

ESNZ Endurance Board Meeting Minutes

Via Zoom Monday 16th November 8 pm

Present: Sue Reid, Jenny Weston, Pip Mutch, Nick Page, Kevin James (from 8.08 pm)

Apologies: none received

Conflicts relevant to the agenda: to declare as items come up; Jenny Weston – anything relevant to NI Champs, Pip Mutch & Sue Reid – anything relevant to Kohuratahi November ride.

Previous minutes (29th Sept): previously approved by email.

Items for Discussion:

- 1) Sponsorship: Sue has secured sponsorship from Waipa Bulk Haulage for the FEI Series Senior winner.
- 2) Still need to secure sponsorship or grants for the sport – look at purchasing a product to sell e.g. merino socks; would need support from members to sell these sorts of items and assist with fundraising rather than it just being board members involved.

ACTION: Sue to put it on the club liaison page for feedback.

- 3) The Distance – one member has offered to assist with this publication. Need to get back to her to see what she would like to do.

ACTION: Sue to contact this member.

ESNZ Minimum Standards of Medical Care – Hamish Butler-Gallie, Graeme McCrory and Dana Kirkpatrick were supposed to join the Zoom at 8.30 pm. Only Graeme was able to join and even he experienced technical difficulties. There was discussion about GR153 Minimum Medical Standards at Events and how that might impact the discipline of Endurance. Given the widely distributed nature of the course (compared to other disciplines) it isn't feasible to have first aid personnel (or others with higher qualifications) at regular intervals. Paying for an Emergency Medical Technician to attend is cost prohibitive and might not have much benefit given the distances involved to get someone out on the course. Many endurance rides are in very remote locations so serious injuries tend to be evacuated by helicopter rather than ambulance anyway. Finished the discussion with Graeme aware of the difficulties this would pose for Endurance.

- 4) Email from Mt Linton club 6/10/20 re assistance with securing club assets – a reply had been sent. The previous Board had looked into this and tried to contact previous office holders to no avail. There had been some suggestion that money had been given to other South Island endurance clubs. Jenny had contacted Susie Latta who looked at old financial records for Waitaki Club and found there had been some discussion but no evidence of the money ever being received. Kevin believed that some money was distributed and would look into it further.

ACTION: Kevin to look into whether any money was received by other clubs and attempt to get it returned.

Reports:

Finance Committee: review of the financial statements and financial position to date (5 months). Annual start figures are down compared to budget but ride levies are similar to the same period last year. Consider re-forecasting the budget as income from start fees is likely to be down throughout the year. Some concern that the financial reports received from ESNZ are just covering the ADMIN account and not all other expenses (particularly grants for Championship events) so gives a false

sense of security (another \$17k expenses). Other expenses to date are well under budget. Now predicting a loss of \$16,409 unless further sponsorship is received or fundraising undertaken.

TC Report: many TD reports were not being submitted after rides, the template has been simplified and shortened by Jo which will hopefully make things easier. The TC will need to continue to follow up on reports that aren't received. The Board discussed that Trevor hasn't been responding to TC email discussions.

It was resolved that Jenny Weston be re-appointed to the TC so that there would be at least 3 members resolving issues. Sue / Nick

Officials' Training Panel: there is a FEI veterinary course being held in Wellington in early December, numbers attending are lower than anticipated so this event is likely to run at a loss although we are looking to meet Nick Page's expenses in running the course directly rather than pay the FEI fee - should be less expensive.

General Business:

Kevin expressed serious concern that a CEI3* class would not be held at the South Island Championships but that there would only be a CEN 160 km. He believed that the previous Board and the new rules not requiring that there be a full range of CEI classes at all Championship events was a big mistake and was 'dumbing down' the sport. However, the rules were voted on by the membership at the AGM and were accepted. There is an opportunity to make further changes at the next AGM. Some clubs are less willing or able to host Championship events so requiring them to offer classes that incur more costs may make it harder to get the Championships run. With current border restrictions though, this season could be the ideal time to run more CEI events with not being able to bring in foreign vets or judges.

Sue reminded Kevin that he still needed to sign the Board Code of Conduct.

ACTION: *Kevin to sign and return the document.*

Next meeting: to be held in conjunction with South Island Champs (Fairlie 22-24 January) with option to use Zoom to include Board members unable to attend the event.

ACTION: *Kevin to investigate a suitable time and location to hold the meeting.*

Meeting closed: 9.10 pm