

**Notes of the General Meeting of Members of the Australian Endurance Riders Association Inc. held on 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2005 at the Sports House, cnr. Castlemaine and Caxton Streets, Milton, QLD, commencing on Saturday at 8.15 a.m.**

**Present**

Anne Jones (QLD), Matthew Krahn (QLD), Dick Collyer (QLD), Sarah Adams (SA), Simon Plush (SA), Graeme Gilbertson (NSW), Kerry Spratt (NSW), Jeff Bonham (NSW), Tony Purton (TAS), Denise Williams (TAS), Ieva Peters (WA), Ady McIntosh (WA), Beverly Rayner-Mason (VIC), Roy Noble, Allan Renner

**In Attendance:** Simone Krahn (minutes), Eric Williams (life member) Barbara Timms (life member) Ron Males (life member) Robin Van Der Wegan(QLD) Melodie Churchill(QLD), Julie Sutton(QLD) , Jill Ross (SA), Peter Murphy(QLD) , John Simpson(QLD), Caroline Windle(QLD), Andy Hansen(QLD), Anne Barlow(QLD), Heather Brookes(TAS), Toby Crockett(QLD), Karen Johansen(QLD), David Somerville(QLD), Bob Sample(QLD), Mal Caldwell(QLD), Merle Hill(QLD), Chris Gates(VIC), Geoff Becker(TAS), Peter Toft(QLD).

**Apologies:** Nil

**Registration of Votes**

State	Members	Votes
New South Wales	753	8
Queensland	655	7
Victoria	238	3
Western Australia	191	2
Tasmania	112	2
South Australia	70	1

**National Ride Calendar** All divisions should ensure that Elaine is being informed of changes to the National Calendar. The website should be checked on a regular basis.

**Disciplinary Matters** – Concern was raised in regards to discipline for day members. The new rule regarding logbooks not able to be issued to non-members will help. Day memberships requiring action will still be a problem.

**Teams Competition Badges** - AERA thanked Eric Williams for organising the teams badges and gave her a sample for her granddaughter who originally designed the badges.

**Nature Vet** - Mark Day (Nature Vet) is now happy with the support he is getting from endurance and has started to sponsor rides again.

**Treasurer's Report**

Roy advised that the cheque signatories are currently himself, Anne and Denise Trollope. He stated that he did not feel comfortable signing cheques on behalf of the AERA when he is not a member.

**Moved Kerrie Spratt/Ieva Peters**

**That Roy Noble be made an Honorary member of AERA**

**Voting All in favour.**

**Moved Kerrie Spratt/Sarah Adams**

**That the signatures on the AERA account be changed to Roy Noble, Graeme Gilbertson and Anne Jones.**

**Voting All in favour.**

The financial situation of NSWERA was discussed at length. NSW are taking steps to rectify this.

**Moved Dick Collyer/Roy Noble**

**That the AERA put in abeyance the amount of \$8,593 now due to AERA until March when it will be reviewed.**

**Voting NSW(abs) QLD(yes)VIC(yes)SA(yes)TAS(no)WA(yes). Motion carried**

QERA has agreed to contribute \$5,000.00 as a loan to AERA to cover the NSW meeting costs for this meeting and the November one. These monies are to be paid back no later than 30/6/06.

**International Committee**

**Moved Sarah Adams/Dick Collyer**

**That the members of the AERA IC and officials to representative teams are allowed access to the AE Squad chatline**

**Voting All in favour**

It was noted that there is the possibility of an offer to provide air transport from Europe to Bahrain for horses competing in the Youth World Championship. This will impact greatly on the costs for Australian horses.

Barbara Timms provided the Squad Report. The team for the Trans Tasman require jackets at a cost of \$89 including embroidery.

**Moved Matthew Krahn/Beverly Raynor-Mason**

**That the International committee provides \$1,200.00 to pay half the cost of jackets. Members to cover the rest.**

**Voting All in Favour**

**Moved Dick Collyer, Matthew Krahn**

**That the BOM are the selectors for the team/s (officials, horses and riders) representing Australia at the 2005 Trans Tasman event.**

**Voting All in Favour**

The following riders and horses have been shortlisted for Bahrain.

Luke Annetts – Tallowood Quality.

Amily Daw – Castlebar Kadeen

Kristie McGaffin – Wybalena Lodge Shushka

Sasha Laws-King – Tallowood Chevall

Brooke Warner - ? (Peter to confirm the horse)

Jenny Annetts – Churinga W. Dream

Two horses from Castlebar – Kaleefa and Tradition.

