee members for 2010 which helped enormously to spread the work load.
6. Trophies – there are over 80 trophies currently and still more to be obtained with the growth of added disciplines and some discipline levels dont have trophies yet. Robbyn thanked the various members who have sponsored trophies in the past.
7. Fund Raising Initiative – Robbyn thanked the following for their sponsorship and support this year of the pony and horse day sheets:

GB Properties
Abbot Cars
Wilkinson Family
Two Way Exhibition and Events
Balance Studio
FIOS

8. Team Colours – There were over 400 members registered for 2010 Inter-Regional competitions and 240 colours awarded.
Central overall placings were as follows in the three competitions:

Lower Inter-Regional	3rd
Lower Inter-Regional Eventing	1st
Higher Inter-Regional	1 st

9. Finances and Stock – we ended 2010 on a positive balance. Finances are used to purchase more stock ie shirts and numnahs for the riders for the Inter-Regional competitions.

10. Committee Members 2011

Remaining as members :	Lindy Bruyns, Pippa Abbot, Mandy Schroeder
Resignations:	Julie Potter, Anelle Rossouw, Madelein De Beer, Robbyn Wilkinson
Nominations for 2011	Madelein De Beer, Shaneen Philips, Isabelle Schlunken
Co-opted for 2011	Lyn Muller, Sharien Maartens, Robbyn Wilkinson

Committee Members 2007 - 2010

2006 – 2010	- Julie Potter, Anelle Rossouw
2006 - 2007	- Danny Joelson
2008 – 2009	- Colleen Bekker, Michelle Dawson, Michelle Verster, Bev Schutte
2009 – 2010	- Shaneen Phillips
2010	- Mandy Schroder, Lindy Bruyns, Pippa Abbot, Madelein de Beer

Robbyn, as the outgoing Chair since 2007, requested indulgence to review the past four years and recognize past and present committee members for their input. She thanked the GHS office, especially NJ Freeman, Marika Kruger and Alicia Du Preez for their support and assistance.

Chef d'Equipes, not part of the committee, but having giving time and effort this year were given a token of appreciation – Nadia Cetinich (Showing), Kerry Egan (Reining), Isabelle (Dressage), Jess Vujovic (Vaulting), Dominique Rossouw (Show Jumping), Ruan de Beer (Show Jumping).

Also thanked for his ongoing support and consistent presence at the Central Team and Trophy Awards evenings was Panayiotis Stais.

A moving video was shown of Patrick Hughes who was born blind and unable to ever walk, to highlight that there is potential in everything which may not always be obvious. With his father's dedication he has developed his considerable skill as a musician. Another achiever against all odds was the American Thoroughbred Battleship who stood 15.2 hands and was the only horse to win both the American and British Grand National events.

One of the main purposes of the evening is to recognize people for their achievements, and the committee's purposes of enabling people to compete and achieve their potential.

A Special Award was given to Anneli Drummond-Hay congratulating her for being one of the four equestrian legends who have been inducted into the British Horse Society (BHS) Hall of Fame – her horse Merely-a-Monarch, was voted in a L'Annee Hippique World poll as one of the best 50 horses of the last century. This was presented to Anneli by Panyotti Stais.

11. The Trophies were then awarded to the successful riders across all disciplines – Driving, Showjumping, Dressage, Eventing, Showing, Vaulting, and Reining.

12. The Eilika Larkins Chairman's Award in recognition of those who have gone beyond in the name of the sport, consistently dedicated, professional, and make the extra effort, went to Nadia Cetinich for her annual contributions in assisting to compile Showing Teams and Chef at the Inter-Regional Shows as well as assist wherever needed. Eilika's daughter was unable to present the trophy this year unfortunately.

13. The evening was concluded with Robby reminding members to register before July 2011 and to review the selection criteria rules which will be up on the website – suggestions to be received before 31 Dec 2010. Members were reminded to check their results on the GHS website and query any errors within 4 weeks of the show.

14. The 2011 committee convened and voted on the 2011 Chairperson and Vice which will be Shaneen Philips and Lindy Bruyns respectively.

Next Meeting Scheduled for 17th January 2011 – 129 Crocus Road Kyalami 6.30pm