



ESNZ Endurance Forum
Saturday 25th June 2022 at 9:08am
Venue: Ibis Hotel, Christchurch

Present: Tony Parsons, Sue Reid, Sue Billigheimer, Kate Honour, Ron Guest, Julian Bowden, Philip Graham, Helen Bray, Linda Harmon, Louise Holmes, Rena Johnsen, Jo Foster, Petria Haigh, Kevin James, Jorja James, Heidi Bulfin, Ian Gray, Nick Page, Wendy Farnell, Daryl Owen, Jane Ferguson, Ursula Keenan, Zoey Marshall, Marga Marshall

Apologies: Deirdre Bartlett, Vicky Copland

Forum Agenda

Presentation by Endurance Advisory Team - Ron Guest and Tony Parsons

Ron and Tony talked to individuals young and old, current and past riders, as well as Officials in the North and the South Island and the outcome of these conversations is that the current situation is not sustainable.

FEI Registered riders were 170 in 2009, versus 23 in 2018.

FEI Registered horses were 208 in 2009, versus 23 in 2018.

The formation of DRNZ has had an impact, however, ESNZ started declining 3-5 years prior. Feedback received was a not welcoming. not inclusive atmosphere, a lack of support of low-level riders, no progress for officials, ESNZ pricing structure is too costly.

Opportunities:

FEI

It is encouraging that riders wish to retain FEI status, which leads to international opportunities.

Culture

Focus on attracting new members, marketing, sharing ideas & recourses, filling calendar gaps, advertising rides locally.

Data Systems

Systems have not been kept up with technology and remained reliant on the Sports Manager. The new ESNZ database is now live.

Ride Calendar

Ideally an event every 2-3 weeks, with coordination between DRNZ and ESNZ.

Regions to identify where the growth may be.

Recognition of kilometres

For ESNZ to recognise DRNZ kilometres, the level of vets and officials as well as qualifying standards need to be consistent.

Rules

Ron talked about FEI rule changes applying to CEN rides.

Heidi said that the TD, Ground Jury and Vet Commission should be able to adjust the rules to suit the ride. Helen Bray was concerned with up the difficulties of the horse qualification process. Heidi mentioned that this also has limitations if horse and rider are not qualified as a combination. Kevin James brought up the passport situation where rides cannot be entered when the passport has expired.

Costs

Marketing - income and expenditure should be transparent.

Email potential new members prior to events.

Organisation

Members remain committed to ESNZ and FEI. In comparison to DRNZ, ESNZ is more expensive.

A meeting with DRNZ was initiated by the Advisory Team. Discussions were held around calendar gaps, horse welfare, standards and recognition of kilometres. Written suggestions were sent to DRNZ.

Some riders may enter rides at both, depending on track or for training purposes. If DRNZ riders would like to get up further, they will need to move onto ESNZ.

A plan of action will be further discussed by the Board.

Presentation from Nick Page re: FEI trip

In April Nick went to the FEI Sports Forum in Lausanne to discuss the challenges we are facing with regard to the implementation of rules at rides in New Zealand.

Foreign Officials

In the short term, FEI are happy for us to keep the exemptions which are currently in place.

In the future we should make use of the exchange program.

Julian mentioned that there is a possibility to apply for funding for New Zealand Officials to attend courses to upgrade their Official status.

Qualification Process

New Zealand will need to engage with similar, like-affected countries to have more influence and make submissions for rule changes.

Treatment Vet

Supportive evidence to show that a qualified vet should be able to do the treatment and sign off on this will need to be submitted – Nick to put a case forward.

Maintenance of Officials

There are Face to Face courses via webinar available. Not too costly.

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Rider weight for Juniors

For any rule change requests, we need to send a submission.

Minimum Out of Competition Time

For any rule change requests, we need to send a submission.

Biosecurity rules

Not of a concern in New Zealand.

Presentation by Julian Bowden – ESNZ CEO

Julian talked about the disruption caused by Covid in 2022, 15% reduction in membership, financial hardship, completion of strategy work, launch of the new database, HP review completed, new staff including Jo Colin, HR Development through Sport NZ and MyHR, 'Strengthen and Adapt' investment, financial performance is currently better than the budget, new relationship with Landrover, target ponyclubs to attract young riders, Secondary Schools Equestrian Championships (29 Aug-1 Sep), strategic intent for 2022-2026 where the vision is to enrich the lives of humans & horses through equestrian pursuits, 'Pony to Podium', quality horse & human recreational and competitive experiences, HP, scoring systems and a feedback system after rides/competitions.

Any discussions by members from floor

None.

The meeting was closed at 11.40am.