



EVENTING

Minute Synopsis – ESNZ Eventing, July 30th 2021 James Cook Hotel, Wellington

Present: Margaret Evans (chair), Raewyn Eastwood (vice chair), Heelan Tompkins (NI Rider Rep), Lydia Truesdale (SI Rider rep), Shannon Galloway, Clive Long, Rosie Edwards (OC Rep), Jane Callaghan.

Attended by: Eliza Johns (Sport Manager)

Apologies: Graham Fox

The Chair welcomed Board members to the meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting (8th July by zoom) were accepted with no business arising.

Future Board Structure

The chair began the discussion with a recap of the paper presented at the May meeting and the follow up paper which summarised the discussion, specifically around how Board members could be nominated/elected and whether these processes should be the same for the different roles or be independent.

Option 1: differentiated nomination processes for four elected positions (1 rider, 1 OC, 2 Elected)

Option 2: All four positions are elected using the same nomination, notification and voting process as per current elected board member process.

There was further discussion around the rider representative position and how this might be nominated. The discussion covered many options, but no consensus was reached.

A discussion was held on how the Technical perspective is represented around the board table and if this should be a Board portfolio position or remain as it is now (TAG chair attending some meetings), or via a board member attending TAG meetings (as it once was).

The board agreed that further time was needed and the discussion would be revisited in the next meeting.

NEC Christchurch – Irrigation project funding

Water at NEC Christchurch has been an issue for some time and the NEC committee would like to purchase a travelling irrigator to water the cross country which will improve the overall footing and appearance of the courses.

The request for funding support from NEC Christchurch was first discussed in the May board meeting where it was decided that a decision could not be made until the 2021 financial year accounts were finalised and the Board knew the outcome of the NZ3DE.

The Board reviewed the tabled 2021 balance sheet for Eventing, discussed financial support offered to NEC Taupo and briefly considered other projects in the upcoming year that require financial support from the Board and it was agreed to offer \$5000 + GST support to NEC Christchurch towards the purchase of the travelling irrigator. It was agreed that the Board would continue to look at options for support once the annual work plan was decided in August.

Levies – Arena Eventing, Dressage with Jumping and Express Events

The Board discussed the levies bearing in mind the current and future uptake and use of these formats. The following levies were agreed upon.

Class Level	CCN/CCI Events (current levies for reference)	Arena Eventing	Dressage with Jumping	Express Eventing
4*/3*/2*/1*	\$40	\$20	\$20	
105	\$35	\$18	\$18	\$5
95	\$25	\$13	\$13	\$5
80	\$20	\$10	\$10	\$5
65	\$15	\$8	\$8	\$5

CEO Introduction – Julian Bowden

The Board members present were introduced to new CEO, Julian Bowden, with the following noted as items of focus:

- HP relationship – riders programmes to be shared with Eventing Board to help with calendar decisions and structure of the sport going forward.
- Competition/relationship - sustainability for grassroots competition. Restructure of funding/sponsorship – what can ESNZ sell at high level that isn't being sold at the event level?
- Joint funding for youth across the disciplines in the active/recreation space, grants more likely to be successful if done at national level.
- Coaching pathway/standard – align NZPCA and ESNZ pathways so there is one. Coach mentoring programmes.
- Secondary schools relationship – bringing equestrian into the school sports calendar. How does this work with calendars – winter sports vs summer sports, championship weeks.
- Change in thinking around scheduling of competitions to not run key events against each other – collaboration between disciplines is needed.
- What are our member propositions, memorable moments that keep people coming back?
- How does ESNZ work better as one organisation and stop silo effect.
- Strategic Plan – ESNZ
Disciplines to develop their strategic plans off the back of the ESNZ plan to provide alignment and continuity. Reviewed annually for work plans and operational plans, review of overall plan every 4 years. New ESNZ plan out for 2022.
- ESNZ Relationship with disciplines needs to be a partnership, transparent, two way – interdependence vs dependence.
- NZPCA – wider part of our organisation, meetings in planned to progress relationship

The CEO offered to meet with the Board for part of the strategy/work plan meeting in Christchurch 14-15 August 2021.

Combined session with TAG

The combined session began with introductions and a welcome to Jenny Draper (Judges Liaison), Wendy Lansdown (TD Liaison), Janene Maxwell (Stewards Liaison) and Tich Massey (CD Liaison).

- Eventing Rule Changes. These are now in their final form and ready for publication.
- Medical standards. Agreed that eventing rules will remain as they are, greater than what is proposed for the general regulations. ESNZ medical standards still being reviewed by disciplines and ESNZ board.
- Officials' development. Course Design workshop 11-12 September NEC Taupo for course designers and technical delegates. Recent course design survey of where NZL designers are at revealed that NZL is in a strong position with developing designers.

- Organising Committees can list assistant course designers on their schedule to help with designer's development.
- TAG Terms of Reference are under review.

TAG and the Board

Following the Board Structure discussion from the morning, the topic of TAG interaction with the Board was raised and following discussion the consensus was that a TAG member on Board is preferred.

General Business

- The Board discussed the addition of a CCI3*-S and CCI2*-S at the 4-5 September 2021 event in Taupo.

Correspondence

- Papatoetoe Pony Club – Brookby – Addition of Classes to Spring 2021 Calendar, Autumn date and Future Plans. Papatoetoe Pony Club request the addition of classes CCN65-CCN2* at their November 2021 event, in conjunction with their NZPCA two day event. This was approved by the board, subject to discussion with Wairarapa over the alteration to the Spring calendar.
- Need to discuss with the Clevedon and Springbush events over how they plan to run their Autumn events with the dates available.

The meeting closed at 5.30 pm.