

AERA Report

Meeting held on 28th and 29th February, 2004 at Arabian Horse Society Boardroom, George Street, Windsor commencing on Saturday at 8.15 am

Present : Erica Williams (Qld), Anne Jones (Qld), Dick Collyer (Qld), Phillip O'Loughlin (SA), Dorte Colja (SA), Denise Trollope (NSW), Graeme Gilbertson (NSW), Kerry Spratt (NSW) Laurie Nicolle (TAS), Deanne Flanagan (TAS), Ieva Peters (WA), Patrick Burns (WA), Randy Cowan (Vic), Roy Noble (Vic)

In attendance: Helen Rich (minutes) and Geoff Hurt for part of the meeting on Saturday morning.

Apologies: Jane Radny

Register of Pecuniary Interest and Conflict of Interest: None declared.

Registration of Votes

State	Members	Votes
New South Wales	723	8
Queensland	671	7
Victoria	263	3
Western Australia	223	3
Tasmania	142	2
South Australia	68	1

Medical Advisory Panel

Jenny Moncur is to be asked to form a medical advisory committee and prepare draft terms of reference before the next AERA meeting.

International

It was agreed to underwrite the Victorian and Tasmanian FEI rides to the sum of \$2,500.

The Trans Tasman series was a huge success and a return series is to be organised in 2005.

Sandy Horton was selected as the Chef d'Equipe for the World Championships. Barbara Timms is the Assistant. Anne Barnes will be the team vet with Leanne Le Clair as the assistant.

It was agreed that members of an officially selected Australian Endurance team be exempt from paying a fee for a Letter of No Objection (LNO) for that event. Members of the Australian Endurance Squad will pay a reduced fee of 50% of the full fee for a LNO.

Toby Crockett was re-elected as Chairman of the AERA IC and Jane Radny re-elected as secretary.

It was recommended that Peter Toft be the course advisor to the Peak Crossing 160km *** Championship Event.

The Royal Stables have voiced concern about the NSW State Championships being on the same date as the Peaks Crossing ride.

AERA are to contact the FEI and recommend for consideration Australian officials to attend major international endurance events, for example, the World Championships, Continental Championships, as members of the veterinary commission and the ground jury.

Distance Registrar

Attached is a breakdown of the number of starters in endurance (not training) rides for 2003.

State	Rides	Riders
NSW	39	2,888
Qld	58	1,843
WA	22	694
VIC	18	681
TAS	15	464
SA	13	308
TOTAL	165	6,878

This table does not include training rides and one SA ride which is still to come.

Chief Steward/TPR Registrar

Graeme Gilbertson was appointed as the TPR and Chief Steward Registrar for the AERA. It was noted that changes are required to the Chief Steward examination. State TPR/CS portfolio members are to be invited to be on the Sub-Committee with Graeme.

Veterinary Panel

The Tasmanian Quilty Committee have asked for qualifications for horses to compete in the Quilty. The Veterinary Panel proposed some qualifications for discussion, however, the AERA agreed to defer the recommendations for 12 months or until the database is completed.

The rulings regarding shoeing/barefoot have been summarised by the veterinary panel and will be printed in the newsletters. Small amendments to the rules are required to cater for barefoot competition.

AERA Meetings

The cost and venue of AERA meetings was discussed. External AERA IC members pay their own fares and accommodation costs. AERA pays for the President and Secretary. Allan Renner has been nominated as a Honorary Member of AERA due to his position on the FEI EC. It was agreed that his expenses would be paid for in accordance with current delegate arrangements. The Executive are to look into moving the venue to Queensland as most delegates were not happy with travelling to Windsor. Consideration was also given to having a half day meeting at the Quilty. All non-riding AERA delegates will attend the Quilty at AERA's cost provided that they are given a job beforehand. A decision on Quilty meetings will be held at the next meeting.

AERA Constitution and Structure

VERA are to look at the AERA Constitution and Structure and make recommendations to the next meeting.

Adverse Weather Conditions Policy

Should the AERA develop a policy with the aim of advising Ride Organisers at what stage a ride should be cancelled if the weather is deemed to be unsuitable for the horses and riders to compete safely due to heat, rain or snow? It was agreed to seek advice and recommendations from the Medical Advisory Panel on whether a policy is necessary.

Guidelines for Quilty Selection

QERA has prepared guidelines for the Quilty selection process. This will be discussed at SMC meetings and ratified at the next AERA meeting.

Riding in National Parks

A Code of Conduct for riding in National Parks was tabled and copies circulated to the delegates.

Database

The horse registration fee is to be used for getting a national data base up and running and not to fund other projects. Ieva Peters has agreed to be the AERA Data Base Coordinator for this project. AERA thinks that ride committees should go through the State Registrar rather than straight to the national database.

Sponsorship

QERA agreed to take on the portfolio responsibility for sponsorship as Pamela Robson is working on sponsorship and guidelines on how to obtain sponsorship. They are also producing a CD to promote endurance riding with a view to attracting sponsorship on a national level. Dick Collyer will be the AERA delegate on this sub-committee.

Distance Awards/Special Achievement Awards

Erica is continuing to work on the criteria for the Pat Slater award at the Quilty. It was agreed that the AERA Distance awards should be named "the RM Distance Awards" rather than the RM Williams Distance Awards as agreed at the last meeting.

