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Dear Madam / Sir

PRESIDENT'S REPORT WESTERN CAPE DRESSAGE

I refer to the abovementioned matter and wish to report on 2022 as set out herein.

The year saw a slight decline in Membership Numbers in the Western Cape, but we are hopeful that the numbers will increase in the next couple of years to where it was previously. The Western Cape hosted 3 large shows that were all well attended and enjoyed by the riders which included the FEI World Challenge held at Mistico and the DSA Challenge and Western Cape Championships that hosted an international judge. It was with great anticipation and joy that the Province were awarded the SA Championships for 2023 and planning already commenced at the end of 2022.

We had very good results in both the SA Adult Championships with the open team being second and the Elementary team winning the team events and at SA Youth Championships with the open team again being second in the team event. The province boasted very good individual results at both shows as well.

With the dedication of Chanda Bailey paying off (we are extremely fortunate to have her), it has been a busy and exciting year for our judges, constantly supported by the Council's investment and commitment to develop and improve our Judges in the Western Cape. The following judges developments were organized, supported and paid for by the WCDC this past year, namely:

- 1) 2nd Co Judging at our dressage shows aimed at our lower level panels;
- 2) Judges Get Together and seminar workshop;

Committee Members: Elana Hopkins (President), Janeese Silen (Vice-President), Armin Fritz (Development), Luzaan Slabbert (Media); Chanda Bailey (Judges), Suzie Michaelides (Treasurer) & Scharleen Keating
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- 3) A number of our National and Provincial C & A judges received subsidised travel to attend the annual Dressage Connection Judges clinic in Gauteng;
- 4) Supported our top National A & FEI judge, Sylvia Bruckner, to attend and successfully pass her FEI maintenance exam in Germany; and
- 5) A very successful Judges, Riders and Coaches demo clinic was held, presented by the visiting international judge after the FEI World Challenge Show.

We welcome 3 new Trainee judges and heartily congratulate Michelle de Villiers Moreira on her promotion to National B Panel. A further 4 judges successfully passed their DSA exams and promoted to Trainee Panel A.

On the development side, we were fortunate to have one of our riders, Eddie Newman, participate in the wonderful initiative called the Solidarity Stars, which initiative took the honours at the FEI General Assembly held in Cape Town.

We are looking forward to a wonderful 2023.

Kind regards,

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