

NAMEF AGM – EQUITATION REPORT

After a few years of absence in the riding community, I was asked by the NAMEF Committee to join again. I have taken the position for Equitation Delegate, because I believe that, being an instructor myself, I can be of most use to NAMEF in the equitation environment.

What has happened in the last year? If it was not for the Reitverein Swakopmund, Equitation would most probably be dead by now. Thank you to RVS who have kept the Equitation up. I do not want to elaborate on the issue, but every club should understand that Equitation stands for the basic riding skills. If a rider lacks in basic knowledge of seat and aids, he/she will never be able to get to the top in dressage or jumping.

After the NAMEF workshop it was clear that clubs, riders and show organizers have a unfavourable feeling towards equitation. Therefore I organized an equitation workshop immediately afterwards. During this workshop new equitation tests were designed by the judges. These tests cover the basic riding skills, are course builder friendly, time saving and educational to riders. All tests can be offered on any height of jumps. I encourage all clubs to offer these equitation tests during their shows. For more information you are always welcome to ask.

I am also pleased to hear that Nubuamis Riding Club is offering an equitation show beginning of next year again.

NAMEF has secured sponsors for next year and therefore will be able to offer an Equitation championship for children, juniors and adults. Riders will have time to qualify for the championship. The rules can be read up on the NAMEF website.

This is all from my side. Thank you.

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