

## **Competitors Conference**

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

Dudley Hall, Inglewood

### **Meeting opened 5.12pm**

**Present:** Brian Howat, Mark Pincock, Rachel Buckthought, Phil Shailer, Ernie Powell, Warren Jeffery, Wayne Buckthought, Tom Baeriswyl, Daniel Howat, Liam Hoffman, Rhys O'Brien, Gary West, Carl Morris, Richard Hall, Brian Hall, Greg McDell, Neville Mather, Archie Griffin, Glenn D'Ath, Jarred Biggs, Kevin Hermansen, Dan Cowper, Derek Smyth, Steve Thomason, Philip Walton, Brendan Austin, Stuart Mickell, Chris Tomalin, Russell Luders, Russell Biggs, Scott Biggs, Sam Thomsen, *Princess Michelle Caldwell*, Cohin Thomason, Paul Chapman, Shane Beech, Melanie McFarlane, Shane Hazelden, Ash Clark, Kurt Johnson, Garry Preston, John Smith, Nicola Potter, Craig Potter, Nathan Fogden, Mike Gibbons.

**Apologies:** Rowan Huckstep

### **Reports:**

#### ***National Competitions Officer:***

Thank you, I would like to thank all of the clubs that had to do the hard yards with the councils, EBTDC being the first set to the challenge, with great results. Some of the clubs only visited one council for consent making for a tense moment before the start of the event. Massive thanks to Mike Gee-Taylor for running the first 2-day event for the sport, there was a 50/50 split on competitors as to if they would like to do it again. Thanks to the committee for their support even if I wasn't their first choice. Thanks to Tom Baeriswyl for the trophy design and to Derek Smyth for getting them cut out and the stickers printed and to Daniel Howat for sorting out the finishing work that took 4 nights of hell in my house.

Daniel also sorted out the certificates and if you look closely you will see that each certificate is personalised with that competitor's truck on their own certificate and a huge thanks to Rachel Buckthought for getting them all printed.

I took the job on to follow the court case through to see what was going to happen to the sport, from this there are a few remits to give the ENCC more control to stop events or close obstacles if required. The NZFWDA has brought in regulations as a result of their sentencing, I think they are on the right track but taking the control away from the members is not a good thing. Closing off the season early was a hard call, with many hours of phone calls and messages. The outcome did change a few of the top positions as

we started the season with the best 5 out of the 6 rounds, unfortunately with the cancellation of the final round and some competitors who had a dropped an earlier round it had implications on the placings of some competitors. This coming season we are all hoping that we a get a Covid free run and can resort back to 5 out of 6. We have worked hard the season to cut costs as Rachel will explain in her report.

Looking ahead we have 6 rounds already planned for this season with the dates already up on the website and also 2 more for the following season.

I will be standing down as most of you already know, I have taken on the role of Central Zone President and cannot do both, but I am hoping that this will give us as competitors more representation on the NZFWDA Executive. Derek Smyth has put his name forward to take on the role and has already been working behind the scenes to get things moving forward.

We have started to update the website and with the help form Andi Cockcroft and Marcus Steeneken we have moved to 'WordPress' which 80% of websites use. We have now got control of Swan and we will be joining the 2 websites together so you will be able to access Swan though the nz4x4trials website. This has all been done at no cost to the Competitions Committee and Marcus will host this on his server at no cost.

Daniel Howat has stepped up to help with the website and has been working with Andi and Marcus on the website improvements. I believe this needs to be a fulltime position and we should be looking into this in the immediate future and somebody needs to be updating the website all the time.

Finally, the extremely sad news of the passing of Malcolm McLeavey, a true gentleman of the sport, I will always remember that smirky smile. So tomorrow, stop and talk with your fellow competitors, have a laugh, a smile and remember that life is short, and we are 4wding whilst many are not.

***Treasurer:***

We have made a profit of \$2690.36 in the April 2019-March 2020 financial year. The income/expenditure statement is as presented and available on request, but this is for the last financial year and there has been incoming and outgoing transactions since then. With that being said, the current account balance @ 2nd October 2020 is **\$17,912.44** Certificates for the 2019/20 season have been paid in the current financial year. Everyone has been refunded from the cancellation of the prizegiving/dinner in Taupo. I am happy to carry on and hopefully we don't get impacted by Covid too much.

***Secretary:***

At the last AGM I stated I would take on the role if nobody else wanted it and that was indeed the case and WOW what a ride it has been. I am not the most computer savvy person out there and it was certainly a challenge right from the start, but I managed to

battle through and have learnt quite a bit over the last year, and to that respect I am more than happy to carry on and learn some more. Swan was a bit of a pain but now that we have control of it, there should be far less hassles.

Thanks heaps to Brittany Hobart for all the little bits of advice along the way and your notes that have made it so much easier. Rachel Buckthought you are deadset a bloody legend, you did so much behind the scenes to help out when I was flustered and couldn't get stuff to work properly. Then there's the awesome partner beside me. Tara Koornneef earnt all her gold stars to fill her star chart during the year. I would be sitting there about to put my fist through the computer screen, and she would calmly walk over, push a few keys on the keyboard and it was all fixed and my stress levels were decreased. So hopefully we have a virus free season and can all get back to enjoying the sport we love. Cheers.

***Scorer:***

Dogs report consisted of 2 well said words ..... " I scored "

***Stewards:***

Hi all, well what a bloody year this has been, a series of ups and downs with some great driving and new ideas. The 1st 2-day trial was so great seeing all the camping onsite, but having to cancel the final round was not great.

