



SUMMARY Minutes of the ESNZ Jumping Board Meeting Tuesday 28th November

Present:	Richard Sunderland	Chair	RS
	Malcom McKee	Vice Chair	MM
	Kerry Willetts	Member	KW
	Jan Hunt	Member	GH
	Amanda Illston	Member	MI
	Lucy Maley	SH Representative	LM
	Maurice Beatson	Riders Representative	MB

In Attendance:	Dana Kirkpatrick	General Manager	DK
	Victoria Martin	Jumping Sports Manager	VM
	Bailey McCormack	Jumping Communications Manager	BM

Apologies: Were received from Jenny Booth

Action points reviewed with the following noted:

- JX Live** – ESNZ Jumping has finalised the arrangement with JX Live and will contribute \$7,500 for the livestreaming of World Cup shows. The cost of delivery is \$15,000 in total.
- **Tauranga Area Group** – RS attended their Jumping AGM and provided a progress report. There is a new committee in place.
- Discussion was had regarding the size of the Bay of Plenty area and whether there was any advantage of splitting it.
- **Fundraising campaign for WEG** - ideas are in motion for a fundraiser event next winter. KW and MB are both on the organising committee for this.
- **Helmet tagging** – This seems to be tracking well, no major concerns to report. The option to do spot checks was discussed.

Matters Arising

- Outstanding \$175 debt from a non-attendance at the September 2016 training camp to be written off as bad debt.

Health and Safety

Incident reports were reviewed. Discussion was had around incident reporting process, the gathering of data and the potential to analyse trends.

DK provided update on the ESNZ concussion policy noting the following:

- Work is being done with the Institute of Sport and doctors in Auckland to construct a concussion policy. A good draft concussion policy has been created and from here needs to go to ESNZ Board then to the Technical Committee but at this point it will be ready for next season.
- At this stage it will likely be a process of checking the rider after a fall, any serious injuries or concussion related injuries will require a medical clearance before the rider can compete again. ESNZ will produce a process and system for this.
- Currently incident reports require a follow up. The Sports Administrator gets in touch with the injured person and provides them with some education. It will take time for this education to filter down.
- It was noted that areas could refuse to take entries from certain riders if they are not adhering to the concussion policy. In club rugby they have a three week stand down period to play.

Correspondence

- **Trans-Tasman Young Rider Test Official Invitation** – An invitation for Australia to send a team to compete in a Young Rider NZ vs Aus test at the Gisborne Show in January was sent.
- **Silver Fern Stakes Aus VS NZ Test Invitation** – Minor adjustment required to the rules supplied to Equestrian Australia. Need to change last rule from 273.3. to 273.2. Letter is to be amended and re-sent.
- **Letters to Squad riders** – Letters were sent to the squad riders who did not attend training camps.

Series Points Removed Report – Vic Martin

- This trend is not growing but is being picked up more.
- More people are becoming aware of the rule that states you have to be registered as an owner for rider series classes.

Performance Committee Report – Jan Hunt

- **Rob Ehrens Clinics** – An update on the clinics was provided All agreed it would be great to have Rob back again.
- **Smaller squads** – Discussion was had around the benefits of smaller squads like the Netherlands model. It was noted their squads have a more elite purpose whereas NZ squads are about at training at grassroots level. But this is something to work towards in the future.
- **Performance Committee** - Vicki Wilson has not attended meetings so is off the Committee.
- **Chef d'Equipe training** – it was disappointing there was not more attendance from Jumping. Rob Ehrens emphasised that having a chef and a coach for events, provides a better outcome but this is not always possible in NZ.
- **Trans-Tasman event in Gisborne** - Letter may need to be sent to Gisborne to ask for support in supplying horses.
- **Training camps** - A squad meeting is scheduled at the Christmas Classic. It was noted that the discussion around participation at training camps needs to happen.
- **Barcelona Nations Cup report** – The event went well. Subsequent to this event, riders have had invites to 4 and 5 star shows. The NZ branded gear is currently still over in Europe.
- Chef d'Equipe Position for WEG it is currently still unconfirmed.
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Technical Committee Report – Mandy Illston

- **World Cup Events** - Discussion was had regarding the FEI rule to have two vets at World Cup events which does need to be upheld. The other option is to write to the FEI for dispensation. The Board also needs to have a serious look at how many World Cups are being held.
- **Official Upgrade Costs** - Total cost for officials to attend upgrades is \$10k, and the board have committed to contributing \$500 on top of course fees. Kaye William's costs will be covered by the Hodson grant she received.
- Australia is now running a level 3 Course Designer upgrade course which Jumping needs to submit candidates for.
- DK and VM to investigate how Australia able to upgrade their judges to level 3. Move to pay for judges officials airfares to AUS where applicable.
- The process for approving technical officials for the North Island Championships was discussed. The Rules state that officials for Island championship shows need to be passed by the board.

