



## Synopsis of Meeting

ESNZ Eventing Board Meeting held;  
9.30am 21 March 2019  
ESNZ Boardroom, ESNZ Offices, Panama Street, Wellington

**Present:** Todd Gloyn, Melissa da Souza, Graham Fox, Marg Evans, Bundy Philpott (rider rep), Jenny Draper (OC Rep), Kirsty Sharapoff (Rider Rep), Hamish Butler-Gallie, Raewyn Eastwood

**Attended by:** Eliza Johns (Sport Manager)

**Apologies:** Maree Burnett

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### General Business

#### **New Zealand Three Day Event**

Following the unexpected resignation of the Event Director in March the 3DE working group was formed with; Jenny Draper, Bundy Philpott, Sport Manager and Melissa da Souza. They presented the current position with 90% of the event operations completed but the draft budget shows (with sponsorship and funding at the time of the event director's resignation) at a 60k deficit. Funding applications pending 26k; pledges from members 11k and Sponsorship opportunity 22.5k. Tinks Pottinger, Bryan Philpott and Jean Johnston have volunteered to assist with sponsorship and had a planning meeting at Horse of the Year. Chair recorded thanks to those who have put up their hand to assist with the event.

#### **ESNZ Constitution Review**

Review document discussed – concerns over the complexity and how Board can ensure a well-informed reply is submitted that benefits the discipline and organisation. A smaller group (Raewyn Eastwood, Marg Evans, Graham Fox, and Todd Gloyn) will look into the document to pull out the key points / questions that impact Eventing most significantly, take these to the constitution roadshow for discussion, then consolidate the feedback and provide this to ESNZ by the end of June deadline.

#### **Strategic Document**

Vision and Outcomes still to be finalised and was moved to the next meeting for further work.

#### **AGM/Conference**

It was decided to host the 2019 Conference and AGM at the NEC in Taupo using the indoor facility. Further work to be done in terms of content for the weekend. To help with costs for South Island delegates it was agreed to offer the travel subsidy to them. As Taupo is central for all North Islanders they will be able to drive to attend. Sport Manager to progress with input from TAG and OC Rep. It was agreed that a riding demonstration illustrating what goes on in the performance programme would be interesting for riders. The indoor space could also be utilised for some course design education and officials training.

## **Sponsorship**

Outside of immediate sponsorship for the National Three Day Event, the series are still in need of sponsorship both for prizes for the current season, and sponsors for the 2019/20 season. It was suggested and agreed that for the series, products and or prizes from the equestrian community would be the targeted approach and that cash sponsorship would be targeted for whole of sport. Dana joined the meeting - Discussion continued re a commercial sponsorship professional that could either take a percentage of sponsorship funds or be paid a modest retainer, with a sliding scale percentage based commission option. It was agreed percentage commission on its own is not recommended. Dana noted that there is no capacity within the central budget to cover a staff member to focus on ESNZ sponsorship. Action: Todd to raise at ESNZ board level as concept for future.

## **High Performance Update**

HPD, Sarah Dalziell-Clout, joined meeting. The Board asked if there was any further funding support available for the upcoming NZ3DE and Oceania. HPD will look at funding costs for using the indoor arena and will take up with NEC convenor.

TD/TID liaison roles – Four very strong applications were received and HP currently working through appointment process. HPD requested that Eventing invite those that unsuccessful be invited to participate in the grassroots/open development camps.

HP communication with Eventing Board - It was agreed the performance leader will be invited to every second board meeting, and dial in via zoom at other times.

The 2020 – 2024 HP Strategy is being developed in consultation between UK based riders, owners and support teams, the Eventing Board, NZ based athletes, coaches and selectors. This process begins in May 2019 at Badminton, CEO and HP operations manager are travelling to the UK for meetings with UK based teams along with a member of the Black Gold campaign.

Todd wished Sarah all the best for her parental leave. (Note HPD has resigned since board meeting).

## **Development Camps**

The Board see a continued need and value in the development camps. It was agreed that a minimum curriculum for camps run across both islands. Dates for south island camps to be confirmed; Taupo confirmed 24-25 August 2019. Coaches and costs to be discussed further.

## **Selection Panel**

Expression of interest in National Selector position to be advertised. Subcommittee to review the interest; Marg Evans, Todd Gloyn, Raewyn Eastwood.

## **Oceania 2019**

Chefs appointed for Oceania; Jock Paget – Senior A Team, Penny Castle – Senior B Team, Annie Styles – Young Rider. Selection process; due to limited events post Kihikihi and South Island combinations all travelling to compete at Kihikihi, it was agreed that the selectors will be asked to make their long list selection post Kihikihi.

## **Budget**

The new ESNZ budget template that has been created for use by all disciplines was presented. This will provide greater clarity around spend. SM to work with TAG chair on budget for TAG – note seminars and officials development. Budget to be reviewed 20 May meeting.

## **Inter-schools**

Libby Rayner was appointed Chef d'Equipe. Rider applications close 22 March and the selectors will be asked to make a prompt decision on the team as time is tight to get everything organised. Selection

decision to be emailed to Board for approval to selected riders being notified.

### **Calendar discussion – Spring 2019**

A general calendar discussion took place and included key issues across spring and autumn calendars. Bundy, Jock and others will prepare calendar for presentation at Eventing 2019 AGM/Conference. Include 2020 FEI dates.

### **Technical Report**

Hamish Butler-Gallie reported TAG have focused on four key projects:

1. Communicating minor amendments to the revised rules; notes for Riders briefings will be included in the 10min box and sent to OCs.
2. Improvements to collection and collation of reports from Events.
3. Changes to the officials' education pathway (i.e. competency based rather than time in position). The changes were well supported by the Board and TAG was congratulated for their thinking and their revised approach.
4. Rules position on TAG. Discussion re the relevance of the rules position now that the sport is largely following FEI rules. The expertise around TAG through the other positions allows for plenty of experience to feed into any rule changes that suit the sport nationally. TAG proposed the formation of an Administrator position which is to be explored. Susan Morris to be thanked on behalf of ESNZ Eventing.

There was support of the TAG initiative to move officials around the country, especially Technical Delegates. Organisers are very mindful of the extensive volunteer hours committed by local officials/TDs. The sport recognises the value in circulating TDs to maintain standards and this was also recommended by Mike Etherington-Smith during his initial visits to New Zealand. It was therefore agreed that TAG should write to individual OCs, requesting appointment of certain officials/TDS.

It was discussed and agreed that briefing sheets for all official roles would be very useful as these could be emailed to officials prior to events to help ensure they are aware of any new rules.

### **General/Other**

Kirsty Sharapoff was presented with a certificate for an annual ESNZ membership as a note of thanks for her time on the Board and as South Island Rider Rep. Kirsty is standing down from Rider Rep position as she has taken on the chair of Canterbury Eventing. A new South Island Rider Rep will be elected by riders at the April 20-21 event at McLeans Island.

**Date for next meeting: 20 May 2019 in Auckland**