

MINUTES (in Review)

72ND ESNZ ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY



Name:	Equestrian Sports New Zealand
Date:	Thursday, 21 September 2023
Time:	9:30 am to 2:30 pm (NZST)
Location:	James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor, 147 The Terrace, Wellington
Board Members:	Lynda Clark (Chair), Ana Sever, Hannah Walton, Marg Evans, Penny Tapley, Sue Billingheimer, Sue Hobson
Attendees:	Ange Kelly-Smith, Emma Gowan, Jo Colin, Jock Paget, Julian Bowden
Apologies:	Sarah Hazlewood, Lisa Marcroft

1. Strengthen and Adapt Workshop

1.1 Strengthen and Adapt Workshop Information

Prior to the AGA, those present took part in a facilitated Strengthen and Adapt workshop in which they shared their hopes and dreams for the future of equestrian sport in New Zealand.

2. Morning Tea

3. AGA - Discussion and proposed Adoption of the new Constitution

3.1 Final Draft Constitution

Prior to the AGA those present took part in a discussion around the proposed new Constitution and when through the feedback and changes that had been received post sending out the AGA papers.

The following additional change was made during the discussion:

9.1b - Honorary Life Membership

Remove last sentence "An Honorary Life Member has no membership rights, privileges or duties

A discussion took place regarding changing the organisations name from Equestrian Sports NZ to Equestrian NZ - there was a lot of support for this to reflect the sport from grassroots level to Olympic level.

4. Lunch Break

5. AGA - Formal Business

5.1 Roll Call and Proxies

The Chair welcomed delegates and members to the 72nd AGA and took a roll call of those present.

Sue Hobson

Lynda Clark
Sue Billigheimer
Marg Evans
Penny Tapley
Hannah Walton
Judith Cunningham
Christine Latch
Suzanne Inglis
Helen Hughes-Keen
Andrea Raves
Wendy Hamerton
Sue Landis
Fiona Stephen
Heidi Bulfin
Sonya Mason
Rosie Edwards
Don Robertson
Hayley Pickmere
Katja Kershaw
Thomas Gardner
Tracey Lamm
Sarah Forman
Janet Robertson
Evie Howells
Fiona Bentley
Heather McDonald
Tim Pearce
Trish Pearce
Ross Coles
Step Coles
Julian Bowden
Jock Paget
Warrick Allan
Ange Kelly-Smith
Danni Mulrennan

5.2 Apologies for Absence

- Jennifer Millar
- Maxine Leigh
- Merran Hain

- Sarah Hazelwood
- Lisa Marcroft
- Ana Sever
- Rachael McCallum
- Stuart Bishell
- Nick Page
- Louisa Holmes
- Jorja James
- Wendy Landsdown
- Raewyn Eastwood
- John Alexander
- Chris Perkins
- Amanda Illston
- Jenny Booth
- Marilyn Thompson
- Paul Croucher
- Chris Enstrom
- Kate Honour

The Apologies were accepted.

Moved: Marg Evans

Second: Don Robertson

5.3 Obituaries

The AGA held a minute's silence to commemorate the following ESNZ members who had passed away during the year, including:

- John Couper
- Gus Meech
- Graeme McClintock
- Roberta Hampton
- Alan Hampton
- Jimmy Gliddon
- Bruce Millar
- Bob Stringer
- Mike Manning
- Mary Herrick
- Peter Jenkins
- Bill Millar
- Lyn Fox
- Carol Whaley

5.4 Confirm Minutes - 71st AGA held 29th September 2022

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The minutes of the 71st AGA held on the 29th September 2022 were adopted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Moved: Lynda Clark

Second: Heidi Bulfin

5.5 General Business

There were no items of general business.

6. Reports 2022-2023

6.1 Chief Executive Report

The CEO's report was taken as read.

The CEO noted that Land Rover had been brought on as key partner last year - some of these funds filtered down to discipline level.

Starting to do more things in partnership with PC and other equine organisations and working together.

