

ESNZ BOARD SUMMARY

28 September 2017

The ESNZ Board met on the 28th of September 2017 at the West Plaza Hotel, 110 Wakefield Street, Wellington. The following is a summary of key outcomes from the meeting.

KEY AREAS FOR REVIEW / WORK

The Member Organisations/Affiliated Organisations and Events paper requires a catch up. It was agreed the Hall of Fame discussion will be raised again at a later point.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

- Eddie Kohlhase, Senior Performance Consultant at High Performance Sport New Zealand (HPSNZ), introduced his role and the relationship being built between ESNZ and HPSNZ.
- The board moved to develop a case under the Financial Markets Act to allow syndication of horse ownership in NZ for sport horses.
- Ms Dalziell informed the Board about the Special Regulation National Selection change.

ITEMS FOR DECISION

General Regulation Proposed Changes from ESNZ Technical Committee Meeting – 22 August 2017

- Discussion regarding Protective Headgear (8.) in relation to minor amendments for flexibility, as can be seen in Appendix 1.
- Discussion regarding Sanctioned Events (3.) involved a clarification that any event organised by any person is automatically sanctioned, even if it is not on the ESNZ calendar, which means that any event that is not approved of must be brought to ESNZ for unsanctioning.
- Discussion regarding Horse Deaths (10.) led to agreement on a wording change. FEI regulations specify that if any horse dies within 30 days of a competition it needs to be investigated.

Dressage – Pony of the Year Trophy

- Discussion on email received requesting the approval of a permanent trophy for the Pony of the Year title.

Approval of funding resolutions for NEC Christchurch

- The Board approved a funding application to Mainland Foundation for new/replacement Show Jump Poles.
- The Board approved a funding application to The Southern Trust for fencing materials for SJ arenas, boundary to Competition grounds.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Strategy Workshop Summary and Tracker

- WN apology needs to be recorded.
- General agreement that the pathway to future table is full of good material, but efforts may need to be concentrated on key areas to actually see progress. Three key areas for development:
 - Aspirational Pathways
 - Organisational Sustainability
 - People & Engagement

Database Update

- 3.1.2.5. (Automatic Grading Levels) and 5.1.1.2 and 5.1.2.2. (External Events System API) will be deferred until the budget is available again.
- The website has been finished and the database work will be completed alongside this. New launch date will be in October.
- Communicating with the community should still be a priority.

MoU between NZTR and ESNZ

- This document is the result of three meetings between ESNZ and NZTR.
- It shows an agreement to work on common projects, for example the 'Concussion Awareness in equestrian sport education campaign that is in progress.
- It also shows provided prize money and winners rugs, and the split of money across all disciplines.
- It is agreed that this could serve as a template moving forwards.
- The MOU between NZTR and ESNZ was signed.

Location review

- Sport NZ has announced it is moving premises.
- The relationship remains strong with Sport NZ and we do not see any issue with being located in separate premises.
- We can also use Sport NZ board rooms in the future at no cost.

The board resolved to:

- Not move with Sport NZ to the new premises.
- To remain in Wellington in the short term.
- To review the longer term location of the office in conjunction with Sport NZ advisers.

2017 Equine Health Association (EHA) Chairman's Report

- This report is considered a very complete update (WN).
- The Government Industry Agreement (GIA) is a concern. Most members will face 'minimal financial burden' which, although it hasn't changed, is considered a grey area and may be an issue.
- Discussion surrounding how much we would have to pay in relation to an incursion.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- The Finance report was covered briefly.
- Horse registrations are notably down, which could be caused by a multitude of factors but is most likely just timing.
- It is agreed that the Finance report at this early stage of the year is mostly for information.
- The increased membership fee should be tracked, and the annual starts and discipline starts should be monitored as they are down (but this may also be timing).

GENERAL BUSINESS

New Zealand Warmblood Association Letter

- This document concerns a lack of verification of breeding.
- May be an unrealistic target for the approximate 7000 horses that currently have ID books with ESNZ.
- Microchipping and DNA testing are future possibilities, but even then verification is still a concern.

Letter of resignation from Wendy Farnell

Some background: Ms Farnell has been involved in Endurance for some time, is an FEI official, and has been on both sides of the debate. She has requested to resign from her roles on the technical committees and OTP, but not from ESNZ. Ms Heidi Bulfin was automatically awarded the role.

Reclaim of Clifton Promise Sculpture

Frances Stead gifted a sculpture to ESNZ and has requested its return.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

The updated Terms of Reference (ToR) – ESNZ Technical Committee have a very small addition of High Performance Delegation Authority. The Board approves this change.

