



**Minutes of Forum - ESNZ Endurance  
8.35am Saturday 28th July 2017  
At Copthorne Hotel, Palmerston North**

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**Present**

Alison Higgins, Jo Lankow, Heidi Bulfin, Dana Kirkpatrick, Kathryn Roberts, Sue Billigheimer, Marie Wakeling, Stu Wakeling, Mike Bragg, Joanne Loveridge, Sean Trafford, Allan Haigh, Nick Page, Deirdre Bartlett, Emma Tunstall, Phil Tunstall, Wendy Farnell, Beth Guest, Ron Guest, Murray Smith, Andrea Smith, Helen Graham, Ursula Keenan, Jane Ferguson, Pip Mutch, Louisa Muir, Susan Reid, Jacqui Mason, Kelly Haywood, Amanda McConachy, Jenny Weston, Karyn Haigh, Ross Hill

**Apologies**

Carla Barakat, Daryl Owen, Shane Dougan, Kevin James, Phillip Higgins, Kirsty Higgins, Tessa Flintoft, Libby Thomson, Ruth Dawber, Les Davie, Maureen Davie, Georgia Smith, Lisa Simpson, Susie Latta, Chris Enstrom, Philip Graham, Helen Bray, Louise Holmes, Robyn Mills, Maeve McLellan, Robert Reid, Sian Reid, Emma Mason, Jo Foster, Sarah Addy, Petria Haigh, John Stevenson

The forum was chaired by Alison Higgins, Chair of the ESNZ Endurance Board.

Alison welcomed everyone and invited Dana Kirkpatrick, ESNZ general Manager, to give the first presentation.

Dana went through a slide show which explained what has been happening within ESNZ over the past 12 months, where things are currently at and where they are heading. This was a very informative presentation which gave those present a clear understanding of the Organisation as a whole. In particular, the systems around concussed or injured riders were explained.

This was followed by a presentation from Andrea Smith about the new Development and Mentoring Programme that has been set up to replace the Performance programme. This programme is not a pathway to High Performance. It is an individual based programme aimed at providing those in the programme with support; guidance and structure to achieve their season goals.

The third presentation for the morning was by Jenny Weston. Jenny's presentation was a summary of the GEIS FEI results research and how it is being used for suggesting an increase in the minimum rest periods for horses. The presentation highlighted the flaws in the data the research team had to work with, in particular that results from intervening CEN competitions were not included in the database so the length of time between competitions was being overstated. This provides justification to question the proposed increase in mandatory rest periods. The proposed '+7 days' speeding fine has never been implemented to see if it effects a change in rider behaviour or horse outcomes.

This presentation was followed by a discussion on the proposed FEI rule changes for 2019 and the impact it could have on our sport in New Zealand. A submission will be going to FEI on the proposed rule changes with the main focus on the proposed increase of seven days for MRP's. The submission will recommend that the FEI drop the additional seven days for all distances completed and go with their initial proposal of an additional seven days for those going at a higher speed.

A discussion on the minimum weight for a 3\* that was going to drop to 70kg but is now to remain at 75kg. Most people were OK with the 75kg and agreed it was better to focus our fight on the MRP's.

Clarification will be sought on the proposed definitions of severe and medium injuries.

#### General Discussion Items

Biosecurity – a discussion on this and the issues for clubs when approaching landowners. It was requested that a Biosecurity document be available that clubs could give to landowners when asking for access to their properties.

Sponsorship – more sponsorship is required for the sport in general and for championship events.

When expressions of interest were called for to join the sponsorship committee no one put their name forward. Members are still welcome to put their names forward for this committee. The sponsorship committee will liaise with event OC's to help where they can.

FEI Events – more are required especially 1\* events. No foreign judge or vet required for a 1\*. Main difference between a 1\* and a club event is just the number of officials and vets required.

Forum closed at 11.30am