- Candidate judges and course designer's process need to be nominated by area groups. This is to be added to the Technical Committee agenda for discussion before the next AGM.

Technical Officials Passed for Upgrades / Additions to Officials lists

- Louise Bradley upgrade to National Course Designer (Nelson)
- Penny Jones to Candidate National Course Designer (Nelson)
- Jane Callaghan to Candidate National Course Designer (Waitemata)
- Warren Ives to Candidate National Course Designer (Wellington)

- Helen Douglas-Withers to National Judge (Canterbury)
- Tanya Day to Candidate National Judge (SCNO)
- Katrina Inglis to Candidate National Judge (Nelson)
- Duncan McKenzie to Candidate National Judge (Nelson)
- Tracey Anne Swansbury to Candidate National Judge (Taihape)

- Jill Fannin to Candidate National Steward (Northern Hawke's Bay)
- Carol Mitchison to Candidate National Steward (Auckland)
- Kevin Sapsworth to Candidate National Steward (Waikato)
- Phillipa Howells to Candidate National Steward (Waikato)
- Sharyn Cooper to Candidate National Steward (Waikato)
- Clare Tibbs to Candidate National Steward (Canterbury)
- **Prime Minister's Scholarship** – The timing did not work out this year, but going forward the best approach is to apply for funding for a 1* program.

Finance Report – Vic Martin

- **Updating the Budget** - A mid-year report needs to be released in January.
 - **Grants** - There is the option to apply for a grant to cover some of Jumping's administration costs. It was noted that Pub charities do not like giving money to cover travel or any training overseas.
 - Next season Jumping is to apply for funding to cover technical seminars and to cover \$12,500 of admin costs.
- \$100,000 put into term deposit for 12 months
- **Volunteer Programme under sponsorship** – this has not come to fruition for the past few years so should be removed. It could also be used to fund some of the official costs.
 - **An aged sponsors debt** \$400 has been unresolved since the 2015-16 season and is due to invoicing errors to be written off as a bad debt.

Jumping Managers Reports

Manager's reports were taken as read.

Show Hunter Report – Lucy Maley

- **Training camp** Plans are being led by Tracey Lammas, but she is having difficulty sourcing trainers for a reasonable price.
- **NI and SI champs** – these events have both been held.
- **Series Final at HOY** – Concerns was raised about the function planned at HOY this year, but organisers will be able to put on an event that will be special for riders and without a big cost.
- **Upgrading grounds at HOY** – A&P committee are currently looking at improving ground conditions with cost-effective measures to upgrade the surface. Show Hunter reps on the HOY committee are across this.
- Connie Hirst has approached a potential new sponsor about coming on board as a Show Hunter sponsor. BM to touch base with Connie about this.
- **High Points** – The Executive are in agreement this should stay at four shows per area to maintain standard and quality. But something to revisit in the future.
- **Series leaderboard delays** – Conditions in the Points Coordinator Role may need to be tightened to ensure leaderboards are out in a timely manner. LM to discuss with Points Coordinator to understand what is causing the delays.

Rider's Meeting – Maurice Beatson

54 attended the meeting in Masterton where the following was discussed:

- **FEI World Jumping Challenge** - Category A and B events were discussed.
- **Concerns about dry conditions later in the season.**
- **Rider Involvement** – Riders were encouraged to get involved in their areas, pick up poles etc.
- **Taupo Christmas Classic** - Major concern were raised regarding running two jumping rings in the main grass arena at this event. RS is to talk to the organisers and NEC about the setup.
- **Area Team's Event** – There has been one round of team's competition so far and excitement will grow. Each class worth \$1500. Sponsored by Equidays.

- **Rider's Representative Nominations** - MB has been talking to riders to spread awareness about the role that is up for nomination soon.
- This is to be done online via Survey Monkey and will only be open for a limited period. Timeline to be presented at rider's meeting at the Christmas Classic.
- Voting process and timeline decided as follows:

WHAT	WHEN
Nominations for Rider's Representatives open. To be publicised on the ESNZ website and on the ESNZ Jumping Facebook page.	5th February
Rider's Representative Nominations close.	28th February
Rider's Representative nominees have the opportunity to speak at the Rider's AGM held at HOY.	13th March - Horse of the Year Show, Hastings
Online voting for registered ESNZ members opens for a limited period from the Monday following HOY.	19th March
Online voting for registered ESNZ members closes.	31st March
Votes checked and published on the ESNZ website and on the ESNZ Jumping Facebook page.	5th April

FEI Committee Report – Maurice Beatson

- **FEI World Cup** – It is unfortunate to see numbers have declined since the opening round in Hastings. There was discussion around the appropriate number of rounds and a return to having only 5 World Cup rounds and two 1* events instead. Analysis needs to be done at the end of the season.
- **FEI World Jumping Challenge** – Waikato will have two events and Auckland have come on board for next year. It was noted that numbers are also lower in these events than they used to be for various reasons. Schedules need to make sure it's the last class of the day.
- It was agreed that only Category A categories will be run next season.
- A better communication campaign promoting the event's benefits like prize money, being ranked against riders around the world etc. could help boost numbers.
- Ashburton can no longer run one next season.

