



Minutes ESNZ Endurance Board Meeting 26th July 2020 9.30 am (Zoom)

Present: Jenny Weston, Sue Reid, Pip Mutch, Nick Page, Trevor Copland, Kevin James

Apologies: Nil

Items of Business:

Board Chair Sue Reid (nominated Nick, seconded Jenny), Kevin James (nominated Trevor) – Sue declared Chair

Rep to ESNZ Board Sue Reid

There is still a vacancy on the Board – Sue suggested we co-opt Sharon Nisbett to the Board and she could help with Finances.

ACTION: Sue to contact Sharon to see if she is willing (would need to be an ESNZ member and member of an affiliated club).

Rep to Technical Committee Trevor

Kevin wasn't happy with how the AGM went, thought that things were steamrolled through and that there should have been an in-person meeting and that a lot of people weren't happy with an online AGM. Wants to have a Special General Meeting to start from scratch. Jorja was registered to attend but wasn't on the roll-call. JW advised that Jorja wasn't a financial member at the time according to the ESNZ database. There was a survey to seek member opinion and preference for an in-person meeting in Auckland or Wellington or via Zoom – not enough members to achieve a quorum were able to attend in Auckland or Wellington whereas more members said they would attend a Zoom AGM so that was the option decided on. Dressage also held a Zoom AGM. It was a compromise between enabling more people to attend versus being able to have a prizegiving and socialising.

Kevin also wasn't happy with the financial statements presented at the AGM – there needs to be more focus on securing grants. The sport made a loss in the last financial year whereas there was a profit the previous year. Also supports having Sharon's involvement as she has good experience with applying for grants. Jenny commented that expenses had been minimised as much as possible, many are fixed costs and the only other area to cut were the grants for Championship events. The loss was mainly due to declining income which is a result of fewer registrations, participants and people involved in the sport.

Kevin didn't agree with what was reported for voting on the ESNZ Endurance rules (29 for, 4 against) as he believed that more than 4 people voted against – possibly some of those people were not eligible to vote.

Kevin – need to build some bridges within the sport. Trevor - DRNZ are looking to run rides in the South Island, holding a meeting in Christchurch Aug 22nd. Trevor thinks we could have a Board meeting in Christchurch at the same time. He would go along to the DRNZ meeting to learn more about how DRNZ run their events and why they are so popular. Sue commented that there was no point trying to work with DRNZ and Jenny reiterated that most of the differences in cost structure are down to affiliation with ESNZ; as Board members we sign a statement agreeing to work with and support ESNZ. Sue stated that affiliation with ESNZ gives members the opportunity to compete on the international stage as well as internationally recognised rules and systems.

Sue – wants to see more communication directly to the clubs and also to members.

ACTION: Jenny to share details of the google drive which has stored files.

Rep to CTR Committee Jenny Weston

Finance Committee Jenny, Sharon (if co-opted onto the Board), Nick

Authorise payments: Two payments to authorise due in July: Lankow Photographics & Maureen Davie
MOVED: Jenny, all in agreement.

ACTION: Jenny to ask Murray Ingram to set up payments

ESNZ AGA: Wellington Tues 29 September – schedule a Board meeting around this. ESNZ AGM is 1 pm.

ACTION: Sue to speak to Dana about arranging a room for an ESNZ Endurance Board meeting around the same time and to notify the full programme of events.

Next meeting: in about a fortnight via Zoom

ACTION: Sue to schedule a time that suits the rest of the Board, probably an evening

ACTION: Jenny to set up the Zoom meeting when advised the date and time

Meeting closed 10.08 am

Minutes taken by Jenny Weston