



Summary of Meeting

ESNZ Eventing Board Meeting held;

24 September 2019

West Plaza Hotel, Wellington

Present: Margaret Evans (Chair), Raewyn Eastwood (Vice Chair), Maree Burnett, Clive Long, Jane Callaghan, Rosie Edwards (OC Rep), Leonne Jones (OC Rep), Bundy Philpott (rider rep), Lydia Truesdale (rider rep)

Attended by: Eliza Johns (Sport Manager), Simon Bennett (High Performance Director part meeting)

Apologies: none

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The September meeting of the ESNZ Eventing Board was held prior to the ESNZ AGA in Wellington. The minutes of the previous meetings (June) and a ZOOM meeting (August) were approved.

Chair Report.

The Chair tabled her report and opened by thanking all those present for their time at the meeting and when working on other projects outside meeting times. The Chair provided an overview of how the Board should operate, focusing on the purpose of the meetings, what the meetings aim to achieve, and how the business of the meeting should be conducted to be as effective and productive as possible.

Sport Manager Report.

In her report the Sport Manager noted the need to find sponsors for the national series as well as the need for general sport media coverage. It was agreed that the Board should review the operational delivery model for the whole of eventing before the October meeting.

New Zealand Three Day Event (Taupo) Sub-Committee Report.

The Chair of the sub-committee – Graham Fox, updated the meeting on progress to date. The Event Director has been appointed (Mrs Jenny Draper), and a funding group established. Some sponsors have been confirmed, others are in progress including a naming right sponsor. To assist with attracting sponsors, we need to obtain demographic data re competitors and spectators and their interests. A proposed timetable and schedule was tabled which was to be considered in depth by the subcommittee at their meeting the following day.

Reports.

The Finance, Taupo NEC (National Equestrian Centre) Rep, Christchurch NEC Rep and Technical Advisory Group reports were tabled and accepted.

High Performance Update.

Simon Bennett was welcomed to the meeting.

1. A review of the appointment process for a new National Selector was given, following which the Board moved to accept the recommendation of the selection panel to appoint Nick Pyke as a national selector through to December 2020. Currently the terms of the 3 national selectors all end at the same time, it

was suggested that the Board consider a staggered appointment process in the future.

2. The High Performance (HP) Team attended the Tokyo Test Event which highlighted the conditions that might be expected at the 2020 Olympics. The facilities for horses, competitors and support crew were excellent and in place, but the heat and humidity will be a challenge. HP Sport NZ are investing in heat management specialists to work across all sporting codes and there is good collaboration with our HP Team.
3. High Performance Facilities Funding. Taupo NEC has received \$5000 to re-develop the training water complex, and Christchurch NEC has received \$5000 for the purchase of FEI approved and general flags and numbers to enable them to set more than one course at a time, making for a more efficient cross country day.
4. South Island Squad Training. Because of the cost of SI-based squad riders and their horses traveling to the NI to attend camps, the HP team will now run training camps in the SI to cater for these riders, and open up the camps to other self-funded riders to help cover costs. This also provides an opportunity for coaches/selectors to spot talent not yet on squads.
5. Horse Power. The HP Director explained that there are 2 levels to the Horse Power programme.
 - a. Black Gold – this is part of a NZ Olympic Committee – Sport NZ – HP - Government scheme to attract monetary gifts operating in NZ and England.
 - b. Horse Power – this is a lower level initiative which includes monetary gifts, sponsorship and horse ownership opportunities. This has been successful in NZ, and sponsors or potential sponsors are invited to functions (Puhinui, Taupo and Horse of the Year events).

Funding and Grants.

Board member Raewyn Eastwood tabled her report into the funding climate in NZ at present. In summary it was apparent that multi-year grants and funding for pinnacle events is difficult to obtain, and that lower level, regional grants are more likely to be available. It was also noted that since ESNZ Eventing applies under ESNZ Inc, this can be complex if other disciplines are also applying. It was agreed that for the NZ Three Day Event, we should focus on applying for grants for the lower level tracks, and that the Board will continue to work with HP for funding opportunities for the higher level courses at both NECs. The Board approved the Funding Strategy as tabled.

General Business.

1. Strategic Plan. The update plan is near completion – to be tabled at the October meeting for adoption and development of key areas to begin working on.
2. Appointment of NEC Representatives. It was resolved to appoint Jenny Draper as the Taupo NEC Rep, and Nick Pyke the Christchurch NEC Rep for 2019-2020.

Date for next meeting: 31 October – NEC Christchurch