**Moved Dick Collyer, Sarah Adams**

**That the abovementioned six riders as recommended by the Squad Manager, be short listed for the 2005 World Youth Championships in Bahrain.**

**Voting All in favour**

Preference will be given to squad horses.

**Moved Dick Collyer, Sarah Adams**

**That AERA ratifies the selection of Officials for Bahrain, these being:**

**Chef d'Equipe – Robin van der Wegen**  
**Assistant Chef – Glenda Armitage**  
**Team Coordinator – Ieva Peters**  
**Crew Manager – Jane McLaughlin**  
**Head Vet – Leanne Le Claire**  
**Assistant – Narelle Bull**  
**Equine Therapists – Shandal Bengtsson and Emma Kirby**  
**Voting All in favour**

### **AERAIC Strategic Plan**

The AERA IC is continuing to develop the Strategic Plan. Two recommendations have been made so far as a result of this:

- (i) Develop a mascot image
- (ii) FEI rides should pay Affiliation fees to the International committee

### **Moved Alan Rener/Roy Noble**

**That AERA collects an affiliation fee from each horse entered into a FEI event, commencing from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2006. The fee will be \$5.00.**

**Voting All in favour.**

An advertisement is to be placed in the newsletters for people to apply for the 6 non-delegate positions on the AERA IC. These will be decided at the March meeting when the AERA delegates are confirmed. The AERA IC will ask the EFA to re-imburse the calendar fees for the Burrowye ride which has been cancelled due to the change of date for the Youth World Championships.

Seven nominations have been received for the Squad Board of Management (BOM). The BOM was selected as follows:

Glenda Armitage, Andrea Laws-King, Chris Gates, Denise Trollope, Mal Caldwell.

Barbara Timms was elected as the Squad Manager for the next two years with the suggestion that she seeks an assistant to train to take over in the future.

### **Aachen**

It was agreed that the position of Chef be re-advertised with a closing date of 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2005. Anne Barnes was selected as the Team Vet and Murray Peal as the Crew Manager. Trish Annetts has been appointed as the Honorary Medical officer to the Squad. New squad qualification criteria and membership terms of reference were accepted.

### **Report from Alan Renner**

Allan will be attending the European Championship in Compiègne in France on 26<sup>th</sup> August. Allan is finding it difficult to discuss items at the FEI meetings as they only meet for one day. Swabbing may be on the Agenda but the FEI covers all disciplines, not just endurance. He believes that they will be discussing heart rates in 3\* events.

Allan will update the web page and re-do the ride organizers kit in consultation with Barb and Glenda. It was noted that an AERA Chief Steward is required at a combined AERA/FEI event.

### **Quilty Reports**

## **Sheffield 2005 Tasmanian Tom Quilty Cup.**

### **MEETING DECLARED AN OPEN FOROUM**

Ieva stated that there will be time allocated for each speaker. No interruptions or rudeness will be tolerated. Geoff Becker will speak first. The AERA would like to thank Peter and Penny Toft for the return of the Cup and Buckles and also to Meg Wade for the return of her 1,000 mile buckle.

#### **Geoff Becker tabled and spoke to his report.** Points he noted were:

- Due to the weather the ride was shortened
- The decision was made after the leaders had finished the third leg.
- One of the most disappointing aspects of this whole affair is the ensuing slander.
- There was no documented procedure or policy to follow in this event.
- He has been informed that not all previous Quilties were actually 160klm
- Trophies were awarded
- Australia now has two distinct types of competitor – Professional and amateur.
- There was a track inspection by an AERA delegate
- There was an event plan, safety plan and event log in place. There were two event relations officers. A Safety Officer, Nurses, Doctor and Paramedics were available. Police officers were in attendance at all road crossings.
- Minutes were kept of all meetings
- There was a risk identification procedure followed
- 128 competitors entered. He believes that the FEI ride held so close to the Quilty affected entries. It was pointed out that this was not the case as there were more entries than in 1999.
- TEERA did not support the event and assistance from them was non-existent.
- Members of the Quilty committee were undermanned and there was little help from endurance officials.
- One dispute was lodged with the dispute committee
- Ron Males was the event patron
- The first meeting to stop the event was held at 10:30. The Chief Steward would not agree to stop the even until the President of AERA was in attendance. This was at 11:30 and some competitors were already out on leg 4. The ride was stopped when concerns were raised by the Base Camp Safety Officer. Conditions were becoming impassable and there was no access to the course for a vet or ambulance. The helicopter was not available due to the conditions and the weather was not abating.
- Publicity was well done. The TV production crew let them down at the last minute. The Cradle Mountain Invitation dinner went well and the Quilty dinner was attended by 250.
- All merchandise was sold
- Finances will break even . No refunds will be offered.
- The transponders worked well except at one checkpoint that was affected by weather.
- No precedent was set when trophies were handed out. The committee awarded prizes in the spirit of competition.
- There have been serious personal undertones directed at the committee. The committee feels dejected, upset and personally insulted. Systems must be developed to stop this happening again and with so much learnt from the event, it should be put into future planning.