Raised over \$200k, \$56k of that was received from FEI for Cyclone Gabrielle - support given to ESNZ and non ESNZ members. Highlight of the year was the way that it brought the community together.

School Competition was held for the second year - bringing riders and ponies together during tournament week. 40% increase on participants from last year.

Strength & Adapt - lucky to be part of this Sport NZ project. Roadshows are funded from the funding not member funds.

World Stage - a lot of kiwi's excelled on the world stage this year.

Thanked the staff for all their hard work during the year. Noted that it was Emma's last AGA after 23 years. Introduced Ange and Danni to those present and welcomed them to the ESNZ Team.

6.2 Chair Report

The Chair's report was taken as read.

Acknowledged those that lost horses and were impacted by the cyclone.

Constitution - thanked the Constitution Working Group and staff who worked on the Constitution.

Thanked Emma for preserving with the database.

Noted that facilities were visible within the ESNZ Strategy. ESNZ was working with PC on a facilities plan.

Thanked the NEC Convenors and their Committees for the work they do with the NECs. Special mention was made to Wallie for his hard work over the last 14 years.

Richard Sunderland was thanked for his time on the HoYL Board - Vicki Glynn and Julian were now the current ESNZ HoYL Directors.

Lynda introduced the Board members to the meeting and thanked the ESNZ Board members for their passion and contribution.

Lynda thanked Julian and the staff for the outcomes achieved during the year and the difference they were making.

The Chair finished by noting that she was looking forward to the year ahead.

6.3 Dressage Report

The Dressage report was taken as read.

Two new Board members - Andrea Raves and Christine Latch.

Some top combinations - look forward to competition at Takapoto.

6.4 Endurance Report

The Endurance Report was taken as read.

Ashley Cole winning the Tom Quilty in Australia in the third fastest time ever was a really exciting moment for Endurance.

New Board is looking forward to the year ahead.

6.5 Eventing Report

The Eventing report was taken as read.

Acknowledged those that lost horses and properties due to the cyclone.

Acknowledged the young rider team that won at Melbourne in 2022.

Acknowledged the team bronze achieved at the worlds.

Matthew Grayling and Trudeau were recognised in the ESNZ Hall of Fame for their achievement at Taupo 3DE setting a new record of five consecutive 4* national titles since 2021 at the NZ Three Day and One Day events.

Eventing had updated its Strategic Intent to be in line with ESNZ's.

Transitioned to new board from 11 members down to 8. Thanked Sport Manager, Hayley for all her hard work.

Event Analysis being undertaken by the Eventing Board and this information is then feed back to the OC's. Noted that there were lots of improvements to make.

Looking forward to hosting Oceania event at HOY in 2023. Looking forward to the Paris Olympics which eventing had qualified for.

Most import thing is the people - thanks to the riders, area groups/OCs, Board, Committees, officials.

6.6 Jumping Report

The Jumping report was taken as read.

Challenging season weather wise - but still had a high number of people out competing.

Phillip Steiner performed brilliantly at the World Cup Final in the USA.

Thanked Marilyn and Kirsten for all that they do for the sport. And thanked the Jumping Board.

6.7 High Performance Report

The High-Performance report was taken as read.

Noted the growth of the HP system over the last three years - now supporting 83 athletes.

Thanked Sport NZ and the Plaw family for their funding and support of the HP Programme.

Noted that HP had brought in a wellbeing manager to work with the athletes and wider HP team.

HP would be supporting an individual campaign for Jumping to Paris seeing as they did not qualify a team spot.

Jock and Julian has visited the Paris venue for the Olympic Games and had also locked in the pre-camp base - 2 hours from Paris.

7. Financial Report and Statement of the Audited Accounts

7.1 Financial Report and Statement of Audited Accounts for ESNZ 2022-2023

There were no questions regarding the financial statements.

The CEO moved that the financial statements be accepted for 2022-2023.

Moved: Don Robertson

Second: Penny Tapley

8. Adoption of Constitution

8.1 Adoption and Voting of new Constitution

Sentence around the Honorary Life Membership has been removed.

