



ESNZ Endurance Board Meeting
Wednesday 28 September 2016
Location: ESNZ , Wellington

Meeting began 8:21

Present: Ashley Cole, Wendy Farnell, Alison Higgins, Mark Tylee, Braden Cameron, Daryl Owen, Nick Pyke, Dana Kirkpatrick

Apologies: Kathryn Nicholas

Minutes of last meeting 3 August 2016 were accepted as correct
Moved Alison Higgins Seconded Ashley Cole

Correspondence

Alison confirmed that the Outback Bathrooms invoice from 2016 Nationals has been resolved by Endurance NZ claiming the damage on insurance and paying the \$1000 excess

Ashley asked for clarification on whether ESNZ had queried the MCP charge to FEI or whether that needed to come from ESNZ Endurance. Dana confirmed that ESNZ has already queried this on behalf of all the disciplines.

The Khuoros semen has been transferred to us and is currently in storage. This needs to be moved as fast as possible. Ashley will action this and auction it online. Funds will go towards Nationals.

Moved Alison Higgins Seconded Ashley Cole

ACTION: Ashley

Roflex yarding – Wendy and Alison had the opportunity to see this yarding system and were very impressed with it. The importer would like the Board’s endorsement for the product. Alison would like to talk to them to possibly get a set donated as sponsorship. The feeling was that the Board does not need to be involved in endorsing individual products but Wendy and Alison will send a letter confirming that this yarding system meets the requirements as set down in our rules.

ACTION: Alison / Wendy

Braden asked if we have a log of Board tasks to track actions undertaken and to make sure they are completed. Nick Pike said he could send us the template used by the ESNZ Board.

ACTION: Nick

Daryl to forward the Funding resolution and Nationals OC report to Board members

ACTION: Daryl

Alison moved that correspondence be accepted

Moved Alison Higgins Seconded Daryl Owen

Ashley asked if we could sell the sponsored Fiber Fresh now to release funds to pay Nationals expenses. Braden said we should open the offer up to tender. Ashley will explore this through Kathryn as to how to do this. Freight to be at buyers own cost.

ACTION: Ashley Cole

Finance

There are two outstanding accounts from the Performance camp at Queens Birthday weekend. These are being dealt with through the Performance Development squad.

Alison moved that the finance report be accepted

Moved Alison Higgins

Seconded Wendy Farnell

Technical Committee report

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ESNZ Endurance Technical Committee Report

Well the season has started with the usual problems of people entering the wrong classes, not being registered or expired registrations, or not being financial members of clubs. We really wonder about the ability of competitors to manage their season when this should be the first thing that is checked at the start. The TC feels that we have given them all plenty of notice to ensure everything is up-to-date and warned them of the consequences if not so are taking a harder stand against these breaches of the rules than we did last year.

I am very pleased with the responses & inputs coming from the TC members and in particular Dinah who is writing the letters to those competitors who breach the rules asking for an explanation & informing them of the results of our decisions. Some of these breaches of the rules have been caused by secretaries entering them in the wrong class but mostly by the competitor ticking the wrong box.

We are hearing much disquiet and concerns around the CEI & CEN being run together and whether it is a fair & equal playing field with the format that we have proposed. A letter has been written to the members to hopefully dispel the myths. This letter is yet to be sent out but needs to happen now.

We are also aware that the members have concerns about other issues with ESNZ. As chair of the TC I have written a letter to be approved to go to Vicki Glynn as CEO of ESNZ so that these concerns can be raised with her at our Board meeting.

Overall I am very pleased with the performance of the TC & hope that as the season progresses we will have less issues to deal with.

Thank you to all.

Wendy Farnell
Chair
ESNZ Technical Committee

Wendy Farnell moved that this report be accepted

Seconded Ashley Cole

Officials Committee

Wendy reported that the number of qualified officials has increased. Ron has run one National course in Blenheim and there is another one coming. The FEI has approved Ron to run a Stewards course. This should be 10-11 December but the location is not yet finalised. Nick Pike said that grants for training are easier to get than grants for other purposes. The FEI has said that an event must have more than 10 participants to be eligible for funding.

Dana said she and Heidi are looking at funding opportunities across all disciplines and we should ensure that we invite the Australians.

CTR – no report

ESNZ liaison

Braden said there has been no movement on this as yet – he is still gathering information. Braden is waiting on a response from two ESNZ Board members. A letter has gone to ESNZ in the interim. This is a work in progress. Dana said that the discipline service agreements are due to be finalised by the beginning of next season. Nick said there is a structural review happening ESNZ-wide and should be finished in October hopefully. Warren James is chairing this panel. They are looking at what is the overall role of ESNZ. Dana said that theoretically this has to happen before setting budgets for the end of May. The review needs to be completed by the end of April to have time to set budgets.

