

Board Meeting Summary – April 2020

The April Board meeting was held on Wednesday evening, 15 April via teleconference. A detailed discussion around the communication and governance protocols for Board resolutions occurred, particularly in relation to the increased email and virtual discussions being had due to the COVID19 pandemic and subsequent social distancing practises. The Board agreed that a majority of 75% is acceptable for decisions to occur in a timely and efficient manner.

Review of previous minutes raised the outstanding request for the Dressage Judges Committee to once again be absorbed as a sub-committee under Dressage SA. This motion was moved by Peter Graham, seconded by Wayne Copping and carried.

An initial review of the approach to Measuring in SA has been done and members involved in the review summarised their findings to date. Further discussions will occur as part of the Discipline Committee Governance Review that is currently ongoing by a smaller working group.

The Discipline Committee Review is progressing well, with more than 27 submissions being received via the confidential email address. At the next working group meeting, interview questions will be discussed and a proposal to meet with the Show Horse committee Chair and committee members, in the first instance.

A request to extend the DC Review submission window resulted in an extension of one week being granted, until Wednesday 22 April.

The Discipline Committee review has been the main focus regarding the 2019 Governance Review Implementation Plan, however it was noted that as the majority of Board members agree with their assigned tasks for the Implementation Plan, that these should also proceed.

The Board discussed the implications of COVID19 and what it means for the ESA membership and staff. Further review of the ESA finances will help the Board to understand whether ESA will be eligible for the Government's JobKeeper scheme. Discussion was also had around how ESA and the Discipline Committees can continue to engage members, including running online programs and education series.

The topic of membership renewals was also raised, particularly around what the insurance premiums and national levies will be for 2020/21, given the inability to run competitions. This will be followed up by the State Manager.

Finally, the Board discussed the draft EA strategic plan and raised some questions and comments to be discussed with the EA Chair.

Meeting closed at 10.39pm with the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday 20 May, 7pm.