



ESNZ Endurance AGM Forum

13th July 2024 10.30am

Present: Sue Billigheimer, Louise Holmes, Sue Landis, Rena Johnsen, Heidi Bulfin, Chris Enstrom, Fiona Stephen, Andrea Rigby, Struan Duncan, Juanita Duncan, Helen Bray, Philip Graham, Jane Ferguson, Kate James, Jorja James, Kevin James, Lexi James, Ursula Keenan, Petria Haigh, Robert James, Sophie James, Sarah Hamer, Rachel Stocks, Wendy Farnell, David Marshall, Jo Colin, Warrick Allan, Ashley Cole, Jolene Cole, Abi Enstrom, Kelley Duncan, Karen McKechnie

Apologies: Nick Page, Kate Honour, Sandy Hickman, Susie Latta, Jenny Champion, Zoey Marshall, Grace Blyth, Fiona Skevington, James Webster, Anna Graham, Jessica Kennedy, Marga Marshall, & Kirsty Reekers

Presentation from ESNZ - Jo Colin

See [ESNZ Presentation weblink](#)

Insurance is an issue for incorporated clubs. Clubs will need advice on whether or not to incorporate by next AGM, to give time to implement by the April 26 when law comes into effect.

ESNZ is waiting before implementation due to level of financial reporting coming immediately into effect when they do. Consolidation of finances is not easy for ESNZ structure, and it needs to be right.

Public Liability was queried for private land and public roads. Private land was covered for members (officials, coach, or competitor). Not sure on situation with public roads and would follow up on that.

Presentation from Endurance High Performance - Warrick Allan & Ursula Keenan

See [High Performance presentation link](#)

It was asked how this would work for juniors. They are included same as for the senior. Because pathway is FEI based, they will need to be a minimum of 14yo with FEI membership.

It was suggested that Pre-High-Performance program should still be available, and that the current mentor squad was potentially a source for talent ID.

Annual applications to talent ID squad are on an annual basis and are not number limited. Assessment days can be co-ordinated multi discipline.

Basing overseas is possible and could be a huge benefit. Resources to be explored include leasing horses offshore. Australia was given as an example with Endurafest having been a step in that direction.

Reactions were positive to having a definite pathway forward.

Another positive is the ability to bring offshore people into the pathway – inter discipline cross over with experts. It utilises a whole of sport approach.

Board Updates

Financial – Louise Holmes

[Finance Presentation Link](#)

It was queried whether sponsorship incurred GST charges and answered that sometimes is the case.

Congratulations were given to the board in producing the first positive balance in a decade. The prize money heading was for the \$500 marketing prize won by the Marlborough club.

The cost of Buckles was raised (\$350 compared to Quilty buckles @\$47). ESNZ have sponsored 8 buckles this year and will continue to do so go forwards as they do for trophies for other disciplines. If members could find an alternative source of reasonable quality the board was keen to hear from them

IRT sponsorships. It was clarified that \$700 had been spent towards Aly gaining FEI higher accreditation and that have undertaken to subsidize travel to FEI events that he is non schedule that is needed to fulfil that. He is not getting paid when non schedule which demonstrates his commitment to the sport. He has already donated more than spent. There is a shortage of FEI vets, The board will look at other things within the scope of the sponsorship. Information can be asked for as freely available.

IRT funding is guaranteed going forward, and Landrover sponsorship will carry on but with stipulations.

Ideas for spending some of the surplus were asked for:

- Could have a 30k reserve, but what should it be ideally? Suggestions were that more would be better with a figure of \$35k being suggested as minimum as would cover a \$7k loss for 5 years.

\$5k ideas-

- bibs
- uniform marking system
- admin hours
- Marketing
- training days with professional from grass roots up.
- encouraging at grass roots level – pony club/ youth/

- Club development (marketing – news out to the new. Facebook is our biggest strength, but not as engaging as it used to be and can be very negative. Other social media platforms are also needed.
- More FEI rides – vets
- Need to not forget HP as easier to get funding for high level, money should be spent encouraging this so have a HP product to sell.
- IRT funding – other avenues it could be used on are Treatment vet training, NI & SI line vets' seminar. Treatment kit for champs.
- Making more money.
- Blood testing machine was noted, and currently with Keisha but is pretty obsolete and current tests at labs are reasonably priced and more efficient.

More ideas can be sent to the board (endurance@nzequestrian.org.nz)

Members would like the minutes to be longer and more detailed, with names so they know who they can follow up with about presentations. They also want more regular board updates than has happened this year. Plus, more media use e.g. TikTok / Reels with #sponsors to increase their exposure

Casual Membership-Sue Billigheimer

[Casual Membership Presentation Link](#)

Casual Day Membership rider fee will increase to \$10 this season and to match the other disciplines the following season.

ESNZ membership is a higher cost than DRNZ but at grass roots introductory the cost is comparable. Introductory membership can be encouraged more. 5 rides and its covered. Intro membership also get member benefits (discounts on fuel & Tyres) and voting rights.

TMP's -Chris Enstrom

[TMP Presentation Link](#)

Road rules need to be maintained at rides. This includes riders not riding on the other side of the road. Breaking road rules in other sports (e.g. cyclists) can lead to suspensions.

The Ride Briefs must be attended even though repetitive. If not, then liability comes into play. Signing the waiver is good way to ensure the riders have attended the ride briefing.

End of Forum: 1pm