From the Stewards we think everything is going ok, although it sounds like there will be some changes to come. One thing we would like to see is that when clubs are organising events, most of the time the main organisers are actually competing on the day, so it would be nice to see someone in charge who isn't competing and knows all the plans for the event, such as recovery placements and equipment etc etc.

Please make sure to sort everything out before each rally, eg; Fire Extinguishers, Radios, First Aid etc etc and make sure you read and understand the 90° turning rule and peg hazards accordingly. Cheers.

***Scrutineers:***

At the 1st round we wielded a big stick and made sure trucks complied and pulled competitors up on some little things that really needed to be attended to. After that first round everything was pretty hunky dory. So just remember to make sure all your nuts and bolts are tight. Thanks.

**Remits:**

1. Standing Orders	Pass
2. Helmet Stickers	Pass
3. Helmet Rules	Pass
4. Financial Year	Pass
5. Ties	Pass
6. Postal Ballot	Pass
7. Stewards	Pass
8. Breath Alcohol	Fail
9. Chromoly	Fail
10. Centre Support	Fail
11. Concussion	Pass

**Competitors Conference Closed 6.20pm**

## **AGM**

Friday 2nd October 2020

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### **Meeting opened at 6.22pm**

#### **Present and Apologies – as per Competitors Conference**

- Moved by Brian Howat as true and correct
- Seconded by Warren Jeffery

#### **Minutes of Prior Meeting – 12th April 2019**

- Moved by Rachel Buckthought as true and correct
- Seconded by Warren Jeffery

#### **Matters Arising**

None

#### **Reports accepted from Competitors Conference**

- National Competitions Officer
  - Stewards
  - Scrutineers
  - Treasurer
  - Secretary
  - Scorer
- Moved by Rhys O'Brien  
- Seconded by Paul Chapman

#### **Ratification of Remits voted on from Competitors Conference**

- Moved by Brian Howat
- Seconded by Daniel Howat

#### **Election of Officers**

##### **National Competitions Officer:**

Brian Howat nominated Derek Smyth, Shane Hazelden seconded – Derek accepted  
Derek Smyth is the new NCO

**Stewards:**

Kurt Johnson nominated Warren Jeffery, Shane Hazelden seconded, accepted unanimously.

Warren accepted.

Nicola Potter nominated Ernie Powell, Chris Tomalin seconded, accepted unanimously.

Ernie accepted.

**Scrutineers:**

Tom Baeriswyl nominated Wayne Buckthought, Brian Howat seconded, accepted unanimously.

Wayne accepted.

Wayne Buckthought nominated Tom Baeriswyl; Brian Howat seconded.

Tom accepted.

Tom Baeriswyl alongside Wayne Buckthought are still your scrutineers.

**National Scorer:**

Nathan Fogden nominated Phil Shailer, Derek Smyth seconded, accepted unanimously.

Phil accepted.

**Secretary:**

Warren Jeffery nominated Mark Pincock, Brian Howat seconded, accepted unanimously.

Mark accepted.

**Treasurer:**

Phil Conwell nominated Rachel Buckthought, Phil Shailer seconded, accepted unanimously.

Rachel accepted.

**Design Safety Team:**

Brian Howat stated that according to standing orders there can only be 4 on the DST as well as the scrutineers, so after a quick vote the revised DST members are: Kurt Johnson, Chris Tomalin, Glenn D'Ath, Brian Howat, Wayne Buckthought, Tom Baeriswyl.

Accepted unanimously.

**Reimbursements and Honorariums - To be reviewed:**

**2019/2020 Season:**

Brian Howat moved that they all stay the same, Rachel Buckthought seconded.  
Unanimously accepted, all in favour.

NCO \$900

Secretary \$1800

Treasurer \$900

Scorer \$400 per trial

Stewards \$400 per trial

Scrutineers \$125 per trial

**Licence Fees - To be reviewed:**

**2019/2020 Season**

Brian Howat moved that they all stay the same, Kurt Johnson seconded. Unanimously  
accepted, all in favour.

Drivers \$140

Navigators \$ 70

Day Drivers \$70

Emergency \$ 50

**Competition Levies - To be reviewed:**

**2019/2020 Season**

Brian Howat moved that it stays the same, Rachel Buckthought seconded. Accepted  
unanimously

\$ 25

**Entry Fees - To be reviewed:**

**2019/2020 Season**

Brain Howat moved that it stays the same, Nicola Potter seconded. Unanimously  
accepted, all in favour.

Maximum Entry Fee: \$120

Maximum Late Entry Fee: \$240

## **Proposed 2020/2021 Trial dates**

Dates are up the website, including 2 dates for the 2021/22 season.

They are:

- South Waikato December 5<sup>th</sup> 2020
- Thames Valley January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2021
- Mt Egmont February 20<sup>th</sup> 2021
- Manawatu March 14<sup>th</sup> 2021
- Bay of Plenty April 10<sup>th</sup> 2021
- Hawkes Bay hosting the National Finals in 2021.

2021/2022

- Eastern Bay Twin Diff Club October 23-25<sup>th</sup> 2021
- Wanganui November 20<sup>th</sup> 2021

## **General Business**

Derek Smyth spoke briefly about the future of the sport and moving forward and getting new blood involved, with the possibility of a youth class similar to Ministocks and also a mentoring program for new competitors to get advice from the experienced competitors. Getting the info out to the public via the website and social media etc etc

**Meeting closed at: 6.29pm**