



**Minutes of the Board of ESNZ Endurance  
Held from 7.30pm on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021  
Zoom Meeting**

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<b>Present:</b>	Sue Reid (Chair)	SR
	Pip Mutch	PM
	Jenny Weston	JW
	Ron Guest	RG
	Nick Page (from 8.00pm)	NP
	Kevin James (from 8.00pm)	KJ

**Apologies** Nil

**In Attendance:** Jo Lankow (from 7.55pm)  
– Endurance Administrator & Minute Taker JL  
Lynda Clark - ESNZ Chair  
Dana Kirkpatrick (until 8.30pm) – ESNZ CEO

1. **Welcome:**  
Sue welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Conflicts relevant to the agenda:** Nil
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021**  
The minutes of the previous meeting (10<sup>th</sup> February) to be approved at next meeting due to no quorum from meeting in attendance or be approved via email.
4. **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:** Nil
5. **Action List**
  - Code of Conduct has now been signed by Kevin
  - Sue has been unable to get hold of Tony as yet re undertaking a strategic review of the sport.
  - Technical Committee has not yet looked at an alternative way of claiming rides.
  - Jenny has not yet contacted Tony re other disciplines having any use for the EPOC machine.
  - Jenny has been in contact with Kasia about the EPOC machine for Nationals.
5. **Working Group**
  - Ron was concerned about the number of entries at the North Island Champs and feels a way must be found to progress the sport. He said the sport had given him lots of opportunities over the years and he would like to see it continue to do the same for others. He would like to see a working group established to look into what can be done. The FEI rules don't work for many countries and certainly not for those in the Southern Hemisphere and the FEI need to be lobbied to make changes to the rules.

- Numbers need to be increased at all levels and this in turn would improve the financial situation. The FEI rules and costs deter people from entering those classes and from progressing to compete internationally.
- Need to just pick what rules are causing the problems and focus on them as unlikely the FEI would agree to two separate sets of rules.
- Financial situation due to a decrease in number of entries even for CEN and CTR.
- Need to have good numbers competing at the lower levels to develop the sport.
- Some riders entering the shorter distances find online entries a hassle as they like to just get up in the morning, see what the weather is like and then decide if they will attend or not. Start times need to allow for this. At times, COVID alert levels have meant that entering on the day wasn't possible
- It was agreed to establish a working group of 2-3 people but others would be welcome to assist the working group
- Ron will be on the working group. Sue to talk to Tony and Heidi to see if they would have time. **Action: SR**
- Ron will draft the Terms of Reference and send to Sue **Action: RG**

## 6. Fund Raising

- Jenny suggested trying to revive the Man versus Horse competition. Lizzie Maundrell may have rights to the brand but Jenny will check with her. The lead time for the event would need to be at least 6-9 months and as it was usually held around Anzac weekend would be looking at next year. **Action: JW**
- Jenny also suggested having events for walkers and runners competing over endurance tracks. Would be best to be held within one to two hours of main centers.
- Would require assistance from the clubs but would be fund raisers for the sport.
- Sue happy to try and organise something.
- Alternative is raffles or selling merchandise but they don't bring in much money and difficult to get people to help.
- Mountain bike rides are also very popular.
- Pip to check with someone she knows to find out more information on these types of events. **Action: PM**

## 7. Board Elections

Three elected members need to step down but may seek re-election.  
 Jenny is one of the three as she is the longest serving.  
 If no one else wants to step down then lots need to be drawn from among the five other elected members as all were elected at the same time.  
 Ron is appointed until the AGM so can stand for election if he so wishes.

## 8. Inwards Correspondence

Letter from Wairarapa Club  
 This has been investigated and dealt with and a reply sent to the Club.

## 9. Reports

### Junior/Young Rider

- Camp catering costs seem to be quite high.
- \$1500 will be on the 21/22 budget for the camp.
- Report noted as read and accepted.
- Need to apply for grant(s) for Junior Camp but deadlines are now getting tight.

### Finance

- Discussion on the best way to deal with the ESNZ Endurance grants to the clubs for hosting the championship events.

- Could ask clubs to refund half of any profit.
- Needs to be a balance between rewarding the clubs and putting money back into the sport.
- Too late to do anything for this year.
- Ask for higher than 50% of the grant back from the clubs but capped at the total amount of the grant. Possibly make it 60% to the sport and 40% to the club.
- Current situation can't continue as it needs to be sustainable
- Clubs do need to be rewarded for hosting the championship events.
- Difficult to strike a balance between the clubs making a profit and the sport receiving some money.
- Clubs won't put their hands up to host the events if there isn't any grant from the Board.
- Supporting the clubs is not in question; just a balance needs to be struck so it is sustainable.
- Possibly change from being paid in advance as seed funding to being paid after the event and underwritten up to a specific amount.
- Add to agenda for in-person meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> May. **Action: JL**
- Jenny will circulate the monthly finance report as it had been missed being sent out. **Action: JW**

#### **Technical Committee**

- Been issues relating to eligibility to enter rides and some disqualifications have occurred as no other options available.
- Kevin said the rules need to be looked at as they aren't working.
- Kevin was requested to redraft the rules that are not working and circulate them to the Board by 20th April for discussion at next meeting. **Action: KJ**
- Add rules to agenda for next meeting. **Action: JL**
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#### **10. General Business**

ESNZ have booked a room for Endurance for the AGM. Cost is \$400 and needs to be approved by the Board. Approved, all in favour. Sue to advise Heidi.

**Action: SR**

#### **11. Next Meeting**

Next meeting is to be held on 1<sup>st</sup> May in Wellington. Venue is ESNZ Boardroom.

#### **12. Close of Meeting**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm