



Minutes of the Board of ESNZ Endurance  
Held from 8:00 on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022  
Zoom Meeting

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<b>Present:</b>	Sue Reid (Chair)	SR
	Sue Billigheimer	SB
	Ron Guest	RG
	Jenny Weston	JW
	Marga Marshall	MM
	Nick Page	NP

**Apologies:** Hanna Whitehead

**In Attendance:** Jo Lankow– Minute Taker and Sport Administrator **JL**

**1. Welcome**

Sue welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Conflicts relevant to the agenda:**

Nil

**3. Minutes of Previous Meeting- 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

The minutes of the previous meeting (24<sup>th</sup> February) had been approved by email.

**4. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

- Sue B's initials incorrect. **Action: JL**
- Sue B advised that Jane had not yet replied to her request regarding information for the funding application for the Junior Camp. Probably too late now. Sue R to a write letter to Jane and Leanne advising there is a maximum of \$1500 in the budget for the camp and they will need to do some fundraising. **Action: SR**
- It was agreed that in the section regarding Mt Linton Club that the last sentence be deleted. **Action: JL**

**5. Action List**

- Mostly up to date.

**6. FEI Rules Issues**

Following the previous meeting Board members circulated their thoughts on the main issues affecting us and that are likely to be also affecting other countries in a similar position to us. These issues needed to be put into order of priority. The following was agreed upon

1. Having to qualify in 2 out of 3 rides to progress to the next level. And in conjunction with the qualifying process also the need to qualify as a combination with horse in a 2\* ride

before being eligible to enter a 3\*. There are very few opportunities in NZ to gain the necessary qualifications to progress through the levels as we can't just drive across the border to compete in other countries. Also limiting the opportunity to have riders from overseas come here to compete at 3\* level.

2. The need for a second treatment vet for a 3\* ride. Number of treatment vets should relate to the number of horses, not the level of the competition.
3. Maintenance/promotion of officials. This is becoming difficult and expensive and some are giving up as too onerous to complete the requirements. Also putting others off starting through the FEI system. Experience at CEN level needs to be able to count for FEI qualifications.
4. Minimum weight of 60kg for the JY riders. This needs to go back to catch weight as having to make the 60kg is detrimental to the wellbeing of the very lightweight riders and they already have less strength and resilience.

These are just the main issues and it needs to be made clear to the FEI that there are rules that we follow that are only for the benefit of Europe etc. And we will be applying for exemptions from other rules.

- The relaxing of the FEI rules relating to MOOC for first and second lameness and no additional MOOC for metabolic eliminations does nothing for horse welfare
- Biosecurity – while taking the horse temperatures for 2-3 days in the lead up to ride is relevant and good practice the other guidelines are irrelevant due to NZ's biosecurity. And they are not practical.

Ron to put the final draft together and to include the background information he prepared, and circulate to the Board for final approval before it is sent to Julian. **Action: RG**

## 7. Waitaki Club

Just prior to the meeting Marga had circulated an email regarding Waitaki Club. This was discussed and agreed that the Board would forward all the correspondence on the matter to the ESNZ CEO with the request that it be passed on to the ESNZ Board to see what legal backup they can provide.

Sue will email the Waitaki Club President and advise of this.

**Action: SR**

## 8. National Champs

- Preparation is going to plan.
- Will be applying for several grants.
- South Islanders may have difficulty getting ferry sailings due to fewer sailings being available because of Covid and Interislander having one less ferry available.

## 9. Letter to Mt Linton Club

- Letter needs to be approved before it is sent out.
- Need to add that a response is required from the club.
- Give them two weeks in which to reply.

**Action: JL**

**10. 2023 South Island Champs**

There is currently no host club for the 2023 South Island Champs. Marga will contact Mackenzie Club to see if they can host the event.

**Action: MM**

**11. Advisory Group Update**

- Tony has been in contact with DRNZ regarding a meeting and is waiting to hear back.
- Ron has been through the items and allocated tasks. It is currently with Tony for review and Ron will circulate once he hears back from Tony.

**12. General Business**

Ron, as the Endurance representative, attended the recent Taupo NEC zoom meeting. Was worthwhile attending and said that the NEC seems to be in a good financial position. Also mentioned the Horse Ambulance Trust as one of the ambulances is based at the NEC. Jo will forward the information on this to Ron.

**Action: JL**

**13. Next Meeting**

Zoom meeting at 8pm on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April.

**14. Close of Meeting**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm