



**Minutes of the Board of ESNZ Endurance
Held from 7.45pm on 28th March 2020
Zoom Meeting**

Present:	Marie Wakeling (Chair)	MW
	Sue Billigheimer	SB
	Shane Dougan	SD
	Jenny Weston	JW
	Paula Adams	PA
	Daryl Owen	DO

Apologies Jess Kennedy

In Attendance: Jo Lankow – Endurance Administrator & Minute Taker JL

1. Marie requested that Sue chair the meeting. All agreed.
2. **Welcome:**
Sue welcomed everyone to the meeting.
3. **Conflicts relevant to the agenda:**
Daryl – Decade Award
4. **National Champs 2021**
Discussion on which club should host the 2021 National Champs.
 - Waitaki Club would like to host the event in 2021.
 - The major sponsor for 2020 has agreed to hold the sponsorship over until 2021 if Waitaki Club are to be hosting the event.
 - Kohuratahi are due to host the event so will need to be consulted.

The Board agreed that, subject to agreement from Kohuratahi Club, the Waitaki Club could host the 2021 National Champs. Jenny to contact the Kohuratahi Club. **Action: JW**

The Board agreed that the Waitaki Club will need to return the ESNZ Endurance grant that had been paid to them. Sue to contact Waitaki Club. **Action: SB**

Shane advised that he hasn't been able to contact Peter Toft as yet regarding the sponsorship but will keep trying.

5. **Forums**
 - Official notification needs to be sent out advising the May forums are cancelled **Action: JL**
 - Discussion on the final draft of the rules will still need to be had with the members.
 - Could hold an online forum.
 - Jenny will finalise the draft rules.
 - The Canterbury Club's proposal for future championship events to be sent out to members now with feedback to Sue no later than 9th April.

- Those who had flights booked for the forums should have received an email from Air NZ advising they can credit towards a future flight.

The Board agreed to hold an online forum on the 9th May. Time to be confirmed.

6. Camps

- Junior Camp to be cancelled
- Development and Mentoring Clinics also to be cancelled.
 - This season's D & M group could be offered a discount for next season's programme.
 - Marie to write to Andrea and Sue to see if they wish to stay involved with the D & M programme. **Action: MW**

7. Vet Course

- Marie had received an email from Heidi asking what was happening with the vet course. Marie advised Heidi that it was to be postponed.
- Jenny to contact Heidi and Nick to recommend course is postponed until later in the year. **Action: JW**

8. AGM

- ESNZ are looking at the situation for the AGM's
- We may need to have an online AGM
- There will just be a Yes/No vote on the rules as a whole, not a vote on each individual rule.

9. Awards

- Will be as at when the season finished.
- Discussion on what can be done about the Decade Awards with this season being abruptly cut short.
- Doesn't just affect those who were hoping to gain the Decade Award this season.
- Affects all combinations regardless of how far through the 10 year period they may have been.
- Could just not include the 2019/2020 season for the Award but that could impact on the older horses whose owners may have been intending to retire them. And could impact on any combination who had already qualified for the Award this season.
- Could change the 100km required per season to a lower number given the shortened season.

The Board agreed that given the extraordinary circumstances that has affected this season the required minimum kilometres for 2019/2020 season will be changed from 100km to 80km.

The 24 month period for qualifications can be looked at once it is known when the 2020/2021 season can commence.

10. Affiliation Agreement

The Board agreed that no changes are required to the Affiliation Agreement for 2020/2021.

11. Signatories

- No changes have been made as yet. Jenny hasn't been able to get into the ANZ and won't be able to while the country is in lockdown.
- Murray has applied to ANZ to be added as a signatory and online.

12. Board

- Jenny will definitely stay on the Board for 2020/2021. Daryl, Marie, Shane and Sue are either resigning or not re-standing. Paula isn't sure at this stage. Jess wasn't at the meeting.
- Most people don't seem to have the time anymore even to help at their club events, let alone go on the Board.
- More participation required at events as clubs are unlikely to hold more events.
- The members need to advise the Board of what they want and how it can be done
 - Main issue seems to be the ESNZ fees.
 - Some say the fees are too expensive for what they get in return.
 - Others seem to use the ESNZ fees as just something to complain about.
 - Riders in other disciplines can compete on their horse every weekend and in multiple classes at an event. Even if there were no stand downs it is unlikely endurance horses would be competing every weekend.
 - Some cite the cost of travel but the Board can't control that.
 - Paula said the feedback she got from the recent King Country event was that only those wanting to compete at the elite level should have to join ESNZ.
 - Strength of being part of ESNZ is the higher authority of ESNZ which also gives our sport some protection.
 - Sue has started a discussion with Dana on what can be done but Endurance need to come up with a proposal other than just saying we don't want to pay the ESNZ fees.
 - Need to put together a new Membership/Registration proposal for Endurance that Sue can discuss with Dana and present to the ESNZ Board.
 - Jo to work on a draft proposal. **Action: JL**

13. Next Meeting

Zoom meeting to be held on 2nd May at 7.30pm.

14. Close of Meeting

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm