

ESNZ BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

4th April 2018

The ESNZ Board met on the 4th April 2018 for a board meeting at Grand Chancellor Hotel, Wellington the following is a summary of key outcomes from the meeting.

KEY AREAS FOR REVIEW / WORK

HEALTH & SAFETY

- There was an incident at the NEC Christchurch while the grounds were closed – an ambulance needed to be called for the person who fell. There was a NEC Committee meeting on at the time. In these cases what sort of reporting is required?
- There has been an influx of young and new Eventing riders – Eventing may need to provide information and training days.
- Health and Safety at HoY to be discussed with the HOYL Board when they meet.

MATTERS ARISING

- Discussion around the progress of the Database.
- The date of the AGA and any issues arising from holding it at a later date than that in the constitution.
- Young Rider – A meeting was held between him and ESNZ in addition to ESNZ writing to him. He is on a 12 month good behaviour bond. There is no indication that he was involved in the incident at HoY.
- FEI B sample result – has not been released yet, rider accepted findings. The person responsible has written to the FEI to stop ESNZ from publishing the result– no response from FEI regarding this at this stage. ESNZ statement drafted ready for when time is appropriate. Rider will lose FEI points and National Series points and prize money, prize money to be relocated.

BOARD TERMS OF OFFICE

- Phillip Cornegé – the Board retrospectively appointed Phillip Cornegé for a further term effective from last year's AGA – to take this term through to expire AGA 2019.
- Dr Wallie Niederer – happy to do one more year to get The NEC indoor arena completed. The Board noted that it was valuable to have a link to NEC until the building was completed.

HALBERG DISABILITY SPORT FOUNDATION – NO EXCEPTIONS INVESTMENT APPLICATION

The board resolved that the application will be submitted to the Halberg Disability Sports Foundation for a total of \$20,000.

- \$10,000 for Para Equestrian
- \$10,000 for the Interschools Project

2018 ESNZ AGA

- ESNZ's constitution states the AGA needs to be held before the end of September, however due to the timing of the WEG in Tryon the board would like to hold the AGA in early October.
- Suggesting AGA date of 9 October – subject to getting legal advice.
- The day prior to the AGA had been set aside for Discipline Board inductions, Concussion training and other seminars.

INTERSCHOOLS UPDATE

The GM provided the Board with an update of work progressed on the Interschools project to date:

- The working party discussion took place earlier in the month reps from Jumping, Dressage and Eventing were present and went through how they wanted it to look.
- Draft plan ready for the discipline boards to go through and note any changes etc.
- Endurance not yet included in this but this will be worked on or in at somehow – getting the schools to recognise this and push through ESNZ results based.
- One of the points to look at is the fee structure – more of a promotion than full memberships \$5 “intro” – this will work up depending on how high or the level that you are competing at.
- Each event will pay an “Affiliation” fee.
- ESNZ will need to budget for part of this – may need someone to be working on keeping it up to date, promoting and organising etc. Sport NZ funding will not be available for this programme for the next two years.
- Have advised Pony Club that this is a new initiative that ESNZ are promoting – they are happy that we are doing and that ESNZ are keeping them informed as we move forward.
- The focus is to get this programme running to begin with and then look at reviewing in the coming years once a couple seasons have passed.

Comments on Discipline Input:

- There are schools and combined trainings that need to be considered.
- Some events could be “added on” to existing shows to ensure that there are enough competitions and have a greater coverage.
- Could look into Island champs fitting within existing classes/events as opposed to running additional events – may be discipline dependent.
- The high level competitors: how would these run so that all levels are included equally – a suggestion of having the high level competitors not using their champion equines.
- During international sections – these would be borrowed horse competitions.

Terms of Reference – Changes and updates to current wording

Comments:

- Comments on fees – ESNZ have set these they are able to give feedback but we are not asking for feedback on them.
- Discipline timeframe needs to be clear (they need to have back by April 30th) - if not received by this point it may not be considered.

HIGH PERFORMANCE LOAN REPAYMENT

- Recommendation from AFRC: Discussion on Discipline loan repayments and establishing a repayment plan for balance of HP loan.
- Loan repayments could start in September.

FINANCE

The ESNZ Finance Manager was invited to the meeting for update and discussion.

- There have been some issues around the export from the new database and catching up on these transactions before GST and other actions need to be completed.
- AFR Committee – structure review and change.
- Audit Tender: This will go to the AFR committee who will shortlist and provide recommendations to the board once this has proceeded.
- Additional comments: the Finance Manager is working on a cash flow model that will be easier for the board to read and interpret.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

- Terms of reference have been supplied to the board – they are effective as at August 2017.
- The board needs to consider the job of the technical committee
- Gibson Sheat have found conflicting information in the General Regulations.
- The timing of the general technical meeting – this has moved to fit in better with the disciplines so that any changes can take effect as of that year.
- Suggestions to remove from the committee the requirement for a medical advisor and the Veterinary General and to have these roles as advisors to the committee.

UPDATE ON WEG PLANNING

- High Performance Operations to provide the board with an update.
- With the loss of Wendi Williamson's horse Dressage will not have a team this year.
- Endurance may not have a team going to WEG.
- Eventing still a strong contender about to kick off their European competition - 14 riders over in the UK to compete at Badminton.
- Jumping are on track after their win in Abu Dhabi. They have had several invitations to compete in other shows.
- The #BackingBlack campaign was launched during Horse of the Year. The disciplines are also working on fundraising ideas.

ESNZ HALL OF FAME

- This function will be held at Horse of the Year.
- The board feels that a 2/3 awards should be awarded during the event to ensure that this all runs smoothly.
- ESNZ will look at including posthumous awards in special cases.
- It is not always guaranteed that there will be an inductee into the Hall of Fame – only as ESNZ sees fit.
- The Pilmer Plate will be left to Award at the AGA.

MEETING WITH MICHAEL SCOTT HPSNZ

- The General Manager of ESNZ was invited to meeting with Michael Scott around expectations within each of the organisations.
- They are looking at taking a different approach with High Performance.

HORSE OF THE YEAR

- The show ran well aside from the incidents around security and member's behaviour.
- There were significant issues with parental control, horse welfare, security and health and safety (i.e. people riding ponies at night with no helmets).
- The board need to go through issues and comments with the HOYL board (and their event organisers SMC) so that it can be improved on for the next event.
- Don is stepping down from his position within the HOYL board. Richard has indicated that he would be happy to take Don's position so we will look at a transition process.
- The board will be asking HOYL to do a review of their health and safety. ESNZ has not received any incident reports from HOY.
- Complaints and Issues Management: had a complaint re ground jury handling of a HOY issue.

PONY CLUB

- The General Manger has had several meetings with Pony Club.
- The relationship is valued and ESNZ would like to continue a good working relationship with NZPCA.

UPDATE FROM SECRETARY GENERAL

- The Secretary General provided the board with an update from her attendance at the FEI Sports Forum.
- FEI Officials in regards to age restrictions, this information needs to be passed on to the disciplines and apply for exemptions on a case by case basis due to the age restrictions.
- The National Sport Administrator has provided the General Manager a list of those officials that had previously been affected by the age restrictions and will work on the list to check to see which officials would like to continue.

ADDITIONAL TASKS AND COMMENTS

- Board invitation to the Secretary General to attend the next meeting.
- Drug Free Sport NZ is keen to work with ESNZ for testing of the athletes
- Athlete selected for the Youth Olympics
- Next board meeting is scheduled for the 14th of May at Taupo in the new centre. The start time needs to be revised as most board members will already be onsite.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on 14th May 2018 to be held after the Taupo 3DE at Taupo NEC.