General Business

- **Youth Olympics** – Selection process is underway, a longlist has been created recording all those who have achieved their Certificate of Capability.
- **FEI Childrens Challenge** – This event will be selected before Christmas.
- **2018 AGM dates** - Agreed that the ideal date to aim for is the 30th June-1st July before holidays start.

- **Nimmon Trust Scholarship** - Currently this has \$32k with a residual of \$20k. The trust do not have to give it out annually and it only comes into play when someone is deemed worthy, typically awarded to a rider with talent who has plans to compete overseas.
- There is no formal application process, but applicants must be put forward by Jumping Board. It was suggested the Performance Committee could encourage applications to apply to board.
- **Rural Sports Awards** – These awards are new and seem to be focused around A&P show sports like woodcutting. Previous winners were world champions in their field.
- **Waikato FEI Word Cup warning cards** – Explanations were received and are currently been dealt with. No further action required.
- **Inter-schools Competition Update** - DK spent time with Equestrian Queensland to find out what they do with their event and kindly provided their information.
- A National framework for NZ is being developed which will cover dressage, jumping and eventing. The aim is to work with the NZ secondary schools sports council on an overarching framework and not taking over what schools are currently doing. It will likely have NI and SI championship events then the national champion secondary school will go to Australia to compete.
- A working party will be created based off the Australian rules with the focus being a competition for mid-level riders, not the elite level. Kate Wood has been contracted to do the groundwork.
- The approach will be to foster a team philosophy and it is not designed as a money maker but could bring more kids into the sport long term.
- One challenge is how to incorporate Show Hunter. Whether it comes in later is yet to be decided.
- Perhaps in the future this project could be funded as regional sport funding is targeted towards 11-18 year olds
- ESNZ to invoice Jumping for their \$5,000 contribution to the programme.
- **National Championships Schedule** - Classes, conditions, prize money to be approved by ESNZ Jumping Board.
- Class 35 - clarification re: heights for HGP competition whether it is 1.40-1.45 or 1.40-1.50. Dispensation granted for this.
- Class 19 – to be run under 277 and scored under 239.3
- Class 34 – should be 1.25-1.35
- A note needs to be added into the schedule to clarify that this as the Nationals this event still needs to be treated with Premier status but the Horse Grand Prix will remain under standard Grand Prix rules.
- Show Hunter schedule was approved.

President of the Ground Jury	Malcolm McKee
FEI Steward	Ray Egarr
Assistant Stewards	Mark Brown (paid assistant) – waiting for confirmation
Technical Delegate	Ross Coles
Assistant Technical Delegate / Ring Coordinator	Roger Laplanche
Official Scorer	Margaret Egarr
Scorers Assistant	Debbie Wilson
Head Judge	Malcolm McKee
Appeal Committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Richard Sunderland (on-site) 2. Bill Phiske (will be on-site at times) 3. Audrey Cameron (by phone)

- The above officials for National Showjumping Championships were approved by the board. **ESNZ ferry subsidy** – BM to put a reminder on Facebook about the ESNZ Jumping ferry subsidy and the discount for members for riders travelling to the Nationals.
- **Premier Specialty Show Officials** - VM to email officials for Gisborne once they have been sent for approval.
- **Vision and Strategy documents** – Drafts of the new Jumping strategy and growth plan were reviewed.
- Amendment required having committee as pillar leads instead of individual board members.
- The idea is to report on these pillars at the AGM as this is a more strategic approach. Values should be emphasised and referred to by the board and underpin all new initiatives and projects.
- **Membership Review Feedback** - Overall things are working well, but a few minor tweaks are required. They discussed how it wasn't too expensive for members to cross over and try another discipline - e.g. it only costs \$5 for a registered member to do a dressage test. This led to wider discussion around a better cross-discipline approach.
- **ESNZ Board update** – Board structure is made up of one member per discipline, two appointed members and the NEC reps.

- A new model proposal is to go out to disciplines which may have proportional voting instead of area delegates having a vote per area.
- All agree grassroots representation on the board is important.

Central Financial Review - Dana Kirkpatrick provided the following update:

- Income is significantly higher than this time last year so looking good.
- Registrations and members are down about 150 horses across the board but riders and people are up by 400.
- Discipline starts are slightly down, but November is usually a busy month which has not been calculated yet.
- There will be a re-forecast in December for January's meeting.

Next meeting – 14th February 2018

Meeting closed at 3.20pm