



**Minutes of Forum - ESNZ Endurance  
9.10am Saturday 22 July 2017  
At Trevinos, Christchurch**

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**Present**

Nick Pyke, Don Robertson, Daryl Owen, Sharon Nisbett, Philip Higgins, Alison Higgins, Murray Smith, Barbara Avery, Sue Billigheimer, Ursula Keenan, Philip Graham, Helen Bray, Anna Hynes, Chris Enstrom, Sue Reid, Wendy Farnell, Mike Bragg, Nick Page, Deidre Swain, Heidi Bulfin, Lynda Clark, Ruth Dawber, Jenny Weston, Shane Dougan, Jenny Champion, Stuart Wakeling, Marie Wakeling, Louisa Muir, Jo Lankow, Hanna Whitehead, Deirdre Bartlett, Louise Holmes, Caitlyn Holmes, Max Ringwood, Petria Haigh, Allan Haigh, Sarah Addy, Jo Hull, Pip Ireland, Shawn Drysdale, Sylvia Ireland, Samantha Jarvis

**Apologies**

Steph MacPherson, Ken McGrath, Melanie Barker, Ron Guest, Beth Guest, Kirsty Higgins, Tessa Flintoff, Ana Whitehead, Vicky Whitehead, Nadine Barker, Alice Nunn, Don Sagar, Beryl Sagar, Andrea Smith, Georgia Smith, Aaron Wakeling, Sian Reid, Robert Reid, Frank Aldridge, Jane Ferguson, Kasia Chapman-Labecka, Lisa Simpson, Kevin James, Roger Ireland, Leanne Ireland, Kara Ireland, Susan Latta, Jenna Underwood, Kylie Avery, Carla Barakat, Ian Gray, Richard Sunderland, Dana Kirkpatrick, Sean Trafford

The forum was chaired by Nick Pyke, Chair of ESNZ Board

Nick Pyke introduced himself and welcomed all to the forum. He acknowledged that the attendance of the forum was not what it could have been because of the weather, with flooding preventing people from attending.

- Big issues facing ESNZ – people, culture, revenue, database, membership, safety and assets (NECs)
- High Performance – there is tagged funding for High Performance in total. This is for events that have already been identified when the funding is applied for.
- People – There is a range of skills on the ESNZ Board. It is important to get input from Endurance to identify what endurance needs from ESNZ. The ESNZ Board is examining how they get the right culture.
- The values for ESNZ are welfare of the horse, integrity, excellence, unity, fairplay and respect. Some of these values are not being observed well. Some of these values are not being observed well.
- When looking at the membership nationally equestrian is a small sport
- Financial issues – The biggest change for ESNZ is in Community Sport funding. The discipline service fees are being reviewed, ESNZ are applying for more grants

Nick went through the slide show presentation

- Question from the floor about the proposed loan from the disciplines to ESNZ. This had been calculated based on the number of members per discipline. The amount requested from Endurance is \$7800, to be repaid in regular increments.
- Database – Zeus is outdated and a new database is currently being developed. We want to get to a database that can be managed by members. A question was as to what historical data would be carried over. Nick replied that everything on Zeus will be carried over. The

development of the new database is 100% externally funded, apart from a little staff time. Clubs should be able to enter results online. The question was asked whether this will be managed by disciplines. Nick replied that the answer is not clear on this. Jo Lankow said that for endurance one person per club will have access.

- Other projects – The NECs need to be developed to be useful to all disciplines. At McLeans Island the NEC has trails being further developed. New trails are on the caretaker's list of things to do. There is no time frame for this to be done, but it will be happening.
- Social Media – We need to be mindful of online bullying, but there is not much we can do directly. Members expressed the view that we need a stern social media policy and that social media is potentially the most damaging aspect for attracting new members and sponsors. It was suggested that an effective penalty for social media infringement would be temporary removal from the social media outlet.
- Concussion – ESNZ has a major emphasis on dealing with concussion. Health and safety is very important.
- Affiliated events – The question was asked as to what responsibility ESNZ incurs if an ESNZ trained official makes an error at an unaffiliated event.
- It has to be understood that ESNZ is not the enemy. ESNZ should be the enabler.

#### Discussion on proposed FEI rule changes

- Should we send out to membership for feedback?
- Submission re stand downs and open horses doing novice speeds – request removal of stand down for rides up to 46km. Need to research and present evidence
- FEI has no jurisdiction over CEN entries if NOT FEI registered

#### Wendy Farnell gave presentation on Officials Training Panel

- Question was asked as to how many names of course (May and December 2016) attendees were left off Course Director's report to FEI
- Nick Pyke asked Heidi to do a summary of this to go to ESNZ Board
- Make sure we use Vicki Glynn a bit more in regards to FEI – request for FEI to come down harder on nations who don't comply with horse welfare standards and rules

#### Wendy Farnell gave Ron's IGA presentation

- Question on the point about local OC paying for IGA accommodation and local travel – doesn't seem very fair when it's an FEI request

#### General Questions/Discussions:

- ESNZ Endurance Board runs the National Champs – is this working?
- Do we need to form a roster for holding Champs events? Clubs need to work together more
- We don't seem to have enough clubs putting up hands for Champs events now
- Champs event venues need to have held a test event ahead (preferably in same season) – 80/100km ride over tracks.
- Good that we have clubs/venues for all three Champs events for 2017-2018 season

#### Endurance Board

- ESNZ Board rep – Alison
- NEC reps – Still to contact current ones but proposed Daryl for NI and Sue Billigheimer for SI

#### Leasing horses for ESNZ Endurance overseas teams

- Ursula asked if we have a criteria for leasing horses when riding overseas? There are concerns, particularly in regards to clean sport testing and liability.

- Nick Pyke said that when the Eventing team went to Thailand they obtained a disclaimer from the NF to say that any positive horse swabs would absolve the rider of responsibility
- Ursula's concern was in regards to a positive swab from a lease horse owner from the previous year
- Suggest ESNZ Board look at a policy around this (action: Heidi to add to Board agenda)

#### Multi Day Rides

- Only rules are in FEI for 3\* two day
- We need something in our rules to allow shorter distance multi day rides
- Clubs can currently hold two-day 80s, but there are complications
- Suggestion that we also look at relay/team events in an attempt to try and make more spectator friendly events

#### Communication

- Very important going forward
- Do we need to revise the Board liaison criteria?
- Email to secretaries not always working as sometimes not passed on, and sometimes unofficial emails were being sent and ask to forward on. Perhaps need some privacy around Secretary email addresses?
- Clubs to let Board know what could work best?
- Can ESNZ Endurance have its own official email address?
- The Distance hasn't been published for a while – Daryl: it became very onerous and full of advertising, not really what it's intended for
- 40 minute hold also not published of late – perhaps revisit this and suggestion that it comes out weekly or when there is enough coverage/news
- ESNZ Bulletin? This was scrapped as lost the sport too much money
- Use of social media – ESNZ Endurance Facebook page used more for official items
- Can we have youtube on new ESNZ website?
- Can Board minutes have more info as last ones have been quite vague/brief
- More communication around calendars and rides needed – Jo can only have posted what she is sent. Many clubs just using their own FB pages for this
- What about an Inter-Discipline day/weekend so everyone can experience each other's discipline?
- Results – why are they not posted immediately like other disciplines? Partly to do with not having Equestrian Entries, plus clubs not sending them through promptly and when they do they have issues which need addressing first (ie membership questions)
- Question around ESNZ discipline loans – Nick Pyke addressed.