



**Minutes of ESNZ Endurance Forum
Held at 11.50am on 5th May 2018
At NEC Cafeteria, Rapids Road, Aratiatia, Taupo**

Present

Jo Lankow, Leanne Ireland, Sue Billigheimer, Susan Reid, Deirdre Bartlett, Jane Ferguson, Ruth Dawber, Jenny Weston, Daryl Owen, Murray Smith, Andrea Smith, Shantalle Geurtjens, Pippa Roberts, Ben Roberts, Sean Trafford, Sylvia Ireland, Alison Higgins, Louisa Muir

Apologies

Paula Adams, Shane Dougan, Mike Bragg, Marie Wakeling, Stu Wakeling, Robert Reid, Roger Ireland, Kara Ireland, Patricia Ireland

The forum was chaired by Alison Higgins, ESNZ Endurance Chair

Alison welcomed everyone to the forum.

Six Year Plan for Hosting Championship and FEI Events

- All clubs can be involves regardless of their size as smaller clubs can assist a bigger club
- Clubs don't have to be neighbouring clubs to work together
- Steering Committee could be formed for each Island who could liaise with the OC for each event
- Would allow for better co-ordination of both national and regional sponsors
- Many of the funding organisations are regional so could provide a better opportunity for successful applications

Calendar

- When dates are called for each club needs to nominate their preferred date for their main event.
- Clubs who only hold one event in a season should be given their preferred date for their main event
- Clubs holding several events each season should get their preferred date for their main event if possible and the remainder of their events get dates as close as possible to the dates requested.
- Calendar has been delayed due to the delay in finalising the 2019 Island Champs. North Island Champs are now sorted.
- Championship events
 - North Island Champs - to be hosted by Wairarapa Club 2nd & 3rd February
 - South Island Champs – no host club at this stage
 - National Champs - to be hosted by ESNZ Endurance at Easter. Most likely will be held at NEC Taupo but keeping options open for other possible venues.
- Non-Championship FEI Events
 - North Island – none on the calendar at this stage
 - South Island - Marlborough 1* & 2* to be held 1st & 2nd December

Invitation for Junior riders to attend Overseas Events

- USA invitation – contact has been made but nothing further since then

Multi Day Rides

- Ruahine Club's multi day rides were successful
- Nelson Club held a two day 80km. They had 2 entries for the for one day 80km but when that was changed to a two day 80km they got seven entries.
- Two day novice 80km rides are still able to be used as a novice qualifying ride. Valid for FEI qualifications.
- Some thought the horses should have to do at least one single day 80km ride before being able to enter an Open or 1* ride
- Minimum number of loops for the distance of the ride is the same for both one day and multi day rides
- Horses must stay on base overnight if entered in a multi-day ride as they are in a hold period so no different from a one day ride.

Open Elevator Rides

- Most present were against Open Elevator rides
- Felt it was teaching riders the wrong way of doing things

Growing the Sport

- Better promotion on Facebook, share with all local equestrian groups
- Send flyers to hunt clubs, racing stables, tack shops
- Information and training days
- Seminars like the one held by Ruahine Club several years ago
- Bring a friend to two rides and get a discounted entry fee on third ride
- Able to ride your horse somewhere different and have some fun
- Whole family can ride together
- Have experienced people available to help riders new to the sport as they arrive at venue
- Being welcoming and friendly important
- List of FAQ's available when promoting events
- Separate prize giving for short distance riders so they don't have to hang around until the end of the day
- Outline pathway – can start at the bottom and progress through to international level
- Get to ride alongside riders who have competed at the highest level
- Can lead to opportunities to ride and work overseas
- Follow up with promoting event after initial advertising of the event
- Promote that any horse can do it, doesn't have to be an Arab

CTR Crossover with Unaffiliated Clubs

- Need to encourage more riders from unaffiliated CTR clubs to enter our CTR events

Rule Changes

- Proposed rule changed presented.
- Should be of assistance to clubs

Pathway for Officials

- Clubs need to liaise with Officials Training Panel to arrange for National courses to be held
- Officials wanting to gain more experience need to contact OC's to see if they can officiate at their events
- Officials Training Panel currently re-writing National course content and it should be ready soon so courses can be held over the winter months
- Officials Training Panel will be ensuring the FEI officials who needs roles at FEI events for promotion or maintenance of current status are used at our FEI events
- Need to concentrate on keeping the FEI officials we already have current and eligible for promotion

Strategic Plan

- Presentation on the Strategic Plan outlining what the current Board have achieved to date

The Distance

- Is it time for a new name and new look?
- Been the same now for some considerable time so perhaps time for a change.

FEI Officials at Non-Affiliated Events

- ESNZ Endurance officials don't get penalised for officiating an unaffiliated events
- Up to clubs whether or not they use officials who also officiate at unaffiliated events
- Officials are volunteers, train at their own expense and we can't control what they do in their own time

Venues for Championship

- Is Taupo NEC the only venue available?
- Looking for other options besides Taupo
- Venues need to have some facilities e.g. power, water etc. to help keep costs down
- Very costly to hold a championship event if ride base is a paddock with no facilities

No further topics were raised for discussion

Alison thanked everyone for their attendance and the positive way members are working together for the good of the sport.

Forum finished ta 3pm.