#### **Recommendations**

That AERA formally acknowledge the T.Q. Committee acted without favour.

That AERA support the TQ Trophy decisions

That AERA establish guidelines

That at future Quilties there should be 3 Chief Stewards

That the National sponsors established by this Committee are maintained and managed.  
That the Aussie Endurance Chat line is closed down

The AERA recognised and thanked the Tasmanian Tom Quilty Committee.

## **OPEN FORUM**

### **Andy Hansen QERA**

Appreciate the hard work by the committee and sponsors but commonsense must prevail. Quoted Rule 11.4. Only 2 choices cancel or finish. The course has to be 160klm not 110klm.  
160 not 110.

### **Merle Hill QERA**

– why Tasmania in June? Ride distance specified at 160klm, the distance should be done

### **Peter Murphy – QERA**

Feel the same. The Quilty is 160klm. end of story. No completions should have been given out. Riders should get some recognition for the distance done. No names should be engraved on the cup.

### **Bob Sample – QERA**

We live within the rules of the organization and elect our representatives to govern. AERA approves the Quilty Committee and they make decisions on our behalf. We have to accept these decisions. It is regrettable to undermine principles. Geoff Becker recommended compromises. He knows how hard it was. He rode and was disappointed. A lot of horses could have got into trouble. The Quilty Committee made a difficult decision. We have to respect this. The sponsors believe this decision to be valid. They did the best they could. We should accept their recommendations which are a good compromise.

### **John Simpson – QERA**

Noted that he has commented before and after. The backup was not there for Geoff. He hoped that everybody put the Quilty first. Why do we have it and what does it mean. Are we weekend riders or endurance riders. Many believed they could have got through. Many felt they were not worthy of receiving a buckle. He clapped after every buckle was given out because he felt it was rude not to. The petitions and letters have said that the buckles should be requested to be returned, not demanded. The AERA should listen to members.

### **Barbara Timms - QERA**

What happened in Tasmania is a symptom of deeper problems. The Quilty has been running for 40 years and she has attended since 1966. She has seen a gradual decline of the event. This is due to multitude of reasons, including resources, people, money, time. The end result is that the Quilty is suffering. No protocols are in place. There should be trust in the people sitting around the table.

### **Eric Williams – QERA**

Erica said she was puzzled when she realized that the cup was awarded immediately after the ride cancellation. It is always awarded with the buckles. The ride is 160k and has always been that way. The buckle clearly states that it is 100 miles in one day. Riders worked hard to earn buckles. They cannot wear them if they have only done 106klm. It is a travesty and just cannot happen.

### **David Sommerville - QERA –**

Endorses what Barbara and Erica have said. If there is a lack of protocols and direction what to do, what gave the Committee the right to set a precedent. If there is none, then why start one. Geoff Becker keeps referring to motor racing – deemed to have been finished race. In motor sport known factor – written down, work to. With lack of direction did we have to create a precedent. Heart goes out to the Organising Committee. He understands the work etc. It took guts to make the decision and for that he congratulates them. It should always be safety first.

**Peter Toft – QERA**

Peter state that he took a large team to the Quilty. He is committed to the event and to the sport. He also sponsored the event. He enquired before leg 4 as to whether it was going to be cancelled. Geoff Becker rang him on leg 4 to advise that the event had been stopped. He returned to base. At no time was he involved in any discussions, decisions, trophies. Personal politics and agendas are not the business of AERA.

Peter then read a statement from Penny. She said that there had been hurtful and damaging comments. They had nothing to do with the cancellation and why should Toft wear the brunt. Others were not fit to continue but contested the Best Conditioned. They went to compete like everyone else. The outcome turned into a disaster.

