

Synopsis of Meeting

ESNZ Eventing Board Meeting held; 9.30am Monday 20 May 2019 Boardroom, Butterfly Creek, Auckland Airport

Present: Todd Gloyn, Melissa da Souza, Graham Fox, Marg Evans, Raewyn Eastwood, Bundy Philpott

(rider rep), Jenny Draper (OC Rep), Lydia Truesdale (Rider Rep), Hamish Butler-Gallie (TAG

chair)

Attended by: Eliza Johns (Sport Manager), Kathryn Roberts (2.30-3.30pm)

Apologies: Maree Burnett, Dana Kirkpatrick

1 General Business

Welcome:

The meeting opened with the Chair, Todd Gloyn, welcoming the new South Island Rider Representative, Lydia Truesdale. Lydia is a regular eventing competitor and a member of the Eventing Canterbury Committee.

National Three Day and Oceania:

The Chair thanked Eliza Johns for all her work and extra hours she spent throughout the National 3 Day Event at Taupo. There were a number of individuals who made significant contributions to the National 3 Day including Gee and Kit Davison, Tinks Pottinger, Bryan Philpott, Wallie and Karen Niederer, Rob and Jean Johnstone, Richard and Natasha Otto and Richard and Molly Crowe and these people are to be acknowledged.

ESNZ Constitution Review:

Kathryn Roberts, ESNZ Board member, joined the meeting and a discussion regarding the ESNZ Constitution Review took place. The ESNZ Eventing Board is providing feedback on the proposed structure, relationships between Boards, and with the NECs. Other opportunities for feedback will be organised by ESNZ.

ESNZ Eventing AGM:

To be held on Saturday 29th June at NEC Taupo.

- It is hoped that performance programme demonstration utilising the indoor arena and showcasing the typical performance squad training will be organised.
- National Safety Presentation Hamish Butler-Gallie to present.
- Organising Committee Workshop Raewyn Eastwood to lead.
- AGM (1.5 hours)
- ESNZ Presentation Dana Kirkpatrick
- Lunch or early evening function to award series prizes and recognise the achievements of 2018/2019.

Open Development Camps:

The Open Development Camp concept was borne out of a desire by the sport to provide overarching coaching on

Eventing, specifically cross country riding, as well as an introduction to the sport to help athletes new to Eventing to understand and be better prepared for competition. The camps are also used as a means of talent spotting for performance programme coaches to help feedback to selectors those that should be 'watched' as potentials for future Talent ID Squads. 2017 camps were very successful and well attended. A review of the camp run in 2017 and 2018 was completed by board member, Melissa da Souza and the following was agreed by the board;

- South Island camps to be managed by South Island Riders. Date to be confirmed for Spring 2019
- North Island camp to run at Taupo 24-25 August. Performance leader and former HPD (High Performance Director) requested use of TID (Talent Identification)/TD (Talent Development) liaisons Tracy Smith and Lizzie Green and also possibly Annie Styles and Debbie Barke.

ESNZ Eventing will endorse the camps as 'ESNZ Eventing Open Development Camp' providing a minimum level of content is included. Overall the camps must be appealing and affordable of riders.

It was also suggested that OCs be encouraged to run basic training days using the Back to Basics model developed by Eventing Wairarapa. Run by local area groups/OCs will mean these are more 'available' if spread around the country and likely to get more uptake. Minimum level of content to be similar or the same as Open Development Camps but are targeted at all levels and age groups.

It was agreed that ESNZ Eventing would offer financial support to each OC looking to run Welcome to Eventing days to help with the costs. Board to make provision for 10 such camps in the 2020 budget. It was agreed that this idea will be presented at the 2019 Conference.

High Performance (HP) Update:

HP Director Simon Bennett (HPD) joined the meeting and was welcomed by the chair. Simon gave a short introduction on himself and his background.

Discussion took place around keeping the connection between grassroots and high performance, the costs associated with FEI events, and working together on course design and course designer development at the top levels. It was agreed that communication between the Board and both the HPD and performance leader (Jock Paget) was important for the sport.

Selection Panel:

National Selector vacant position and this is to be advertised and would include the revised approved job description.

Oceania 2019

It was noted that the 2019 Oceania held at the National Three Day Event in Taupo was well organised and successful on almost all accounts, although disappointing that New Zealand were unsuccessful in winning either title. Costs are in the process of being finalised but it is estimated that the result will be \$22,000 cost, which is \$1000 over budget.

Technical Advisory Group (TAG) Report:

TAG chair Hamish Butler-Gallie joined the meeting and gave a verbal report.

- Jenny and Campbell Draper are driving the preparation of the cross country design guide with assistance from Chris Ross, Tich Massey.
- There is work being done on the spread of officials around FEI events throughout the Calendar to help start discussions around names against events/positions.
- Two officials were approved for transfer at the FEI seminar in Sydney John Holmes and Mike Guilfoyle. To

complete their transfers they have to design and be assessed. The FEI now recognise 5 events at which officials can be assessed for transfer - Taupo (May and November), Puhinui (March and December) and Horse of the Year.

Young rider and Junior Short and Long Format Championships:

Expressions of interest to host these were reviewed and the venues will be announced once the Organising Committees who had applied have been contacted as to the outcome.

Board Membership:

Board has two elected positions up for rotation in 2019 and is currently seeking nominations which close end of May. Jenny Draper expressed her desire to step away from the Organising Committee Rep position to allow her to focus on her other roles; Judges Liaison, NEC Rep, XC Subcommittee, XC design guidelines working group, and roles on Matamata and Kihikihi Organising Committees. Nominations will be called for OC rep to fill this position. Jenny was sincerely thanked by the Chair for all the work and skills that she has given to the Board during her tenure.

This was endorsed by all Board members.

Future Board Meetings:

It was agreed that a teleconference should be held sometime in the next week or so, and that the next regular Board Meeting would be the Sunday following the AGM, at which time the new Board will discuss and assign portfolios and elect their Chairman.

Date for next meeting: 30 June 2019

Meeting closed at 4.30pm