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION

- Appointed Board members need to be reappointed at the next meeting.
- The official opening of the NEC indoor facility will take place at the Christmas Classic in December.
- New focus on HR and proactive communication. How do we demonstrate the progress being made?
- Constitution Review Document needs to be finalised before Board feedback.
- HOY - ESNZ and HOY Board discrepancies need to be monitored.
- Helmet regulations should not be paraphrased from our regulations. The rule has been misconstrued about riding with an unapproved helmet. It will not result in a fine, the rider will not be allowed to ride at all. Possible issues with Facebook and other social media paraphrasing rules.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 6th November 2017 in Christchurch.

Appendix 1.



**EQUESTRIAN SPORTS
NEW ZEALAND**

7. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Proposed change to 138.7 due to the TC feeling that on occasion, a member of the Veterinary Commission may also act as a Treating Veterinarian (until another Veterinarian arrives, if necessary).

Article 138: Conflict of Interest

7. The Veterinary Delegate or any member of the Veterinary Commission may not act as a Team Veterinarian ~~or a Treating Veterinarian~~ or compete at the same Event.

8. PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR

This has been changed back to the original regulation, upon recommendation from Worksafe NZ, that Approved helmets must be worn at ESNZ venues (NECs) at all times while riding.

Further to this, the TC believe that 151.4 should be moved to 151.2, with a note for guidance added for clarification. 151 has been amended below to reflect this.

Article 151: Protective Headgear

1. ESNZ recommends approved safety helmets should be worn at all times when dealing with horses.
2. Riders will not be permitted to train or compete unless they wear approved, tagged, protective headgear bearing the ESNZ/NZPCA helmet tag.

15.5 in its entirety

Note: if riders are found with unapproved and/or non-tagged helmet, ~~it will not result in elimination~~ but ~~151.5a will be applied~~, and the rider can continue to ride providing they are wearing an approved, tagged, helmet. *automatically*

3. All riders must wear protective headgear that conforms with one of the current approved safety standards and is tagged accordingly. These standards may be subject to change but the latest list can be found on the ESNZ website at www.nzequestrian.org.nz/esnz/resources/health-safety. ESNZ will ensure that any changes to the standards are communicated to members and area committees
4. While riding at any showgrounds/competition venue, or ESNZ venue ~~when training~~, the use of properly fastened approved, tagged protective headgear will be mandatory.



**EQUESTRIAN SPORTS
NEW ZEALAND**

5. FAILURE TO WEAR APPROVED TAGGED PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR

- a. Any rider who fails to wear approved, tagged, protective headgear at any event, training day or at any ESNZ venue at any time, will be issued with a warning by a member of the Ground Jury or an ESNZ listed official at an event where there is no Ground Jury. The issuing officer/Ground Jury will issue an official warning card and a copy will be sent to ESNZ.
 - b. If that rider fails to comply for a second time, they will receive an instant \$50 fine, payable to ESNZ. An official warning card will be filled out by a member of the Ground Jury/ESNZ official and sent to ESNZ. The rider cannot compete again until the fine is paid to ESNZ.
 - c. A third or any subsequent offence for riding at a competition/venue without correctly, approved, tagged protective headgear will result in a further fine of \$250 and may include a stand down period which will be determined by an ~~ESNZ judicial committee~~ *or ground jury*
6. Warnings and fines must be lodged with ESNZ and ESNZ will keep a list, on the database, of riders with helmet warnings and fines.
7. The use of cameras by riders while riding at a showground/competition venue (however such a camera is affixed, whether to the rider, protective headgear, head covering, or carriage) is prohibited, unless otherwise specifically agreed to by the ESNZ Technical Delegate officiating at the Event (in consultation with the President of the GJ, where appropriate). Such a decision will be completely at the discretion of the Technical Delegate/GJ President, and not subject to challenge. In the event that approval is given by the Technical Delegate/GJ President, an athlete's decision to wear a camera while competing will always be voluntary and at the athlete's own risk.

9. MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND SERVICES AT ESNZ EVENTS

Currently there are no requirements for at least a person with a first aid certificate, to be on the grounds, at ESNZ Dressage and ESNZ Jumping events. The TC felt that all ESNZ events, at all times, require someone in attendance who holds a current first aid certificate.

Article 153: Minimum Standards for Medical Personnel and Services at NF Events

1. Prior to the event, Organising Committees:
 - 1.1. Must notify the Regional Ambulance Control Room for that Area of the date and location of the