**Peter Murphy – QERA**

It is not about what Penny or anyone else feels. We are here for the cup, buckles and what it stands for.

**Ron Males – NSWERA**

Ron spoke at length from a prepared statement giving the history of the Quilty, his personal involvement and his support for the 2005 Quilty Committee, closing by stating:

Over the years, I have learnt that true sportsmanship doesn't leave room for ongoing criticism or resentment and bitterness. Better to bury such negative attitudes and start planning for the future.

The events of the 2005 Quilty will make history. I feel sure this history will be officially recorded so everyone will know why Buckles, Trophies and other prizes were awarded to riders who only rode 107 km instead of the usual 160.

So lets try to be positive about all of this and leave it in the hands of the AERA and Quilty Committees to make the final decisions about 2005.

In closing, I would like to say, that I truly think it best to live with the past, move on, and work together for a better future.

**Merle HILL \_ QERA –**

Motor racing is different .

**Geoff Becker - right of reply.**

Geoff stated that he has covered all areas in his report. As far as the cup presentation is concerned – it was always planned for a mock up presentation on Saturday afternoon for interstate press. Going home on Sunday morning. It was never a formal presentation.

**Dick Collyer- QERA**

Dick advised that the cup was presented to Meg Wade immediately after vetting through at the Boonah Quilty.

**Matthew Krahn - QERA**

For as long as AERA has been a legitimate organization, when incidents have happened we have always gone back to the rule book. His heart goes out to the Quilty Committee to have to make that decision. He believes it is unfair that in his report, Geoff Becker has made three threats of legal recourse. The AERA has to make the right decision for the good of the entire sport without threat or fear of having action taken against us. He has read the rule book several times and believes there is enough in there to make the right decision. Talk about sponsor – obligations. In the end, the sponsors got their show. The event was cancelled by the committee on the day- cancelled not shortened. This will be a large bearing on the AERA decision. The only way the Quilty can get cancelled is under Rule 11.4 a & b .Not much to work with.

**Bob Sample – QERA**

There are a lot here more concerned about the future, not the present.

**Peter Toft – QERA**

The same thing happened SA. AERA needs to take a bold step and recognise the Quilty for what it is – one of the best in the world.

**Geoff Becker**

Geoff stated that he is not making threats – he is looking after the sponsors. The ride was shortened. The Committee wanted to provide \$5,000 towards a fund to work to establish new Quilty guidelines. It is a no win situation. Nothing hurts more than what has happened. If member think that they made the decision lightly – they didn't. It was made in good faith.

**Peter Murphy – QERA**

Asked what will happen to the buckles. We need to know. They stand for a hundred miles in one day. The results of this must be published in the newsletter

**Caroline Windle.**

The future will be decided this weekend.

**THE MEETING BROKE FOR AFTERNOON TEA and resumed at 3.40p.m. as a closed meeting**

**Moved Kerrie Spratt/Dick Collyer**

**That the AERA formally thank the Tom Quilty 2005 Inc. Committee and agree they acted without interference or favour or prejudice to any competitor or sponsor.**

**Voting All in favour**

**Moved Kerrie Spratt/Dick Collyer**

**That the AERA formally agree that the decisions made on the day were not based on sponsor interference.**

**Voting All in favour.**

**Boonah Quilty**

**Moved Dick Collyer/Matthew Krahn**

**That the Entry Fee for the 2006 Boonah Quilty be \$330.00 inclusive of GST.**

**Voting All in favour**

**W.A. QUILTY**

**Moved Ieva Peters/ Dick Collyer**

**That the AERA ratify Tom McCormack as the Chief Steward for the W.A. 2007 Quilty.**

**Voting All in Favour.**

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

**1. Rule 16 Withdrawn Horse** (motion submitted by the vet panel)

**16.1** From the time the horse comes under the control of the veterinary team at the pre-ride veterinary check, a horse may only be withdrawn by the rider in accordance with the following:

- a) for any reason after the pre ride veterinary check....
- b) while on course by the rider notifying a steward....

- c) after successful completion of the 30 minute veterinary check and before it is due to leave on the next stage of the course. The logbook (marked by the veterinarian) and master ride sheet will indicate the horse as “withdrawn”.
- d) after successful completion of the gate-into-hold inspection and any required re-presentations, before it is due to leave on the next stage of the course. The logbook (marked by the veterinarian) and Master ride sheet will indicate the horse as “withdrawn”.

