

Minutes of North Island Riders' Meeting
Thursday 14th February 2019, 6.30pm
Held at National Championships, Manfeild

Present:

Bill Noble, Rosanne Rix, Debra Cowen, Christine Weal, Julie Flintoff, Paula Stuart, Susan Tomlin, Sarita Kennedy, Victoria Wall, Wendy Hamerton, Jody Hartstone and groom Ben, Rachel Sutton, Rachel Hughes, Gwyn Hughes, Gaylene Lennard, Mandy Littlejohn, Julie Flintoff, Paula Brown, Samantha Fechney, Carole Christensen, Natalie van Biljon,

Apologies:

Lynley & Madison Schollum, Julie Malcolm, Peter & Debbie Barke, Otilie Upshall.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Approved as correct - Julie Flintoff
Seconded – Alicia Zeludko

Matters arising from minutes:

Debra Cowen gave an update on facilities at Taupo which should all be rectified in time for Nationals next year.

Nationals – duration of competition – Rosanne Rix said Wellington riders keen for a shorter competition. Riders may be unhappy to use grass but might not have an option if competition over 2 days due to availability of arena space.

General Business:

1.Nomination of riders rep.

No nominations received and none forthcoming from the floor. A rider present at the meeting is prepared to take over the role at the next meeting. Alicia agreed to continue in the role for the coming year. Riders approved.

2. Performance Committee representative

Performance Committee (PC) would like a rider representative on this committee. Discussion was held on the process of appointing a rider. Riders present felt that it should, in the interim, be one of the riders reps.

Wendy gave background report on this committee. Notes:-*PC has been a DNZ committee overseeing YR dev camp, U25 squads, Dev squads leading into HP squads. PC have asked DNZ if they will take over High Perf part. PC would like a rider rep on that committee to add value. New committee will have a HP coach,*

rider, YR convenors, selector, riders rep. Can be from a squad in the future, maybe outside because of conflict of interest. Role is where do squad members go, What the pathway to HP should be, find a way to develop the sport through squad system - or would those riders have developed on their own without squad system. Coaches to work more closely together. DNZ need your input.

Jody commented that it shouldn't necessarily be riders rep. It would be good to get right rider for the job that can offer a different skillset. Could be voted via Area Delegateat Planning Meeting.

Alicia suggested we could ask for expressions of interest? Need to consider who would make the choice of rider.

Bill suggested that the riders rep take on this role for now and see how role develops. Facebook could become popularity driven.

Majority agreed that the position should be filled by the Riders rep for now. Need to work with Sth Island Riders Rep Jude Nichols to broaden the vote.

The recommendation from this meeting is that a riders rep would be the suitable person.

Riders present were asked to feedback ideas to Alicia and Wendy will talk to Jude Nicholls. Riders need to think about criteria for this position.

PC should meet at least every 2 months. Considerations are Tokyo next year, YR camps, broad scope, but would be guided by budget.

Alicia will obtain information on the deadline.

Next Board meeting is 29 March and Wendy would appreciate some ideas for Planning Meeting.

3. New tests

Wendy asked if riders would prefer a Book or download tests online.

Downloads would be free. Income from books, over 4 year period since 2013, was in the vicinity of \$15,000 profit.

DNZ pay an annual licence fee of \$2,500.

Wendy gave details of the licence. Riders were asked, if a book was produced, what would they like in the contents, e.g. tests or diagrams. Tests are new so diagrams would need to be rewritten.

Print a book – we would be using equestrian Australia tests.

Overwhelming vote for book with diagrams.

Susan Tomlin asked Wendy about the grading system of new tests. Wendy said they were trying to gather information so that once decision is made that we adopt these tests . Discussion document is on the website, which riders can view at ESNZ.org email. If no one wants the EA tests riders need to tell DNZ as Board has supported this. If this is not what the membership wants then the Board would have to support this.

General feeling was membership here didn't want to go down Australian track. Latest discussion document proposal was to retain Level 4 which will be called Medium which is different to Australia. Feedback from Australia who like what we are proposing. Proposals, 123 same, 4, same, 5 will be flying change introduced will be simpler. Level 6 – towards but doesn't include PSG. Levels 5 & 6 more inviting than when what we have now.

PSg and Int 1 – together at same Level. Gives horses more time to get established. Bill described new proposed tests.

Int 2 and baby GP.

Current proposal not the necessity to change the grading system.

Horses with only PSG points will have the option of staying in the small tour or go back and sit in new level 6 This will be the most substantial change. Fits more neatly with CDI. More encouraging for riders.

Alicia – a lot of grass roots riders... nicer progression for amateur riders.

Only 18% of riders progress beyond Level 4.

Level 1 – Wendy – AUS tests only have 3 tests at Prelim level. Would level 1 riders prefer to have 4 tests. Rosanne – some shows have 6,7,8,PSG for warmup test then run it again. Run same 1 twice if needs be.

Next meeting North Island Champs – TBC

Cards circulated for Julie Brougham.

Meeting close at 7.16.