



**Minutes of ESNZ Endurance Forum
Held at 1.05pm on 18th May 2019**

At Hancock Community Centre, 77-85 King Street, Palmerston North

Present

Maeve McLellan, Pip Mutch, Sue Reid, Andrea Smith, Stu Wakeling, Hilary Webb, Sean Trafford, Vicky Whitehead, Deirdre Bartlett, Murray Smith, Magda Dunowska, Ron Guest, Mike Bragg, Ruth Dawber, Jane Ferguson, Marie Wakeling, Shane Dougan, Daryl Owen, Jo Lankow, Sue Billigheimer

Apologies

Sylvia Ireland, Jenny Weston, Louisa Muir, Jess Kennedy

The forum was chaired by Marie Wakeling, ESNZ Endurance Chair

Marie welcomed everyone to the forum.

Horse Nutrition Talk

- Gretel Weber from Dunstan gave very informative talk on horse nutrition.

Membership Support

Marie asked how can the Board get members to engage with the sport more and how to market the sport better?

- Feedback from the South Island forum was that winter series and the seminars are good. Utilise the website better although some members don't think the website is user friendly.
- Up to the clubs to provide stories, photos and videos for publishing on the website.
- Clubs need to appoint a club publicity person to provide the publicity information for the website and the Endurance FB page.
- Ensure there are photographers at events.
- Have video clips of different groups at events e.g. 80km classes, lead rein classes etc.
- Displays at HOY and Equidays – difficult due to the type of events they are, very expensive and felt would be more effective at club level.
- Hold club days with short distance rides and educational seminars
- Canterbury Winter Series not increasing numbers overall in spite of good attendance at the events. Most of those attending only do the Winter Series each year and no other events.
- Have a commentator at the championship events but needs to be someone who has some endurance knowledge.
- Have rider and horse profiles available for the main events.
- Most short distance riders don't travel very far and don't camp overnight.
- Need to advertise events in the area where they are being held.
- Make videos when marking courses and use them for the event marketing.
- CTR good for short distances as the riders can be competitive.
- Have a printed magazine/Yearbook.

Marie advised the process for schedules for club events needs to be more efficient.

- Feedback from the South Island forum was that the TD's should be responsible for ensuring the schedule is approved and an approved TMP (if required) is in place.
- Those present agreed with that idea.
- TD's need to be reminded of what their role requires.
- Checklist required for all Officials roles.

Marie advised that the process for sending in results needs to be streamlined so the results are received by the Sport Administrator in the required timeframe.

- Set up a working group to put in place one system for all the clubs to use.
- Board will proceed with this and approach suitable people.

Marie mentioned that some members had an issue with novice horses being at Champs events.

- Novice/Intro entries required to help with event expenses.
- Hold a separate rider briefing.
- Schedule classes so they don't clash with championship classes.
- Different coloured bibs for Novice/Intro riders.
- Separate vet lane.
- Separate strapping area.

Marie stated that when the Board are running the Nationals, others don't seem to want to help.

- Raffle was to be the main fundraiser but only 60% of the tickets were sold.
- \$10 tickets too hard to sell.
- Have \$5 tickets with lower value prizes might work but some would only be able to sell half ticket numbers.

National Rules Discussion

Back to back rides

- No problem with unregistered riders and horses doing 20km one day and another 20km the following day.
- Rules allow for back to back rides providing they are done using the multi day ride rules.
- Championship classes can be run as multi day classes.

Number of Board Members

Marie advised the Board had discussed changing the bylaws regarding Board member requirements and quorums.

- Reduce the number of Board members from seven to five.
- Reduce quorum for a Board meeting from five to three.
- Reduce the quorum for General Meetings from 30 to 20.
- Be a financial saving.
- Could result in the Board being more effective.

Concerns from some members:

- Much easier to get agreement from five people rather than seven so could result in some decisions not being made in the best interests of the sport.
- Three is a low number for a quorum.

- Quorums should be worked out on a percentage ratio.

FEI Sports Forum

- Draft FEI Endurance rules will be sent to the NF's on the 8th July.
- Consultation process will then take place.
- Board will discuss at their next meeting the process for members to give feedback.
- Possibly do another online survey to gather the feedback.

CEI-CEN Trial

- The three year CEI-CEN trial for championship classes has now finished.
- Members happy to continue with combined classes.

Track Marking

- Track marking at the 2019 North Island and National Champs was very good with the disks being used to mark the gateways.
- Deirdre asked to send something through to the Sports Administrator to go on the club FB liaison page.

ESNZ Constitution Review

- The ESNZ Constitution review will be discussed at the AGM forum where Warren James, a member of the Review Panel, will be present.
- Review is still in the proposal stage.
- A Road Show is planned for all areas but the process has slowed down.
- Important that the Endurance Board put in a submission to lobby for the retention of alternative Discipline structures.
- Changes to the Incorporated Societies Act went on hold with the last change of government.
- Clubs need to look at becoming Incorporated Societies to provide protection for the club office holders and members.
- An Incorporated Society takes the liability away from individuals

Foreign Officials at NZ FEI Events

- How things get done needs to be discussed at the Officials meeting.
- NZ Officials need to make it clear that the Officials meetings what is the normal procedure.
- Riders need to question anything they think is incorrect at the briefing.
- Feedback needs to be passed on to the NZ Officials.

Distance Awards

- Due to issues with our results on the database the calculation of our Distance Awards may not be completed in time for the Awards to be presented at the AGM.
- Will endeavour to get them done manually if need be.

No further topics were raised for discussion.

Marie thanked everyone for their attendance.

Forum finished at 4.30pm.