**16.2** A horse cannot be withdrawn for any reason:

- a) during the period the horse is timed into a veterinary check point and the 30 minute veterinary inspection, or
- b) during the period the horse is waiting to present at a gate-into-hold veterinary inspection, or
- c) during the period the horse is waiting to present at any re-presentation veterinary inspection.

### **Voting second vote**

NSW(yes), QLD(yes), VIC(yes), SA(yes), TAS(yes), WA(yes)

**Motion passed unanimously. This will become a rule in 2006**

### **2. Compulsory re-presentation in VGIH rides**

**Proposed Rule V7.14** (Current rule V7.14 moved to V7.15)

In a ride of 100kkm or more, at the discretion of the head veterinarian, all horses may be subject to a compulsory re-presentation inspection by the veterinary team at one or more of the holds, at a specified before the expiry of the hold time. At the re-present inspection all parameters will be examined and recorded, and a horse must pass this inspection before proceeding. All riders will be notified of this re-presentation examination at the pre-ride talk.

NSW(yes), QLD(yes), VIC(yes), SA(yes), TAS(No), WA(yes).

Motion passed and will become a new rule in 2006.

### **3. End of Ride Adjudication on Lameness**

**V8.2** At all affiliated rides the head vet may choose, for the final adjudication on lameness to be made by silent independent vote by three of the ride veterinarians, which shall include the Head Veterinarian where possible. The majority will decide the outcome. The votes, (pass or fail) are to be written down and handed to a senior official in the vet ring who will relay the overall result only, either pass or fail, to the rider and examining veterinarian. Voting slips are to be destroyed immediately by the official and the individual votes are not to be disclosed.

NSW(yes), QLD(yes), VIC(yes), SA(yes), TAS(yes), WA(yes)

**Motion passed unanimously. This will become a rule in 2006**

### **4. Logbooks to non members**

**That the following rule be added to the AERA handbook as Rule H 6.6**

**“Division Logbook registrars must only issue or transfer logbooks to owners/agents who are current members (either riding or non riding) of their Division**

NSW(no), QLD(yes), VIC(yes), SA(yes), TAS(yes), WA(yes)

Motion passed . This will become a rule in 2006

### **5. Age of horses in 160kkm rides**

**“that a horse must be six years of age before it can start in a 160kkm AERA endurance event**



NSW(yes), QLD(yes), VIC(yes), SA(yes), TAS(yes), WA(yes)  
Motion passed unanimously. This will become a rule in 2006

## 6. Watering Horses

**that rule no 11.3 be changed to read.. “For the purpose of watering horses, water that is easily accessible must be available on course at least every 10klms, and if this water is in drums, these drums must be filled as necessary”**

NSW(yes), QLD(yes), VIC(yes), SA(yes), TAS(yes), WA(yes)  
Motion passed unanimously. This will become a rule in 2006

### Motions on Notice for Discussion and First Vote

#### 1. Returned motion from Veterinary Panel re 13.2

**“At all affiliated rides the Head Vet may choose for the final adjudication on the horse’s fitness to continue to be made by silent independent vote by three of the ride veterinarians, which shall include the Head Veterinarian whenever possible. The majority will decide the outcome. The votes, (pass or fail) are to be written down and handed to a senior official in the vet ring who will relay the overall result only, either pass or fail, to the rider and examining veterinarian. Voting slips are to be destroyed immediately by the official and the individual votes are not to be disclosed.”**

#### Rationale:

As you will see the focus is a vote on the fitness to continue not on the individual parameter.  
It is not mandatory to use this system at all rides and hence bog down  
You will need to check the rule on the lameness vote to determine whether this proposal contradicts or would be neater being conjoined.

NSW(yes), QLD(yes), VIC(yes), SA(yes), TAS(yes), WA(yes)  
**Motion carried and will be brought back to the next meeting**

#### 2. Logbooks

**That Rule H6.3 (p 26)** is amended to read:

**6.3 The Division designated logbook official will ensure that no new, replacement or upgraded logbook is issued without an up-to-date Ownership/Agent label attached to the inside of the back cover of the logbook.**

#### Rationale:

- (a) It is now not necessary for the logbook official to write the horse's name on each page of the logbook, as the logbook is both issued in the name of that horse only, and has a serial number which is recorded when the book is issued for the horse.
- (b) Clear identification of the current 'responsible member' (Owner/Agent) is very important for issues of Insurance and Horse Welfare.

