



**Minutes of the ESNZ Jumping Board  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2016 9:00am  
Christchurch Airport**

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<b>Present:</b>	Richard Sunderland	Chair	RS
	Malcom McKee	Vice Chair	MM
	Jan Hunt	Member	JH
	Jenny Booth	Member	JB
	Chris Shore	Member	CS
	Maurice Beatson	Riders Representative	MB
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Dana Kirkpatrick	Jumping Director	JD
	Victoria Martin	Jumping Administrator	JA
	Vicki Glynn	ESNZ CEO	VG

***Board only time: 8:50 – 9:00am***

VG, JD and JA invited into meeting.

**Apologies:** Trudi Duncan and Nick Pyke

***Interest Disclosures***

On file all current.

***Correspondence***

- Email from Auckland Show Hunter Group received 16 Jan 16 notifying of their wish to run only one day of HP carded at their March Show. There is no issue with dropping the additional day if they can't run it we will support them in that. JD to respond with Boards approval.
- Pukete Cancellation of Show – letter has already been forwarded around to the board for comment prior to the meeting and has been accepted and response sent to the show.
- Email received from Kerry Willetts (Waikato Area) 21 Jan 16 - Topics for Agenda.
  - Discussion around dropping the World Cup next season – this is not possible as already scheduled to have it. If they don't run the WC then they would need to be responsible for paying any fine imposed by the FEI.
  - MM has talked to Kerry in regards to the World Jumping Challenge and they could look at running it on the Thursday/Friday of the second show. This would then be followed with the final round at Pukekohe. Cost of officials will also be reduced with one less trot up and Audrey close by.
  - The FEI committee structure also needs looking at before the AGM as it is not ideal having a committee member from each show running a WC and making suggestions around where the FEI competitions should go. This is counterbalanced by the FEI committee making recommendations to the board but the board having the final say. It is also good in terms of keeping the communications with the shows open.
  - Concern over lack of publicity is unfounded as there was a lot of publicity done for their FEI WJC and was shown with the highest entries at their show – JD will point out the publicity in her reply to the email. In regards to the Bulletin it was already out and then

if we added in the next one it is old news so show timing has a lot to do with what does and does not make it in. The Editor has control on what makes it in - not jumping.

- Awards for shows this is already on the boards' radar and will be addressed before the next AGM.
- Scott Wylie has requested dispensation to compete at the Nationals on Anahera at a lower height championship than horse is qualified for due to it being a new combination. Technical have discussed this and recommend that he is granted dispensation.

MM moved that dispensation be granted.

Moved: MM                      Seconded: MB  
All in favor

- Dispensation has also been sought for Rosa Buist-Brown to compete at the Nationals at a lower height championship than qualified for due to it being a new combination. Technical have discussed this and do not recommend that dispensation is granted in this case.

MM moved that dispensation not be granted in this case.

Moved: MM                      Seconded: MB  
All in favor

- Letter from the FEI indicating that Katie Laurie has successfully qualified to compete in the Longines FEI World Cup™ Final in Gothenburg, SWE. JD has been advised formally that Katie will not be attending.

Moved Received: MB                      Seconded: JB

Response has been returned to FEI indicating Katie will not be attending. Second in the League Helen McNaught not eligible to compete for NZ and would need to have equal points to Katie to compete for GB – 3<sup>rd</sup> place not eligible. JD to send letter to Helen explaining the league differences.

- Steffi Whittaker will be attending the FEI World Jumping Challenge final in Rabat, Morocco on the 22-24 April and Leeshelle Small will attend the FEI Children's International Classics Final 2015 in Belgium leaving later next week.
- Thank you letters to Waitemata for running the WC Final and Gisborne for hosting the Trans Tasman Young Riders Series have been sent by JD copies included.

### **Approval of Previous Minutes: Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November**

Minutes are taken as true and correct

Moved: CS                      Seconded: JB  
All in favor

### **Matters Arising**

Riding with the Stars is going ahead and has had a small effect on entries to the Nationals.

### **Jumping Director's Report**

JD talked to her report noting the following:

- The new Jumping Administrator role has now been advertised – the board needs to assign a member to the interview panel – JH is happy to take this role.

Moved: MB                      Seconded: MM  
All in favor

- The Werner Deeg Course is still a work in process. There are five eligible from NZ and all having indicated they will be attending. We need ten to attend the course to be eligible for the FEI grant of 1000 CHF. Pip Howells is wanting to attend the FEI level 3 course in Australia do we look at funding some of her expenses? At a minimum would be good to cover her course costs – around \$850.00. MB moved that we give financial support to Pip in the amount of \$1000.00 NZD.

