

ESNZ Endurance Board

Minutes

Saturday 22 July 2017

Meeting started 2.05pm

Present: Alison Higgins, Louisa Muir, Jenny Weston, Daryl Owen, Shane Dougan, Sue Billigheimer, Marie Wakeling

Alison welcomed all to the meeting.

Louisa said that we as a new Board are here to drive the sport forward. Wendy Farnell had stated during the AGM that she had reservations about incoming Board. Louisa said that what's done is done and we must move forward from here.

Election of Board Chair. It is important to identify individual strengths and weaknesses and appoint the best person in Board roles. Louisa proposed that each meeting this year should have a specific aim. Minutes should be made available on the website within the week and our agendas would be circulated at least a week prior to Board meetings. A suggestion was made that a brief summary of the meeting could be put on the facebook page at the end of every meeting prior to publication of full minutes.

There is need for a strong strategic plan with clear key performance indicators relating to the appointed sub committees.

Jenny is strong in governance but did not want the Chair role. Board members were happy to support Alison Higgins remaining as Board Chair. The reasons for this included Board continuity, experience, courage and a positive relationship with ESNZ.

Alison nominated Marie as Vice Chair. Louisa was also suggested as Vice Chair but is not necessarily on the Board for the long term. Marie Wakeling happy to accept Vice Chair position.

Alison will remain as the ESNZ Endurance Board representative on the ESNZ Board and also on the Technical Committee.

Juniors squad – Sue Reid is to be reinstated to the leadership of the Junior squad with Chris Enstrom. Sue is to be asked to liaise with Chris Enstrom.

Finance Committee – the finance committee will comprise Sharon Nesbitt, Jenny Weston and Alison Higgins.

Nationals committee yet to be appointed

Sponsorship committee yet to be appointed

Trophies – Jo Lankow to remain in charge of trophies and records

Veterinary Commission – Jenny to liaise with Dave Kruger and Lucy Holdaway

Taupo NEC – Daryl to represent the Board on this committee

McLeans Island NEC – Sue to represent the Board on this committee

Publicity – Daryl

Sports Manager, Funding and sponsorship –

Meeting interrupted as Board members returned to discussion in AGM meeting room

A suggestion was made that there be a three year time frame for Champs events with clubs being rostered to host these events. It was also suggested that there be a test event over championship tracks ahead of the actual events.

There was talk about the possibility of having multi-day rides, team events, relays – It is important to make sure that rules, including stand down rules, are clearly stated.

A suggestion was made that the calendar have all distances listed for calendared rides as others looking at the calendar don't necessarily understand when only the longest distance is specified.

Board meeting resumed at 4.45

Chris Enstrom spoke to the Board and announced that Toft Endurance is interested in ensuring that running FEI rides is sustainable. To this end Toft Endurance is wanting to donate NZ\$2,000 per calendared FEI ride. This is to be used for operational expenses, not as part of the prize pool. If after this contribution there is any further financial shortfall for the hosting club then Toft Endurance would like to be informed. A secondary input may come by way of sourcing officials. Each OC would need to invoice Enstrom Performance for this input. This contribution is intended to be informal – not naming rights and not necessarily needing a contract. A letter needs to be sent to Toft Endurance thanking them for their offer. A statement needs to be sent to the membership acknowledging the support of Toft Endurance, and a letter to host clubs informing them of this contribution.

The Officials Panel should be answerable to the Technical Committee. Heidi is to go on to the Officials Panel.

Sue will be the liaison between clubs and the Board. The system of having a Board rep allocated to each club has not necessarily worked well in the past. Sue will set up a facebook group and include two members of each club – probably Secretary and President to bring feedback from the clubs to the Board.

The AGM for 2018 will be in Palmerston North. Marie will take on organising this.

Meeting finished at 5.30

Next meeting – 4th and 5th August, ESZN office, Wellington