There was a discussion on the difference between being an affiliate member of ESNZ or a full member. Polo is an affiliate member and there is a memorandum of understanding with A&P. The question was asked whether an affiliate can work through ESNZ to FEI. The answer is no, it can't. FEI dealings must be through a National Federation and affiliate memberships are not covered by this.

Ashley said we need to look at what is the value of being in ESNZ rather than what we would be missing out on. Braden stated that he is meant to be doing a review so asked that he be kept in the loop of this review and all communication so that he can work through this.

Dana said she would respond to Wendy's letter to ESNZ verbally and will work with Braden on the review. Jo Lankow has not been able to attend meetings for Sport Managers which has meant that information has not been shared well to endurance. Endurance needs to be represented at these meetings. Braden clarified that Dana is the right person for him to be dealing with at ESNZ.

Dana's response to Wendy's letter to ESNZ – Insurance: All competitors must be members at some level. There is work being done on the database to make this easier. Braden asked about the scenario of one person not being registered invalidating the insurance for the whole event. Dana will check on this. Braden asked if a reply had gone to the Wairarapa club. Dana said she has not had further response on what expert advice Wairarapa had been given. Braden will go back to Wairarapa to check on this. It is important that all clubs have adequate insurance cover.

A guide to membership is available online

Dana said that we as a discipline can collect the MCP charge however we wish – across the whole membership or by rider. \$30 per horse was decided at a Sports Manager meeting where we had no one present. Dana gave the example of jumping who have very few FEI events because they are so expensive. Instead they have lots of National Series instead.

Dana suggested that MCP may be only applicable to passported horses but they have been unable to get an answer on this from FEI. Alison asked how the directive came to us that all FEI horses be charged \$30. This came from the Sports Managers meeting. Dana will write to FEI specifically for Endurance on this.

HP – There needs to be a discussion with Sarah at some point. The HP pathway was reviewed at the beginning of last season. Dana suggested it would be good to have alignment across the disciplines. Wendy asked what input the selectors have to HP. Dana said that selectors have no input on criteria – they have to work within the criteria set. She suggested that HP should have involvement with the Board around setting criteria. Braden asked if Dana could find out what the structure is for setting HP criteria. Sarah has administrative responsibility for building HP criteria. Dana suggested that the Board should have involvement in this. Braden said we have always been told HP is completely separate from the Board. Dana said in jumping they have performance committee (selector, HP coordinator, Board member) who then ratify decisions through the Board. Dana can give us the criteria/format for performance structure of jumping/eventing. Dana suggested we have Sarah or Warrick at the next meeting. Wendy expressed disappointment at selectors not being allowed involvement in HP development.

NEC – Beth Guest is happy to continue as our liaison at the Taupo NEC. At the last meeting Endurance was the only discipline represented.

40th Anniversary – Still brainstorming. There is an idea to have things available throughout the weekend, video footage, maybe a quiz in conjunction with prizegiving dinner. Ashley to look at cost of adding 40th Anniversary to ribbons.

ACTION: Ashley Cole

TransTasman – Mark has emailed Robyn Parnell and she is keen on this going ahead. She is asking for expressions of interest in Australia. This will tentatively be September 2017 at Sterling Cross and will be a 2* 120km. They have found the winner's tray.

Tom Quilty – Nothing to report on this. Clarification has been received that this is intended to be for Senior riders but could include one junior possibly. A full team of seniors would be preferable.

Performance Development Squad - report submitted

Junior Squad – report submitted

Sue Reid's resignation from Junior/Youth Management team – Alison said that she had not contacted Sue directly for the Juniors squad because the original emails were from Chris Enstrom. Ashley expressed concern that Alison's close relationship with Chris and Ursula could create a conflict of interest. Alison said that she is satisfied that this is not the case. Alison asked if the Board want to approach Sue to address or just accept her resignation. Braden said this would not be a good idea, we should just write and accept. We want the junior programme to continue. Daryl also said that we should try to talk to Sue first rather than just letting someone with her passion for the juniors and her experience walk away from this squad. A vote was called. Outcome: Accept this resignation. A letter is to go to Chris Enstrom to fill the vacancy on the junior squad.

Strategic Plan – Defer to next meeting

Grant funding - The Nationals OC would like to apply for funding as listed below.