Moved: MB                      Seconded: JH  
All in favor

- Jumping levy report is looking much better than last season. With no major issues. JA working on following up those few that we still do not have another 4-5 have come in since this report was printed. Still not a huge number of rebate applications being received – need

to make sure there is a cutoff date. This is already noted on the form as the 31 May. Would be ideal to have a comparison to last year at the next board meeting.

- There is some concern over outstanding debts – JD to check with Accounts department to make sure these are being followed up. We also need to send out invoices to the world cup shows for the FEI franchise fees of \$600+gst per show.
- Most of the sponsors contracts have now been sent out. Bayer has one of their heads coming over and would be great to host them at the HOY dinner. Most of the sponsors are already at HOY so will not be a huge number of passes needed to be purchased. Board is all in favor to buy two tickets to the dinner for Bayer as well as having JD and JH attend with them.
- WJC Dates – South Island will remain the same and run Cat A only, North Island due to potential conflicts the recommendations of the FEI committee was changed from running at Equidays to Waikato. As per Waikato's letter they may not be keen to run these any more. MM to talk with Audrey and Kerry to see what can be worked out so we can finalise the dates and get them in to the FEI. Once finalized an email will be sent out to the FEI committee and show confirming that dates – Technical committee to be cc'ed in as well.
- Gisborne did a fantastic job hosting the Trans Tasman Young Rider Test Series. Chef Jeff has provided a report to the board. A couple of hiccups around the requirements of riders to attend the function effectively needed one person in charge. RS to discuss with the Chef d'equipe.
- Asset list is underway for the timing trailer. Once we have this in place with replacement values and lifespan we can then look at funding for these items.
- The Job Description for the Timing Trailer has been done which can now go on the website and we are still working on a sponsor for it.
- HOY – we have had an email from HOY clarifying they will cover the costs of the owners passes for the title classes. In terms of priorities for ESNZ funding support they would like help with the FEI Organizers dues which is around \$7500.00. As previously mentioned we do not have anything in the budget for this year but will see what we can do for next season – suggest we look at funding half of the fees like we do for the WC shows.

Do they realize the undertaking in adding the FEI classes given AUS has dropped theirs (JD to ask why they dropped theirs). The idea was that the Sunday was the last day to gain Rider Ranking Points this tack has not worked in pulling an extra entries with only two Australians confirmed at this stage.

The requirements and rules to run these classes take a huge amount of resources and costs - is it really worthwhile. After HOY would be ideal to sit down with HOY organizers to see what they are thinking in terms of future events – need a point of contact within the jumping board.

- Draft Budgets will need to be completed prior to May, committees will be responsible for setting their own budgets that will then be compiled for final board approval. ESNZ Accounts Department will provide the templates ASAP.
- Annual Starts are tracking well being slightly above last season.
- National series trophies were changed in the General Regulations in 2014. This was not passed through any committee or boards so will now need to go to the AGA to be changed. Technical and Show Hunter will assess the National titles to make recommendations to go back to the AGM/AGA. There are seven national titles mentioned in our rules.
- Action Points – By-law review needs to be added back into the Action Points. No luck with outstanding sponsorship from last season will need to be added to bad debts.
- How are we going with finding a new 7yr old national series sponsor? Nothing has been done in the last month but there are still a few possibilities that will be followed up.

Move adoption of Jumping Directors Report

Moved: RS

Seconded: JB

## **Finance**

JH talked to this – noting the following

- The consolidated report is looking healthy at this point. We have the actual to the end of December then the rest is forecasted which could have some surprises.
- Would be ideal to get publicity accounts more frequently – JD to ask that they provide more regular accounts to Jumping.
- World Cup will be tipped over budget by the WJC that was not budgeted for this season.
- The South Island Training Camp Grant was missed out of the budget. Need to make sure it is not missed out of the next budget. This grant has traditionally been given to the SI due to the ESNZ input into the North Island Camps that the SI do not receive.
- Work needs to be done on budgeting funding for the HP squads as we need to be doing more for our up and coming riders.

