

Synopsis of Meeting

ESNZ Eventing Board Meeting held;
9.30am 23 January 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), Maree Burnett

Attended by: Eliza Johns (Sport Manager)

Apologies: Dana Kirkpatrick, Hamish Butler-Gallie

General Business

ESNZ Constitution Review

The Board have been asked to read the Constitution Review Discussion document and provide feedback by 30 June 2019. The chair gave an overview of the review process which included an ESNZ subcommittee to consider the current constitution, look at all options and present the proposal to members for consideration. All ESNZ Members are invited to provide feedback by 30 June 2019 and a roadshow is being scheduled to discuss this in person with members. The board will pass on their congratulations to the subcommittee for their huge effort involved in reviewing the constitution and preparing the discussion paper.

Sponsorship

Kirsty has had conversations with many industry-based sponsors who have given positive feedback and requested more detail and time to consider. The board were asked for ideas for companies to approach as super league sponsors. This is seen as a hard level to engage a sponsor in as it is considered or viewed as the elite level which generally is perceived to be funded by High Performance. Discussion around corporate sponsorship continued and it was suggested that ESNZ Eventing engage a sponsorship specialist to help engage sponsors. It is acknowledged that a specialist company will take a percentage of revenue gained.

Calendar discussion

It is largely agreed the autumn 2019 calendar does not provide the ideal lead up for upper level horses into the national three day event, due to the cancellation of Central Districts. The board agreed that they should have a more direct input in the development of the calendar and Bundy Philpott offered to be involved in this process.

ESNZ Awards

The board discussed the ESNZ Awards that will take place at the 2019 Land Rover Horse of the Year Show and nominated; Jonelle Price as Rider of the Year; Aachen nations cup team as our Team of the Year; Pilmer Plate – Dr Peter Jarvis; Horse of the Year – Classic Moet. 6 votes for, 2 voted for Ringwood Sky Boy.

High Performance Update

Sarah Dalziell-Clout and Jock Paget welcomed to the meeting. Sarah provided an overview of the current programme noting;

- Review with HPSNZ late last year post WEG. Results weren't what ESNZ had anticipated.
- Base funding remains the same at 1.8 million but Personal Enhancement Grants (PEGs) have been reduced. Hence Eventing HP will have to revise budget and IPPs will have to be refined as PEGs fund HP and HPF individual rider campaigns. It was noted that the budgeted sum for course development support for the Taupo NEC will also be reduced.
- The 6 strategic priorities for the programme for 2019-2020
 1. The programme is being tailored to be Olympic focused.
 2. Refining UK based HP programme.
 3. HP capability and support in NZ.
 4. Ongoing development and refinement of the Performance programme.
 5. Horse Power.
 6. Investing in training and competition environment here in NZ. Working with NECs and Discipline.

Squads – Eventing Squads remain largely unchanged with regards to criteria and eligibility with the exception of Talent ID which has been changed to riders over the age of 18. There has been a name change for Further Potential Recognition which is now called High Performance Potential.

Revised structure of Eventing performance programme - Jock Paget is appointed as Performance Leader, as Penny Castle's has chosen not to renew her contract. Jock will be supported by an Admin Role, which is being recruited. Role descriptions are being finalising for TID and TD leads / lead coaches and these positions will be the key contact for these squads.

Course Design programme - HP Eventing have organised Chris Ross and Tich Massey to be provided with mentoring by Derek di Grazia, course designer for Tokyo. Chris and Tich are expected to bring knowledge back to NZ to educate riders and designers on the style of fences and types of lines and distances being used. This will help develop athletes here and prepare those who move offshore to compete.

Selectors

HP have altered the HP Selection panel with Mitty Forsyth joining the panel, replacing Bill Phiskie. Bill has also elected to not renew his position as National Selector. Vicki Glynn and Mitty Forsyth will remain national selectors for ESNZ Eventing. A replacement national selector is required, ESNZ Eventing to seek expressions of interest.

Oceania 2019

Preference is to appoint a chef for each of the three teams (2 senior, 1 Young Rider) as this will help develop the pool of chef's for future use. Jock Paget to act as Chef for senior A team. Chef for Senior B and Young Rider team to be advertised.

Course Design Contract – National Three Day Event

The Board had received a quote for the course design of the CCI3 and CCI4 tracks for the national three day event championships which was higher from their expectations. After a robust discussion it was agreed not to accept the presented quote. With no further new fences proposed for the CCI4* track and in light of the additional funding support provided by Eventing High Performance in December 2018, the board voted for the contract value to remain as per their original expectations.

Funding Resolutions - It was agreed to apply to the Trillian Trust for funding support of \$10,000 + GST for course design and delivery of the CCI2*-L and CCN1*-L and CCN105-L courses at the National Three Day Event Championships.

Date for next meeting: 21 March 2019 in Wellington