NSW(yes), QLD(yes), VIC(yes), SA(yes), TAS(yes), WA(yes)  
**Motion carried and will be brought back to the next meeting**

#### 2. Lost Logbooks

**That Rule H6.6 is added**

**6.6 When a logbook is lost or misplaced, the application for a replacement book must be accompanied by a Statutory Declaration and approved by the Division State Management Committee.**

**Rationale:** This rule will ensure that all applications for lost logbooks are genuine.

NSW(yes), QLD(yes), VIC(yes), SA(yes), TAS(yes), WA(yes)

**Motion carried and will be brought back to the next meeting**

### **3. Ownership Labels**

**That Rule H5.5 is added**

**5.5 Any AERA Logbook for either a Novice or Endurance status horse must have a current Owner/Agent label to be eligible to enter an affiliated endurance ride.**

**Rationale:** This rule will legitimize the procedure for issuing Owner/Agent labels.

NSW(yes), QLD(yes), VIC(yes), SA(yes), TAS(yes), WA(yes)

**Motion carried and will be brought back to the next meeting**

### **4. Logbook Applications**

#### **H6.1 Application for logbooks**

**Add “All applications for new logbooks must be accompanied by an identification form, either veterinary or in the case of Novice Horses can be an owner completed form.**

**Rationale:** This is formalizing AERA administration procedures and ensures that it is standardized throughout Australia.

NSW(yes), QLD(yes), VIC(yes), SA(yes), TAS(yes), WA(yes)

**Motion carried and will be brought back to the next meeting**

### **5. Rest Orders**

**That Rule H21.3 (p 32)...Rest Order procedures is added**

**21.3 When a Rest Order has been issued to a horse, the Chief Steward of the Ride must:**

- (a) ensure that the length of the Rest Order is written in weeks in the appropriate place on the relevant page in the logbook.**
- (b) fix a highly visible red sticker to the top of the relevant page in the logbook so that it is easily noticeable when the horse enters subsequent rides.**

**Rationale:** This rule will formalize procedures which the AERA has already agreed should happen, but which are not always happening because there is no reference to them in the rules. The basis for this proposed rule is consistency in the administration of an important Horse Welfare procedure.

A comment was made that the rest order length should be in days not weeks. This could be hard to calculate. Some States confiscate books for the period of the rest order. It still alerts vets and Chief Stewards if they see the red sticker at the next ride. QERA noted that they have had cases of attempts to remove the sticker.

**NSW(yes), QLD(yes), VIC(yes), SA(yes), TAS(yes), WA(yes)**  
**Motion carried and will be brought back to the next meeting**

## **6. Best Conditioned**

**That Rule 14.10** Best Conditioned is added

**14.10 In the event of a tie in Best Conditioned points for any Division, the Best Conditioned will be awarded to the horse with the best vetscore.**

**Rationale:** This does not happen very often but it is a financial burden on Ride Organisers when there is a tie to provide a second trophy. This seems to be the fairest solution

**NSW(yes), QLD(yes), VIC(yes), SA(abs), TAS(yes), WA(yes)**  
**Motion carried and will be brought back to the next meeting**

## **7. Cut Off Times**

**That A5.1 is amended to read:**

“These times must not be less than a time based on an average speed of 10km per hour”

**Rationale:** This removes the reference “should approximate one and a half times the anticipated winning time This is out of date as at some rides the winning time plus half would not even be the specified novice horse riding time.

**NSW(yes), QLD(yes), VIC(yes), SA(yes), TAS(yes), WA(yes)**  
**Motion carried and will be brought back to the next meeting.**

## **8. That a new rule for Gallop Finishes is added** (to go in the book after TIED FINISHES)

**Some Ride Bases and Finish Lines are not appropriate for gallop finishes, and where the Ride Organising Committee stipulates that no gallop finishes are permitted, riders must observe this requirement or face disqualification.**

**Rationale:** Many Ride Bases are designed and situated so that a gallop finish is dangerous for both riders and sometimes spectators and officials. The association and the Ride Organising Committee have a duty of care to avoid any easily preventable dangerous situation.

Gallop Finishes are also questionable in terms of the spirit of the sport. If 2 horses are so close at the finish, then it is not fair for one horse to be "beaten" by a short burst of speed. The sport is about endurance, and not speed. On the other hand, tied finishes - holding hands across the line - has become one of the great symbolic gestures of the sport. It separates our sport from most other equestrian disciplines. It is this ethos which attracts people to this sport, and it should be encouraged and re-enforced by the rules.