Move adoption of Financial Report

Moved: JH

Seconded: JB

## **Performance Committee – conference call**

RS talked to this – noting the following

- The squads have been re-assessed post Taupo Christmas Classic, but are yet to be announced. The question of how do we move forward with them as there is no money to do anything.
- The squads were discussed in depth with the following main points noted.
  - MB questioned the size of the bottom two squads and the inclusion of riders that are not in New Zealand – the selectors felt that these riders should be included.
  - The national talent Development squad should be performing at World Cup level consistently.
  - Maybe we should look at dropping the Performance Talent Development Squad.
  - There appears to be a need to go back and re visit the criteria of how the squads are selected.
  - At the same time we should be looking at the process around appointing and the term length of selectors. Eventing selectors are board interviewed after having applied for the position. Seems to be a fairer and more transparent process.
  - If we have good criteria around the squad selections it will make it easier for the selectors and for the riders to understand the process.
  - If we have smaller stronger squads then they will be more appealing for potential sponsors.
  - These squads need to go back to the Performance committee with the boards feedback to reassess. All in agreement not to name the squads for now.
  - The whole system needs to be reviewed after discussion with the selectors. This needs to be done in the off season.
  - Young riders could apply for the squads where they talk about their performances and objectives. That way we are getting the dedicated riders on the squads.
  - With smaller more consistent squads we will be better able to manage them and can do better by them in terms of support and training.
- Sharn Wordley, Luke Dee, Kirk Webby and Claudia Hay have expressed interest in attending the Nations Cup Ocala Florida as a NZ team. ESNZ would be responsible for the entry fees which includes stabling - \$3500.00. We would also need to allocate a Chef d'equipe makes sense to have someone that is already over there. Craig Martin name was put forward (RS declared conflict of interest as he is his stepson). The Performance would like to recommend the board support the above.

RS moved that the board support the NZ team with covering the entry fees

Moved: RS

Seconded: JH

All in Favor

RS moved that Craig Martin be assigned the Chef d'equipe role

Moved: RS

Seconded: JB



## **FEI Committee**

Nothing to report

## **Riders Meeting - Taupo**

MB talked to this – noting the following

- Riders not happy with fees being charged by some shows especially late fees. This is not something that we can control but could be discussed at the secretary conferences with pros and cons covered and other ideas.
- There were 21 horses that were not correctly registered at Taupo how much money are we missing out on?
- Need to advertise the Riders AGM at HOY along with advertising the Riders Rep position as MB's term is over – MB will run again.
- Riders would like to see more subsidies for the South Islanders to travel up to HOY.
- Discussion was held around some teething issues for Country TV in regards to the live streaming especially the lack of announcers support. JH will talk to country TV about these issues
- Minutes approved to go up on the website.

Moved: MB

Seconded: JH  
All in favor

## **General Business**

### *ESNZ Horse and Rider Data*

- There have been a number of issues where the data is not being sent out early enough for the Secretaries to be able to contact riders to alert them of any issues. Especially given many have travelled hours to get to a show.
- There have been some issues with the data and corruption that has made getting accurate data out difficult.
- We must remember from June we should have a online registration system so riders can check and fix any errors at the shows.
- VG will look into the issues that secretaries have been having in particular horses being flagged as not registered when they are.
- Ideally there should be daily downloads available for secretaries or special access to automated data downloads/live data.

### *Registration of Riders and Horses at recent shows*

- There have been a number of horses that have been picked up having only paid the ESNZ registration and not the discipline fee. The forms have not been set up very well and often missed by accident.
- Again we must remember that with the new season we will have a new system so will not be an issue.
- ESNZ needs to be more proactive in checking with horses that have only paid the ESNZ levy and not a discipline fee to make sure was not missed by accident.
- Some secretaries check others do not. Many registration issues are only picked up when the riders/horses gain points.
- The issue of a number of horses/riders having their registrations taken at the show should not have been allowed given that it has not been allowed during the preceding season period. Given that the riders were not a fault and did pay in good faith then the registrations will be allowed but this is not to happen for the remainder of this season.
- The shows involved will be informed by JD of the error and advised that they are only allowed to take Community memberships and First year free where no money is involved.

Moved: RS

Seconded: MM  
All in favour

### *Mistreatment of Horse at SH Show*

- Three letters have been received in relation to the abuse of a horse at a recent show. It is clear that the rider involved received three verbal warnings from various show officials. There is not much that we as a board can do at this point as an official warning card should have been issued at the show.
- This brings to attention that there may be a need to look at the need of technical official at straight SH events to deal with these issues. Something for the Show Hunter committee to have a think about.
- JD to write to the Rider on behalf of the board to acknowledge that the incident has been brought to our attention. A response will also be sent to the officials involved to advise of the boards' discussion and to acknowledge that this issue has been brought to our radar.

Also noted that Woodhill is once again on the market, a subcommittee/trust is currently being looked at in terms of purchasing the facilities.

### ***Next Meeting***

TBA

The board was thanked for their attendance and the meeting was closed 12.50pm.