It is proposed that ESNZ Endurance apply to **Southern Trust** for funding to pay for radio checkpoints for the ESNZ Endurance National Championships in 2017

Moved: Ashley Cole

Seconded: Braden Cameron

It is proposed that ESNZ Endurance apply to **Infinity Foundation** for funding to pay for ribbons for the ESNZ Endurance National Championships in 2017

Moved: Ashley Cole

Seconded: Braden Cameron

It is proposed that ESNZ Endurance apply to **Lion Foundation** for funding to pay for Vet Commission vets for the ESNZ Endurance National Championships in 2017

Moved: Ashley Cole

Seconded: Braden Cameron

It is proposed that ESNZ Endurance apply to **Pub Charity** for funding to pay for Hired Plant for the ESNZ Endurance National Championships in 2017

Moved: Ashley Cole

Seconded: Braden Cameron

It is proposed that ESNZ Endurance apply to **NZ Community Trust** for funding to pay for Treatment Vets for the ESNZ Endurance National Championships in 2017

Moved: Ashley Cole

Seconded: Braden Cameron

It is proposed that ESNZ Endurance apply to **Grassroots** for funding to pay for NZ Officials' travel for the ESNZ Endurance National Championships in 2017

Moved: Ashley Cole

Seconded: Braden Cameron

It is proposed that ESNZ Endurance apply to **Pelorus Trust** for funding to pay for Screen Printing costs for the ESNZ Endurance National Championships in 2017

Moved: Ashley Cole

Seconded: Braden Cameron

It is proposed that ESNZ Endurance apply to **First Sovereign Trust** for funding for the ESNZ Endurance National Championships in 2017

Moved: Ashley Cole

Seconded: Braden Cameron

Hosting agreements – Ashley and Wendy worked through these. Mark questioned the wording “Best Conditioned must use FEI Best Conditioned sheets”. If having both CEN and CEI running together does this still apply? Wendy is to check on this. This needs to be consistent over all three championships. According to the rules it does not have to be the FEI form. The hosting agreement is to be changed to read “All Best Conditioned judging will be done with the EnNZ National format:

Moved: Ashley Cole

Seconded: Mark Tylee

ACTION: Wendy Farnell

The Board agrees to pay the hosting grant of \$5,000 to host clubs upon receipt of signed hosting agreements two calendar months prior to event.

ACTION:

Grant funding – Sharon Nisbett has agreed to take over grant funding for ESNZ Endurance. The Board is happy to appoint Sharon Nisbett to this position

Moved: Alison Higgins

Seconded: Daryl Owen

Nationals – Sponsorship document has been updated and corrected. Ashley is concerned that we are selling our name short in terms of naming rights, but this was handed down to us from ESNZ last year in

terms of the deal for our naming sponsor. There needs to be more insight and control put into the sponsorship document. Sharon and Jo need to see things such as the sponsorship document before anyone else so that they can check for errors.

Braden raised a concern that Jo gets sent things for distribution before they have been through the Board. Alison said Jo can't send out anything that hasn't come through the Board.

The issue was raised that the juniors are starting after the seniors. This was raised as a safety issue last year and it was decided to have the juniors starting first. This was done at last season's Nationals and resulted in complaints so this year it has reverted to juniors starting after the seniors.

Ashley said the Nationals OC is working well and they are feeling very much in control.

North Island Champs – on target

South Island Champs – on target

ESNZ Endurance AGM – before setting a date for the AGM we need to know when the ESNZ accounts will be ready

Health and Safety – templates are available on the ESNZ website. Helmet checking is underway with helmets being tagged by appointed personnel in both islands

Trevor Copeland – Trevor is seeking answers to his ban. This has now ended and Vicky is to write to Trevor to confirm that this ban has been lifted. A letter is to go to Trevor from the Board stating that we have no objection to him starting another club so long as he abides by the rules and signs an affiliation agreement.

Vet Delegate – both Lucy Holdaway and Dave Kruger have accepted this role.

Ross Hill's letter – the reply from Sarah is to be forwarded to Ross.

National Selectors – three applications have been received for this position. Wendy Farnell left the meeting at 11.29 so that these could be discussed. Alison asked for a vote to appoint two selectors. The Board selected Wendy Farnell and Peter Birkett.

Mark is to draw up a formal job description and code of conduct. Mark is to inform all applicants.

(Wendy Farnell rejoined the meeting)

Ruahine minischedule – Mark asked if this has been approved by FEI. Informally Jo has been told that it will be approved.

Dubai Trophy – has been delivered to Jenny Hearn. She will give it to Alan McCaughn after a suitable period of time.

Age of juniors – Alison took this matter to the ESNZ Technical Committee. So long as the OC has taken all practicable steps to ensure safety of all riders then they are covered under Health and Safety.

Alison mentioned that the NZ Arabian magazine has a big article about Makahiwi Arabians. A letter is to be sent to Makahiwi congratulating them on this.

ACTION: Alison Higgins

Meeting finished at 12.49