

Minutes of the ESNZ Riders Meeting Saturday 24th October 2015 6:00pm Solway Show Grounds – Wairarapa Area Show

Present:	Maurice Beatson	Riders Representative – Jumping	Board MB
	Jenny Booth	Board Member - Planning	JB
	Ray Egarr	Technical Committee Member	RE
	Victoria Martin	ESNZ Jumping Administrator	VM
Ally Carson	Emma Watson	Lucy Collin	Rupert Vallance
Amy McPake	Frankie Knight	Maddison Bult	Sally Clark
Angela Illston	Georgia Burgin	Matt Irvine	Samantha Carrington
Aria Small	Georgia Massie	Melissa Watson	Siobhan Ryan
Briar Burnett-Grant	Glen Hicks	Melody Matheson	Sonya Glennie
Bryony Smith	Hannah Fraser	Morgan Percy	Sophie Forster
Caroline Kennedy	Jane Warren	Nic O'Leary	Steph Irvine
Desiree Foxley	Jenna-Lee Rose	Olivia Goodsir	Vance Carson
Diana Kownaroy	Julie Davey	Olvia Robertson	Vanessa Forster
Drew Carson	Kathryn Alabaster	Pat Rowe	Wendy Jacobs
Emily Fraser	Kirs Carson	Rachel Holdsworth	Yani Mitchell
Emily Hayward-Morgan	Lizzie Vincent	Rose Alfeld	

MB thanked the Wairarapa area for hosting the Riders meeting and all riders and supporters attending.

We have two new board members Richard Sunderland (Chair) and Malcolm Mckee (Technical) both have a long standing history with the sport and are a great addition to the board.

MB congratulated the Young Riders who stepped up to the World Cup at Hawkes Bay with Samantha Morrison winning it.

Costs of and assistance at shows:

We are hearing from secretaries that entries are down and many people have money outstand before and after the shows. Riders need to pay their dues because if this trend continues then the show could get more expensive as more time and expenses are involved.

Riders should be on their local area committees they will learn more about their sport and what is happening, it will also give you more say in the running of your sport and local area shows and assisting in keeping the costs down by helping at the shows.

If you as riders do not step up and help shows will be forced to bring in more outside help like ring crews becoming more commercialised which will increase the shows costs which will have to be passed on. Many Eventing events already charge a fee if you can't provide help on the day.

RE has attended and talked to many of the South Island organising committees and they need in the vicinity of \$10 000 in sponsorship to breakeven with only a handful of people helping out at shows and sponsorship getting harder to secure costs are likely to be passed to the riders.

Sponsors need the riders appreciation so take the time to thank not only our national sponsors but also the local ones because without them we would not have a sport.

FEI World Jumping Challenge:

There are three events scheduled in the North Island and Three in the South Island. Equidays held the first at Mystery Creek with the second event being held here tomorrow. The NI is running all three categories while the SI is only running Cat A.

NZ is in Zone 8 and all events will be measured around the world and ranked with in Zones.

It's not fair to allow professional riders to compete in these events – we do have the ability to put our own restriction on the competition but just wanted to see how this season would run – will address the conditions for the next season.

Riders are finding it difficult to compete at all three events with many of the riders here unable to compete at Equidays. Also there were a number of riders that attended Poverty Bay A&P so were not able to compete at Equidays. In awarding the Events it was more a matter of who applied to host them were given them with not a lot of interest, at this stage we have only had interest from one show for next season.

We are looking to condense the shows into specific areas and dates to make it easier for riders to compete at all three events.

General Business:

Live streaming is a great promotional tool it was a shame to not see it at the Hawkes Bay WC event. National Series Sponsors Country TV now has a fabulous live streaming and TV options for shows that are interested. Information has already been given to many of the area delegates.

Many of the riders have concerns over the new structure and organization of HOY and should one area be ultimately 1/3 responsible for any losses that may occur? This is not a topic for this meeting.

Manawatu A&P has inadvertently been missed off the dates card – to be held 6-8th November at Feilding.

The series final is now to be held by the Wairarapa Area Group at the Solway Show Grounds 8th – 10th April – the Show Hunter Series Finals will also be held at the Series Final Show.

The FEI Childrens Challenge will now move to the 2-3rd April along with Karaka Show Jumping.

In 10 days Molly Buist-Brown, Briar Burnett-Grant, Olivia Robertson and Emily Fraser will be heading over to Beijing to represent New Zealand. The will be competing at three different heights with Emily competing as an individual – we wish them all the best.

Why is the FEI Childrens Challenge age 14 and not 17? This is an FEI completion and is run under FEI rules that set the age limits.

It was disappointing to see the Junior Rider age drop back down and many riders now do not have a series class that they can compete in. If you want this change you need to attend your local area meetings. Areas put up remits for changes such as this which are then voted on at the ESNZ AGM so if you want to have a say on what is happening it needs to start at your area level.

What happened to the Rookie Rider? This was voted down at the AGM – your local area delegates need to be responsible for reporting back on what happened at the ESNZ AGM but you also need to attend meetings to get much of the information provided. All of the information is also available on the ESNZ website.

Why does the HOY Junior Rider have different conditions? This was not run as part of the national series so therefore they are able to run under their own conditions.

Series Classes are costly for shows to run. We are in the process of doing a full series review much like the membership review and will invite everyone's feedback and ideas.

How can we stop shows from clashing? Ultimately as long as they are more than 250km apart by road we have no say as per Jumping Rules Article 249 Rating of Events -5.1.

Next Meeting

Mystery Creek next weekend. Everyone was thanked for their time and the meeting was closed 7:15pm.

