



Board Meeting Summary – September 2020

The Board met on 16 September 2020, via Webex. Previous minutes were accepted, and outstanding actions reviewed. A number of actions have been carried over due to being overtaken by other priorities. Some of the areas of focus over the next month include; swabbing protocols, revision of membership categories, definitions and costs and additional MPIOs to be listed on the ESA website.

Stephen Ludlam (SL) summarised the Equestrian Australia Special General Meeting that was held on 15 September 2020, at which proposed constitutional changes were accepted. KordaMentha will now move to put forward an Interim Board prior to exiting the company (EA). SL advised that the collaboration between the state branches through the Administration process was noteworthy and that engagement with members is an ongoing priority for ESA.

Ongoing Governance reform continues to remain a priority, with the Discipline Committee Review nearing an end. A final summary report will be released in due course.

Wendy Schaeffer (WS) and Helen Coleiro (HC) provided an update of the Executive Officer recruitment process and confirmed that a preferred candidate had been identified but had not been offered a contract as yet.

Further discussion was held around how Day/Event membership can be practically offered by ESA. This will be detailed in a paper and once finalised, will be offered to all clubs, organising committees and working parties.

Ongoing discussions with Pony Club SA were highlighted, with a particular interest in collaborating on proposals that could benefit both ESA and PCA members. These discussions will continue with the intention of being able to offer more benefits to members across both associations.

HC provided an update on the financial position of the organisation as at the 19-20 financial year. ESA is awaiting the final audit report but expects to be in a reasonably sound position. It was noted that more support needs to be given to Discipline Committees in planning and budgeting for each financial year, and ensuring that cross discipline activities can be delivered efficiently.

The Board discussed the position and current activities of each discipline.

The next meeting will be held on 21 October 2020.