Motion 1

That the replacement Constitution presented to this AGA be adopted and registered with the Registrar of Incorporated Societies.

Moved: Katja Kershaw

Second: Marg Events

Motion 2

That, notwithstanding Articles 14, 15.3, 15.6 and 15.7 of the 2007 Constitution, the Board elected at the 2022 AGA in accordance with the 2007 Constitution including the terms of office of two appointed Board members, Ana Sever and Hannah Walton, continue to hold office until a new Board is constituted in accordance with the new Constitution, being adopted at this AGA as set out in motion 3 below,"

Moved: Katja Kershaw

Second: Lynda Clark

Motion 3

That, 60 days after the replacement Constitution presented to this AGA is registered with the Registrar of Incorporated Societies, the Board elected at the 2022 AGA in accordance with the 2007 Constitution be replaced by a new Board constituted in accordance with Rules 11.1 - 11.4 of the replacement Constitution adopted at this AGA, and all the provisions in the replacement Constitution shall apply to the new Board.

Moved: Katja Kershaw

Second: Judith Cunningham

9. Confirmation of Officers

9.1 Patron

It was the recommendation of the ESNZ Board that Mrs Jennifer Millar CNZM serve as Patron for 2023-2024.

All in favour.

9.2 Vice-President

One nomination had been received for Lynda Clark.

Nominated by: Don Robertson

Second: Sue Billigheimer

All in favour.

9.3 President

One nomination has been received for Sue Hobson.

Nominated by: Kallista Field

Seconded by: Rachael Fouhy

All in favour

9.4 Confirmation of NEC Committees

The AGA confirmed the members of the National Equestrian Centres as follows:

National Equestrian Centre – Christchurch

Don Robertson	-	Convenor
Glenda Jones	-	Dressage
Sue Billigheimer	-	Endurance
Nick Pyke	-	Eventing
Gus Taylor	-	Jumping
Andrew Bruce	-	Appointed and Treasurer
Tony Roberts	-	Eventing Canterbury
Sam Pascoe	-	Jumping Canterbury
Cherie Pearson	-	Dressage Canterbury

National Equestrian Centre – Taupo

Toni McIntosh	-	Convenor
John Williamson	-	Dressage
Kate Honour	-	Endurance
Jenny Draper	-	Eventing
Paul Croucher	-	Jumping
Mark King	-	Co-opted and Treasurer

Cathy Vennell	-	Co-opted
Debbie & Peter Barke	-	Co-opted
Colin McIntosh	-	Co-opted

Moved: Katja Kershaw

Second: Andrea Raves

9.5 Confirmation of Auditors

The ESNZ Board recommended the re-appointment of Kendons as Auditors for the 2023-2024 financial year. This re-appointment has the support of ESNZ Management.

Moved: Hannah Walton

Second: Don Robertson

9.6 Confirmation of Solicitors

The ESNZ Board did not wish to confirm a preferred Solicitor, instead, the ESNZ Board would like to be able to appoint Solicitors on a case-by-case basis and who have the skills and expertise in the field that is requiring legal assistance.

The AGA supported this approach.

Moved: Judith Cunningham

Second: Katja Kershaw

10. General Business

10.1 General Business

There was no general business.

11. Awards

11.1 Honorary Life Membership Awards

Honorary Life Membership is granted in recognition and appreciation of outstanding service by a person for the benefit of ESNZ and/or equestrian sport in New Zealand.

Honorary Life Membership was bestowed to the following recipients:

- Ross Roles
- Tim Pearce
- Leicester Jarden
- Jane Robertson

Don Robertson acknowledged the work and many years that Wallie Niederer had been Convenor of the NEC.

A farewell presentation was made to Emma Gowan who was leaving ESNZ after 23 years of service.

12. Close Meeting

12.1 Close the meeting

Next meeting: ESNZ Board Meeting - 2 Nov 2023, 9:00 am

Signature: _____

Date: _____