



**Minutes of the Board of ESNZ Endurance  
Held at 8.30am on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016  
At ESNZ National Office, 86 Customhouse Quay, Wellington**

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**Present:** Alison Higgins (Chair), Mark Tylee, Braden Cameron, Kathryn Nicholas, Ashley Cole, Daryl Owen, Wendy Farnell

**In Attendance:** Dana Kirkpatrick, Emma Gowan

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes accepted with two amendments regarding grant applications

**Sub-Committee Reports**

Technical Committee Report

- The Technical Committee Report was taken as read.
- It was noted that the TC would consult with Dave Kruger and Lucy Holdaway regarding rest periods in the National Rules.
- The Board questioned why they could sign up community members on the day but not first year free or full members. The following reasons were noted:
- Community membership could be done online and there was no money involved.
- There needed to be checks made to make sure that people hadn't already been a member before, before providing them with first year free membership.
- TC to work on a process for members signing up on the day for all categories of membership for further discussion at the next meeting.

Officials Panel Report

- 9 registered to date for the FEI Stewards course on 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

CTR Report

- There had been a great drive this year so far with almost all clubs hosting or co-hosting CTR events.
- Mt Nimrod and Waikato had run successful rides with riders now qualified for championship events.
- Wairarapa, Marlborough and Canterbury continue to hold CTR rides which are attracting the lower level riders.
- Growth in Intro Level – Waitomo had over 80 pre-entries for their intro day.
- Small growth at open level which could be attributed to current FEI stand downs.
- It was agreed that Endurance needed to market themselves more.

Trans-Tasman Report

- Mark Tylee had confirmation that plans were underway for a Trans-Tasman to be held in Australia in 2017 at Sterling Crossing in Queensland, with the date to be confirmed.

- Invitation would be for 3 seniors and 1 junior on borrowed horses.
- The selectors for this team would be the ESNZ Endurance selectors.
- Likely to be reciprocal event in 2017-2018 with a 120km event.
- All riders on squad would be informed once the official invitation had been received.
- \$2k was set aside in the budget for the Team Manager and Vet. It was noted that in other disciplines the riders paid a contribution towards the Team Managers airfare.

#### Junior Report

- Chris Enstrom has accepted the role as Junior Coach/Manager and was looking forward to working with the Board.
- A second person in this position is to be appointed and applications are to be called for.

#### 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Report

- Plans are underway for various activities including a quiz night to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our National Championship event

#### Performance Squad Committee

- The Board had received the resignations of Ursula Keenan and Andrea Smith from the Performance Squad Committee. Their resignation was effective immediately. It was agreed to inform Sue Reid of the resignations and discuss options for the future management of this squad.

### **High Performance**

- High Performance Director, Sarah Dalziell-Clout and Sue Reid were invited to attend the meeting to provide an update on High Performance matters.
- Alison Higgins declared a conflict of interest with this agenda item and would just listen.
- The Board was provided with a performance pathway for Endurance which showed the pathway from Juniors → Performance → Future High Performance → High Performance.
- It was noted that the Performance Pathway was a pyramid structure where you were likely to have more people in the lower squads and less people as they moved up through the squads.
- The Board questioned why the performance criteria was higher than the minimum FEI criteria. Sarah noted the ESNZ High Performance had to set the performance criteria at a higher level than that required as a minimum qualification criteria, as they require strong, competitive performance of the high performance contenders and members. Sarah also noted that this was the case for each of the High Performance programmes across the other disciplines – HP is always striving for performances that are higher than the minimal FEI Qualification requirement.
- High Performance A & B squads both had access to the same training and resources.
- There was discussion on the difficulty of getting courses that allowed riders to achieve the criteria, and also that the speeds attainable were not consistent over different courses.
- The current criteria was noted as follows – The time achieved in the second of the 2 x 160km Eligibility rides. i.e. One ride must have achieved an average speed of 16-17 km/hour as part of the Eligibility Criteria, the second ride should be tracking towards 16-17km/h and **WITHIN** 15 minutes of the winning completion on that track.

### **Nationals**

- Ride base had been inspected and plans were well underway with regard to officials and infrastructure. Funding applications were being sent in to supplement the budget.

## **Support for Endurance / ESNZ Update**

- Dana noted that from discussions around the Board table it was clear that Endurance was facing a number of issues i.e marketing, growing participation just to name a few, and that ESNZ want to support and help Endurance.
- She also noted that the Endurance Board meetings were very operational, so it was hard for the Board to get to items like marketing and growth.
- Dana also reminded the Board that land owners need to provide endurance with a copy of their health and safety policy. It was noted that if the course marker and Health and Safety person could be the same person this would solve a lot of problems.
- Membership Model Review – it was noted that the ESNZ Board's preferred model was currently being modelled further and would be presented to ESNZ's December meeting. Endurance would be able to provide feedback in the New Year.

## **General Business**

### FEI Rules

Modifications to the FEI Endurance rules had been passed at the FEI AGA and would come into force on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017.

### Endurance Rule Book

- The rule book is to be simplified to separate out FEI references from our national rules.
- Those riders doing FEI rides would need to download the FEI Endurance rule book.
- Kathryn was working on a diagram which showed the pathway to competing in Endurance.

### AGM

The Board set the date of 22<sup>nd</sup> July for the 2017 Endurance AGM to take place in Christchurch.

### NEC Christchurch Representative

It was noted that Barbara Avery was wishing to step down as Endurance Representative on the NEC Christchurch Committee. A notice calling for expressions of interest had been drawn up and would be circulated to clubs.

### Equidays

The Board received a detailed report from Natasha Guest regarding the trade site at Equidays. The Board agreed that Kathryn would write a letter to Natasha thanking her for her efforts at Equidays.

### World Arabian Horse Organisation

The Board had heard that the World Arabian Horse Organisation was possibly holding its annual conference in NZ in 2019. It was agreed to approach them to try and organise a championship ride to coincide with their visit.

## **10. Close of Meeting**

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 3.00pm.