Quilty Reports

Canowindra

It was noted that the Canowindra Quilty made a healthy profit. The Lachlan Valley Club have offered sponsorship to the SA Quilty.

Port Elliot

Erica has agreed to be the course advisor for the SA Quilty.

Sheffield

Deanne Flanagan will be the AERA delegate to the Sheffield Quilty. The appointment for the Chief Steward is to be referred back to TEERA. Pat Hodgetts will be the Head Vet. Transponders will be used and riders will be charged a hire fee for them.

The meeting was adjourned at 6.00 pm on Saturday and recommenced on Sunday at 8.10 am.

The number of rugs awarded at the Quilty was discussed. The AHSA has reduced the number of rugs they sponsor. Trophies could be given for Best Conditioned instead of rugs. The Quilty Cup is being repaired. There is space for another 3 years. Replica cups are to be ordered.

Boonah

Planning for the Boonah Quilty has commenced. New track has been mapped out for the last three legs which will be easier than 2000.

Motions to be Re-tabled for Second Vote – Rule Changes

NSWERA Motion No. 1

“that rule A 3.2 be amended to read

“Ride and veterinary controls will commence *when the horse is formally entered in the event* and conclude when the logbook or vet card of each horse has been signed off by the Head Veterinarian and released by the ride organising committee.”

Carried unanimously. This will be a new rule in 2005.

NSWERA Motion No. 2

“that rule H 13.1 be amended to read

“Once under the control of the veterinarian every horse shall remain on the ride base, except while competing in, or exercising prior to the event, and must not be removed until the veterinarian releases the horse by signing off the horse’s logbook or vet card and until the horse’s logbook or vet card is released by the ride organising committee.”

Carried unanimously. This will be a new rule in 2005.

NSWERA Motion No. 3

“that rule P 1.1(b) be amended to read

“Competition means any class of affiliated competition sanctioned and run under the AERA Inc rules, procedures and guidelines and includes all time from when the horse is formally entered in the event and until the horse’s logbook is finally signed off by the Veterinarian and released by the ride organising committee.”

Carried unanimously. Will be a new rule in 2005.

Motions on Notice for Discussion and First Vote

QERA Motion No. 1

“that rule A13.10 is amended to read:

“All novice horses and novice riders competing in training rides shall comply with a minimum riding time determined by the ride committee in consultation with the Chief Steward and Head Veterinarian, but in any case not less than a time calculated at an average speed of 14 klm per hour over the distance of the ride.”

Qld – Yes, Vic – No, Tas – No, SA – abstain, WA – abstain, NSW – No. The motion was lost.

Motion required to change V3.2 e) to conform to H12.1 (Adequate Shoeing)

“that rule V3.2 e) be amended to read: “adequate shoeing; and or condition of hooves.

Unanimous – the motion was passed. Return to next meeting for second vote.

Motion V3.3 be amended.

that rule V3.3 be amended to read: “Each horse will be examined unsaddled, without bandages, *leg* boots.....

Unanimous – the motion was passed. Bring back for a second vote.

Motion to amend P1.1 b)

“that rule P1.1 b) be amended to read:

“*competition* means any class of affiliated event sanctioned and run under the AERA Inc. rules, procedures and guidelines and includes all time from when the horse is formally entered in the event and continues until the horse’s logbook is finally signed off by the veterinarian and released by the ride organising committee.”

Voting unanimous and will be brought back to the next meeting for a second vote.

Motion to amend P1.1 d)

“*Responsible member* means one or more of the rider, trainer, owner or any other connection of a horse who takes responsibility for that horse at an affiliated ride. The responsible member must be a current member of a Division;”

Voting unanimous and will be brought back to the next meeting for a second vote.

Strategic/Operation Plan Update

Sub-Committees were elected as follows:

Portfolio	Members	Extra Notes
Database	Ieva Peters, Anne Jones	Including external members. Already operational
Sponsorship & Promotions	QERA	Dick Collyer chairman
Achievement	Denise Trollope & Lyn Bailey	Liaison for the Pat Slater award
Horse Welfare	Eric Williams, Jo Hamilton-Branigan, Anne Jones	
Merchandise	Dorte Colja	
International	Jane Radny	Together with AERA IC
Finance	Roy Noble, Denise Trollope	Roy to contact Toby
Quilty	Phillip O’Loughlin, Deanne Flanagan, Dick Collyer, Ieva Peters	
Course Preservation	Kerry Spratt, Fiona Meller, Leigh-Ann Sample	
Chief Steward/TPR Accreditation	Graeme Gilbertson	Together with State portfolio members
Policy	Kerry Spratt, Dick Collyer	
Rule Book, Vet, Chief Steward Handbook	Eric Williams, Kerry Spratt, Ieva Peters	
Strategic Plan	Kerry Spratt, Dick Collyer	
Constitution/Structure	VERA	Randy chairman. .

NSW Constitution

NSW tabled their new Constitution which was accepted by their members. The AERA ratified the new Constitution.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on 16-18 July 2004 at a venue to be advised. There being no further business the meeting was closed at 10.40 am on Sunday.