



Minutes of the Board of ESNZ Endurance
Held from 8:05 on 5th May 2022
Zoom Meeting

Present:	Sue Reid (Chair)	SR
	Sue Billigheimer	SB
	Ron Guest	RG
	Jenny Weston	JW
	Marga Marshall	MM
	Nick Page	NP
	Hanna Whitehead	HW

Apologies: Nil

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- 9th March 2022

To be approved.

4. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

- No matters arising from the previous minutes.

5. Action List

- No confirmation yet from Mackenzie Club regarding 2023 South Island Champs. Marga has discussed with Wendy Farnell in March but as of earlier this week Wendy still hadn't discussed with the rest of the Mackenzie Committee. Waitaki Club advised at a Zoom meeting with Canterbury Club that Mackenzie had said they would hold the event. Board to send Mackenzie Club a letter asking them to confirm they will hold the event and to also advise what date the event will be. **Action:**

6. Forum

- Agenda items from the Board:
 - EVO Events
 - TMPs
 - Regional Rides
- Jo to put a notice on the Club Liaison page advising clubs to send in any other items they wish to have discussed. **Action: JL**

- A zoom link will be available for those who can't attend the South Island forum. Sue B to be contacted by anyone requiring the link. Advise members of this. **Action: JL**

7. AGM

- Room is booked at the Ibis Hotel.
- Cost for room for AGM including Board meeting on the Sunday is \$833 based on 30 people attending
- Board will hold a meeting on the Friday evening over dinner.
- Sue had received a suggestion that a coach host a get together on the Friday evening for those who are interested in attending. No indication of cost of the coach or the cost of a venue. Marga to check on this but would really need to be user pays. **Action: MM**

8. Junior/Young Rider Camp

- The budget for the Camp was approved.

9. FEI Series Buckles

- Discussion on whether or not to have buckles for the winners of the FEI Series (Senior and JY) next season. Not having buckles would help to reduce costs.
- Board decided to continue to provide the buckles and look for sponsorship to cover the cost.
- Hanna advised that Waipa Bulk Haulage will again provide \$500 sponsorship for the FEI Series so perhaps that money could be used for the buckles.

10. Ride Calendar

- Sue R proposed that the Board host a ride from the NEC Taupo as a fund raising event Sue would like to see it added to the calendar for 2022/2023 and held in 2022 and suggested getting some high profile riders along to enter in a shorter ride.
- The Board agreed with the hosting of such an event.
- Jenny may be holding a Zoom meeting with the North Island Clubs to finalise the calendar so this could be discussed at that meeting to see where it could fit on the calendar.
- Sue suggested it be an 80km or possibly even a 1*.
- FEI fees for a 1* would be approximately \$1200.
- Ron and Sue will look into organising a ride and Jenny will assist with the budget.

Action: RG, SR, JW

11. FEI Rules Issues

Nick reported on his visit to the FEI

- Foreign Officials - in the short term the FEI seem happy for us to apply for exemptions from the need to have foreign officials but also advised that we should be making better use of the Officials Exchange programme. The Exchange programme applies to all officials and covers travel and possibly some other costs.
- Qualification Procedure for horses and riders – the FEI are aware of the problem and are receptive to easing that a little but we need to put forward a submission so it can be discussed further.
- Treatment Vet Requirements – the FEI are already looking into the suggestion we made of having a treatment vet on the VC who could sign off on any treatment decisions made by a PTV. The FEI are open to us applying for exemptions to the number of vets required based on number of entries.

- Officials Maintenance – Online courses are now available and even the required face to face courses can be held online. Sue R will ask Heidi to follow up on this as part of her role with ESNZ. Need to investigate further as to what courses are available

Action: SR

- Junior/Young Rider Minimum weight – the FEI understand the problem and we need to make a submission on the rule. The initial ruling was based on scientific data.
- MOOCP – the FEI were interested that we thought metabolic issues were more serious than lameness. Their big concern has been the catastrophic fractures that occur.
- Biosecurity – the FEI understand that New Zealand is unique when it comes to the biosecurity issues and we just need to do what works best for us.
- FEI Solidarity Fund – this fund is available for the development of all equestrian disciplines. There is a whole host of support available that includes Technical, Coaching, Finance. The FEI have a database that is available free to all National Federations and there are add-ons available at minimal cost. This includes entry, results registration systems. This database is separate from the FEI database and is used by many Federations throughout the world. The Solidarity Fund has a defined structure with what financial support can be supplied for and it must be for the development of the sport rather than maintenance of the sport.
- New Zealand needs to take more advantage of asking for exemptions and assistance. Nick found the FEI were very inclusive, supportive and willing to help in any way they are able to.

12. EVO Events

- Need to think about this in conjunction with what Nick has mentioned regarding the FEI free database and add-ons.
- Stage one is just an entry system the same as what the other ESNZ disciplines use so not contracted to use it if the clubs don't wish to.
- Nick doesn't want to see money spent on an external system if the FEI free system can be used to support our own sport rather than paying money to another provider.
- The Board agreed to proceed with Stage One but a decision on this will need to be made by the members at the AGM.

13. 2022/2023 Budget

- Ron suggested adding a minimum of 5% increase on all income streams.
- Need to identify an additional costs or possible reductions for the coming year.
- Need to have a discussion with ESNZ to see what can be done regarding the Service Fees.
- FEI fees are budgeted at \$4000 but may need to be increased.
- Grants going to the Clubs to host the Championship events to remain at the current level now that the profit sharing system is in place.
- Aiming for a break even budget.
- Ron advised the projected loss for the current year is \$13000, up from the budgeted \$9000. Jenny advised the last financial statement received was as at 31st March and there is still some income due in as well as the profit share from both the South Island Champs and the Nationals.

14 Advisory Team

- The Advisory Team had identified six areas that needed to be followed up on.

- Ron has allocated a team leader and support personnel to each area and these were approved by the Board.
- Sue B asked for clarification on the club structure as during the Constitution Review Endurance had been adamant they wanted to retain the club structure.
- At this stage Ron hasn't looked into what alternative structures are available.
- Just need to ensure that the Constitution still allows for structures other than the ESNZ Area structure.

15. Correspondence

- Waitaki Club have been in touch with Marga to advise they hadn't received a reply. The email to them is listed in the correspondence and a reply to that had been received so the club must have received the email from Sue R. Sue is still waiting to hear back from ESNZ to see if they can assist as the Endurance Board doesn't have any power to do so.

16. General Business

- Jenny advised there are still some fees owed to the Ruahine Club for the National Champs and asked if any Annual Awards could be withheld until such fees are paid. The Board agreed that if the outstanding fees weren't paid within two weeks then the rider concerned would not be eligible for Annual Awards.
- Jo advised there are two trophies that were not returned to this year's Nationals. Has emailed Nicole Crawford twice asking for them to be returned but has not received any response. Marga will follow up with Nicole. **Action: MM**
- Sue R thanked Nick for funding his trip to discuss these issues with the FEI.

17 Next Meeting

Friday 24th June at Christchurch

18 Close of Meeting

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm