



EVENTING

ESNZ Eventing Annual General Meeting

Draft Minutes

10am 1st July 2023

Location: Rydges Latimer Hotel, Christchurch

1. Welcome/Apologies

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming all Eventing board members, voting delegates and Observers to the Annual General Meeting.

Present

Raewyn Eastwood	Chairperson
Rosie Edwards	Deputy Chair & Eventing Board Organising Committee Rep
Margaret Evans	Board Member
John Alexander	Board Member
Chris Perkins	Eventing Board Organising Committee Rep
Amanda Illston	Rider Representative
Hayley Daigle	Sport Manager
Hamish Butler-Gallie	TAG representative (National Safety Officer)
Tich Massey	TAG representative (Course Designer Liaison)
Anna Gray	Delegate (Northland)
Kevin Thompson	Delegate (Auckland)
Fiona Thompson	Observer
Sonya Mason	Delegate (Wellington)
Rosie Sullivan	Delegate (Canterbury)
Don Robertson	Observer (Canterbury)
Janet Robertson	Observer (Canterbury)
Nick Pyke	National Selector
Anna Poole	Observer
Stuart Bishell	Delegate (SCNO)
Suzanne Black	Delegate (Southland)
Debra Gibson	Observer (Southland)
Sarah Dalziell-Clout	Delegate (Wairarapa)
Effie Deans	Observer
Helen Christie	Observer
Raewyn Lawrence	Delegate (BOP)
Eveline Roberts	Observer
Matthew Grayling	Observer
Susan Grayling	Delegate (Taranaki)
Brent Cheeseman	Observer

Apologies read from

Julian Bowden	ESNZ CEO
Jennifer Millar	Observer
Mitty Forsyth	Performance and High-Performance Selector
Anna Clarke	NZ3DE 2023 Event Convenor
Wendy Lansdown	Delegate (C & S HB) & TAG representative (Chair)
Jenny Draper	Delegate (Waikato) & TAG representative (Judges Liaison)
Janene Maxwell	TAG representative (Steward Liaison)
Shannon Galloway	Board Member
Jean Johnstone	Observer
Jane Callaghan	Observer
Margs Carline	Observer

Moved: apologies be accepted

**Moved: Raewyn Eastwood
Seconded: John Alexander**

2. Obituaries

Bob Stringer
Mike Manning
Mary Herrick

Three members were remembered with one minute silence for their contribution to ESNZ and Eventing over a significant time period.

3. Voting Delegates

The Chair confirmed those members present who have the right to vote;

- There were 10 voting delegates present; Anna Gray (Northland), Kevin Thompson (Auckland), Susan Grayling (Taranaki), Raewyn Eastwood (Central Districts), Stuart Bishell (C&SHB), Sonya Mason (Wellington), Sarah Dalziell-Clout, (Wairarapa), Suzanne Black (Southland), Rosie Sullivan (Canterbury), Raewyn Lawrence (BOP)
- There were 6 voting members of the Eventing Board present

**Moved: Raewyn Eastwood
Seconded: Chris Perkins
Carried**

4. Confirmation of minutes of the AGM, 30 July 2022

Moved: that the Minutes from the AGM 30 July 2022 were a true and correct record.

**Moved: Chris Perkins
Seconded: Hamish Butler-Gallie
Carried**

5. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

6. Annual Reports

6.1 Chair report

The Chair presented her annual report for 2022/2023.

The Chair presented the Eventing Board Structures and Function:

- Portfolios on the Board: Performance & Development
- Representative on the Board; ESNZ & NEC
- Advisory: TAG
- Subcommittees: NZ3DE, XC Taupo
- Functional Activities: Calendar, HP Liaison, AGM, Series, Oceania, International

The 2023 AGM completes the restructure of the Board to create a streamlined Board ensuring a balance of voices around the Board. OC reps have moved from two half votes to one full vote.

The Chair acknowledged Marg Evans for her three years as the Chair of the Board, particularly with the years of Covid.

The Chair acknowledged Shannon Galloway whose rotation has completed.

The Appointed position for the Sponsorship and Commercialisation role did not receive any applications therefore will be readvertised.

One member, Grant Porter resigned from the Board therefore Chris Perkins will fill this space until the rotation comes to an end.

Disciplines adopted one Strategic Plan as per ESNZ request. Eventing adopted to dissect the challenges in Eventing and how we can work on these specifically as aspirations. What are the quality horse and human experiences in Eventing? This resulted in a Quality Experience Framework.

The Chair acknowledged those affected by the floods and our thoughts remain with them.

The Chair acknowledged the difficulty faced by the Officials at Events being forced to make difficult decisions.

Thank you to Brooky Horse Trial for their fundraising Event for the ESNZ relief fund.

The Chair acknowledged Tich and Diane from Springbush for their quick relocation to Taupo for their February 2023 Event.

The Chair empathised with LRHOY for the disappointment of the Event being cancelled again for the third time.

The Chair acknowledged the success that we have achieved for 2022/2023 season including Tim & Jonelle Price for their World no.1 and 2 rankings as well as Kerryn Edmonds for her achievement of being world no.1 groom. Acknowledgment of those who have had their first 3* and 4* start.

The Chair acknowledged Matthew Grayling and Trudeau for their record winning season.

Looking forward to 2023-2024:

- NEC developments
- Development camps
- ESNZ Constitution
- ESNZ Strengthen and Adapt Programme
- Oceania at HOY
- Olympics
- Eventing Quality Experience Framework

Moved: The adoption of the chair report

**Moved: Raewyn Eastwood
Seconded: Amanda Illston
Carried**

6.2 Financial Report

John Alexander presented the financial report for 2023 financial year.

- 2022/2023 provided challenging conditions and the year did run at a deficit
- The goal of running the NZ3DE was to break even – this was not achieved – mostly due to entry numbers & 20% scratchings at the last minute due to the weather forecast and affects of inflation.
- Cost savings of \$19k

Where does our money come from:

- Riders
- Sponsorship
- Sales
- Grants

Where does our money go:

- 44% to NZ3DE – without this, the expenses for Eventing normal operations would generate an income

Conclusion is the impact of NZ3DE is significant on the Eventing finances.

73% of total income goes to (excluding NZ3DE):

- 73% running the sport: FEI, MiMs, ESNZ, staff
- 16% keeping riders safe and at the leading edge of our sport (Technical)
- 7% holding together: Board expenses

- 4% back to the rider support and development

ADMINISTRATION:

- Income was down, mostly due to reduced starts and levies.
- The Board has decided not to increase fees/levies for 2023/2024
- Investment of MIM clips

NZ3DE:

- Entries were flat – scratchings at the last minute
- Grants did not reach what were expected

BOARD/AGM:

- Cost control was the focus
- Significant savings

PERFORMANCE:

- No income
- \$7k was spent early in financial year for team to Melbourne
- Oceania cancelled
- Deferred development camps

TECHNICAL:

- \$20k grant for Course Design and build
- Some costs not known when setting budget
- Excluding grant, expenditure was below plan

SERIES:

- Sponsorship secured
- Prize giving at NZ3DE
- Further development in 22/23

Looking forward:

Strengthen & Adapt Roadshow – a sport wide initiative in the post Covid ERA. Encouraged all to attend a session to provide feedback which would shape the future of the Eventing sport.

Moved: the adoption of the 2022-2023 financial report

**Moved: Kevin Thompson
Seconded: Marg Evans
Carried.**

6.3 Sport Manager's Report

The Sport Manager presented the 2022/2023 report.

The Sport Manager acknowledged the dedication, commitment and time from all Volunteers and Officials given to Eventing.

The Sport Manager provided highlights from the 2022/2023 year:

- North Island Secondary Schools & South Island Secondary Schools competition. The Sport Manager was the marshal for the Arena Eventing and was thrilled to witness the young competitors being very nervous heading in to their Arena Eventing competition and then seeing their delight when they finished their round. The Arena Eventing is a great tool to provide a taster for competitors to the Eventing discipline
- FEI Officials Seminar held at Taupo NEC in November 2022. 42 Officials in total which included Ian Stark (UK), Geoff Sinaclair (AUS), Christian Landolt (SUI), Stuart Buntine (UK), Philine Ganders-Meyer (GER) Helen Christie (NZL) & Susan Ob'Brien (NZL) as Course Directors. This is the largest Officials Seminar hosted worldwide and was a consequence of Covid and the need of Officials to attend a seminar to either maintain their status or transfer up. The Sport Manager acknowledged Helen Christie and Jenny Draper for their guidance in organising the seminar as well as Denise Rushbrook and her team for their support in hosting the seminar at the Taupo Event.
- MIM clip order: \$25k worth of MIM's were delivered to NZ as per OC order requirements as well as ensuring stock on hand in NZ. Thanks to TAG for their guidance in ordering requirements and to John Alexander for arranging cost effective shipping from Sweden
- Neil Mackenzie-Hall: Neil's successful appointment to the FEI Eventing Committee for the four year period
- Rider/support people/OC/Officials/Volunteer resilience: very trying conditions with the extremely wet Spring and Autumn season. Acknowledged those Event's who had to think on their feet to adjust their Event or relocate as well as Officials ability to make difficult decisions but were in the best interest of horse and rider safety.
- Prime minister scholarships: the Sport Manager thanked to High Performance and TAG for their support in applying for Prime Minister Scholarships. We were successful in receiving two prime minister scholarships for 22/23 season – one was to send a group of Officials to the Melbourne Three Day Event as a learning experience and the second successful scholarship was for two judges to head to Bicton Arena & Ballendenisk to Officiate and complete their transfer up assessments. Here they were able to judge the top horses in the world including London 52 and Swallow Springs.
- NZ3DE was a success with the sun shining all Event. The Sport Manager acknowledged Anna Clarke and her team Alex Dempster her ran the Office and secretarial job brilliantly – the office was also a welcoming environment. The Sport Manager acknowledged the Sponsors of the 2023 NZ3DE: NRM, Wade, Penny Homes, Land Rover, Oranoa Sport Horses, Fiber Fresh, Stirling Collection, NZPH, Taupo Vet Services, Treadlite, Eventstars and C4C. Acknowledgment of Lion Foundation and The Grassroots Trust for the grant applications. The Sport Manager also acknowledged Matthew Grayling and Trudeau for their record winning Event and for also being a wonderful person around the truck with his sense of humour.
- The Sport Manager acknowledged Julian Bowden and Katie Deane-Jackson for their role in bringing the Land Rover sponsorship on board – each of the disciplines received \$10k each which was utilised for the Series and sponsorship of the 1* class at the NZ3DE. Early conversations about the 23/24 sponsorship are a desire for the OC's to be connected with local Land Rover dealerships to build long term relationships. The announcement was made that following Puhinui hosting Archibald & Shorter at the 2022 Event, they have partnered up with the dealership for 2023 where Archibald & Shorter have naming rights.

The Sport manager displayed the 22/23 Eventing Starts and Eventing Annual discipline starts trends compared to the previous years. The Eventing Starts had increased slightly whereas the

Discipline starts had decreased. The Sport Manager explained that a piece of work was being completed at the ESNZ office where the discipline starts data vs the casual starts data were being investigated to ensure that these options were meeting the needs of the membership.

Moved: The adoption of the Sport Manager's report

Moved: John Alexander
Seconded: Rosie Edwards
Carried

6.4 Technical Advisory Group Report

Hamish Butler-Gallie presented the technical report on behalf of the Technical Advisory Group.

Key Function of TAG:

- Rules of Eventing
 - o Maintain alignment of ESNZ Rules of Eventing with FEI Rule of Eventing
 - o Ensure ESNZ Rule of Eventing support development and participation in

- Support Development of FEI Officials
 - o New FEI Education system -significantly changes with two new level 1 and 4
 - o TAG has maintained ESNZ Eventing's training system status allows ESNZ Officials if they were once a List 1 Official to enter the FEI system at Level 2
 - o TAG have a list of ESNZ List 2 Officials accepted by FEI as Level 1 FEI Officials
 - o TAG has supported groups of officials for addition to FEI or promotion within FEI levels to a major FEI event in Australia as part of an intensive training prior to an FEI seminar
 - o The first FEI seminar in NZ since 2018 due to Covid was held in Taupo in November 2022
 - CD & TD approved for promotion to Level 3
 - CD & TD were promoted from approved for promotion to FEI Level 2

- Congratulations to Neil Mackenzie Hall who has been appointed to FEI Eventing Committee as TD representative for 4 years

- Thank you to Judy Haskell and Neil Mosley

Moved: The adoption of the Technical report

Moved: Raewyn Eastwood
Seconded: Nick Pyke
Carried

6.5 High Performance Report

The High Performance Report was tabled by Raewyn Eastwood in the absence of HP.

Moved: The adoption of the High Performance report

Moved: Raewyn Eastwood
Seconded: Hamish Butler-Gallie
Carried

6.6 Selectors Report

The performance selectors report was presented by Nick Pyke.
Oceania cancelled therefore selection for Young Rider was not required.

Moved forward to TI & TID and camps have been run for these – the squads are currently being considered and then squads will be announced shortly,

Moved: The adoption of the Selectors report

**Moved: Nick Pyke
Seconded: Chris Perkins
Carried**

6.7 Organising Committee Representative Report

The Organising Committee was presented by Rosie Edwards.

Zoom meetings with Organising Committees:

- Who are TAG
- Local Officials for Local Events
- Templates for inviting Officials
- Timetabling
- Practice Days
- Wellbeing
- Change the Rein
- OC survey results
- ESNZ Website & social media

Rosie Edwards, Chris Perkins and John Alexander have completed a pilot survey for feedback on Events has begun in 2022/2023. The information provided in the survey feedback remains confidential and the key trends from the feedback collected so far will be presented this afternoon at the Eventing conference.

Moved: The adoption of the OC Rep Report.

**Moved: Amanda Illston
Seconded: Sarah Dalziell-Clout
Carried**

6.8 NZ3DE Championship Subcommittee Report

The NZ3DE report was not presented at the 2023 AGM but a report completed by the NZ3DE Event Convenor, Anna Clarke was provided to the attendee's within the 2023 AGM Papers.

6.9 Media and Communications:

- ESNZ website revamp was planned but ESNZ advised that they are reviewing the website.
- ESNZ Eventing Facebook page – this is being managed by the Sport Manager. Requested that Events send reports to the Sport Manager to post on social media.
- Improve profile for the 2024 NZ3DE with help from ESNZ contractor Dani Mulrennan
- A comment from the attendees was provided acknowledging the quality of the social media content from the NZ3DE 2023.

**Moved: Amanda Illston
Seconded: John Alexander
Carried**

6.9 National Equestrian Centre Representative Report: Taupo

Raewyn Eastwood on behalf tabled the Taupo NEC Rep Report as read.

Acknowledged Wally Neiderer for his outstanding convenor role over the years – he will be acknowledged formerly at the ESNZ AGA.

Moved: The adoption of the Taupo NEC Rep Report

Moved: John Alexander

Seconded: Nick Pyke

Carried

6.10 National Equestrian Centre Representative Report: Christchurch

The South Island National Equestrian Centre Representative Report was presented by Nick Pyke.

Invitation to attend the NEC Christchurch visit 2nd July 2023 at 11am. The centre has had a large amount of work done to remove stones & smooth undulations – 13 hectares has been completed and hope to complete more over the years.

Development of new water jump and ditches as well as new covered yards, improvement to arenas, new large arena and other developments to benefit all disciplines.

A question was raised about the potential of building a covered arena in the future – this is not currently the highest priority. A questionnaire has been released to users to analyse what they consider is the highest priority.

A question was raised if a permanent dressage area could be set up. Explained that there is a dressage arena permanently set up behind the stable complex.

Moved: The adoption of the Christchurch NEC Rep Report

Moved: Helen Christie

Seconded: Brent Cheeseman

Carried

6.10 Riders Rep Report

Amanda Illston presented the Riders Rep report.

The rain and sodden grounds affected the Events significantly. Despite this, there were great Events held.

Introduction of CCN80cm-L at the 2023 NZ3DE – initially this received some negative feedback but overall this was really positive and those who competed was generally well received.

The calendar is a work in progress and there will be an initiative moving forward to make the calendar process more conducive for OC's and Riders.

Premature discussions for all discipline Development Camp approach to be considered for the 2023/2024 season. There is potential for funding from Sports NZ for these Development Camps.

The Rider's Representative acknowledged Monica Spencer's performance at the World Equestrian Games and being able to achieve this based in NZ.

Moved the adoption of the Riders Rep Report

Moved: Amanda Illston
Seconded: John Alexander
Carried

7. Election of Board Members

7.1 Ratification of Appointments

The new Board structure resulted in a call for nominations for the Appointed position.

The Eventing Board received one application from Raewyn Eastwood which the Appointed Panel agreed to.

The Chair called the voting delegates to ratify the appointment of Raewyn Eastwood to the Eventing Board for a three year term 2022 – 2025.

Unanimous

The chair recognised the appointment of Wendy Lansdown as the Chair of the Technical Advisory Group for a three year term, 2022-2025 and also the reappointment of Hamish Butler-Gallie as National Safety Officer for a three year term 2022-2025 on the Technical Advisory Group.

8. Remits

There were no remits received.

9. Board Member remuneration

The chair explained to the meeting that currently there is no remuneration for board members and proposed no change for the coming year.

Moved: That the board remuneration stays at the current level

Moved: Raewyn Eastwood
Seconded: Marg Evans
Carried

10. Appointment of Nine voting Delegates for attendance at the ESNZ AGA 21 September 2023

It was announced that the Equestrian Sports New Zealand Annual General Assembly will be held on 21 September in Wellington as well as via Zoom.

The nine Delegates chosen were:

- Raewyn Eastwood
- Sonya Mason
- Marg Evans
- Rosie Edwards
- John Alexander
- Wendy Lansdown
- Amanda Illston or delegate from Riders perspective

- Chris Perkins
- Don Robertson

The chair moved that the nine members above are accepted as Voting Delegates to attend the ESNZ AGA.

Moved: Chris Perkins
Seconded: John Alexander
Carried

11. General Business

Question was raised as to why members have to pay for their membership with their credit card rather than being able to pay via bank transfer – feels as though is unsafe and that bank transfer should be an option. The Chair explained that there is a considerable amount of time required to manage these transactions by paid ESNZ staff and acknowledges that this concern has been raised by other members.

Suggestion that the 5% transaction fee be included and this be used to pay the membership services wage. Acknowledged this feedback and suggestion and advised that this information will be passed on to ESNZ via the ESNZ Eventing representative, Marg Evans.

With no further business the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 12.20pm.