The heading should be changed to Tied and Gallop Finishes. As referenced in R9.5, The Chief Steward would be in charge of administrating the rule. The motion only says no gallop finishes where it is not applicable. This is a safety and risk management issue.

NSW(yes), QLD(yes), VIC(yes), SA(abs), TAS(abs), WA(yes)  
Motion carried and will be brought back to the next meeting

**9. Novice Horse qualifications**

**That H4.1b) be amended to read:**

**At least 3 affiliated endurance rides in any riding division must be successfully completed – excluding training rides.**

NSW(yes), QLD(yes), VIC(yes), SA(yes), TAS(yes), WA(yes)  
Motion carried and will be brought back to the next meeting

**10. Quilty/FEI Rides**

**That the AERA will not approve any FEI\*\*\* events twenty eight days prior to and after the Tom Quilty Gold Cup.**

WAERA withdrew the motion and AERA will make a recommendation to the AERA IC that when they are establishing their calendar that they take into consideration the Quilty.

**11. Ride Committee Responsibilities**

**That the following rules be added to A11.4**

- a) **suspend the ride by extending the hold time for a period sufficient to allow the relevant issues to be resolved but for no longer than a maximum of two hours**
- b) **reduce the total distance of the ride providing that the reduced distance complies with Rule A2.1**

**Rationale:** These rules will give more flexibility to the Ride Organisers when situations occur such as the weather situation in Tasmania.

NSW(yes), QLD(yes), VIC(yes), SA(yes), TAS(yes), WA(yes)  
Motion carried and will be brought back to the next meeting

**Insurance**

The cost of increasing the PL insurance to \$20m will be approximately \$7,968.00, an increase of about \$80 per club. Allan will get a firm quote for this for next year as several clubs are now requiring insurance for this amount.

**Merchandise Officer**

**Moved Dick Collyer/Graeme Gilbertson**

**That the AERA write off merchandise**

**Voting All in Favour.**

Anne stated that she has received 100 books of the Vol 2 Endurance riding Beginner to Advanced magazines. Tasmania took 40 books and SA 40 and Vic 20. The remaining books will be delivered at a later date. Roy expressed concern for the previous volume. He cannot find any paperwork for invoicing to the States. The total amount that should have been invoiced is \$5,840.00.

**Moved Dick Collyer/Graeme Gilbertson**

**That the AERA count the \$5,840.00 as a promotional expense to assist the States**

**Voting All in favour**

The cost of the new Endurance books to the States will be \$6.60 incl. GST

### **Veterinary Panel**

**Moved Dick Collyer/Ady McIntosh**

**That AERA meet the cost of distribution of the Vet DVD.**

**Voting All in Favour**

### **Webmaster**

Several members expressed concern about the posts on AussieEndurance. They could be construed as defamatory and place AERA in an untenable situation. The latest ones were read.

**Moved Kerrie Spratt/Graeme Gilbertson**

**That the AERA remove funding forthwith and that the Aussie Endurance Chatline is closed immediately.**

**Voting NSW(yes), QLD(no), VIC(yes), SA(yes), TAS(no), WA(no)**

**Motion carried**

**Moved Dick Collyer/Matthew Krahn**

**That the AERA review the decision regarding the closure of AE Chatline at the November meeting.**

**Voting All in favour.**

### **Policy – Child Protection Policy**

Kerry distributed a publication “Child Protection in Sport and Recreation” published by the NSW Department of Sport and Recreation. Kerry stated that these documents are helpful but are not binding and that States should continue to be updated on their own State legislation.

### **Database**

Anne gave a summary of the meeting held on Friday.

- Received one application for project manager so have decided to re-advertise.
- Agreed that there would be little need for the purchase of much hardware – rent space on a server and web hosting provider. Dave agreed to provide space in the short term. National Registrar will need a computer and web access.
- A standard provision of services contract will be required for the Project Manager. The Sub-committee will need AERA to source this. Sarah agreed to provide one
- Further investigation required into the Privacy Act to ensure we meet the requirements in our handling of membership data. Sarah agreed to look into this
- Looked at the Review Process document for sending out the functionality specification documents and discussed requirements for distribution to interested parties.
- Identified further functionality requirements including drug testing, squad requirements, LNO requirements, etc.
- Seeking further definition of the various processes undertaken by the State officials – Pointscore, Horse Welfare, etc.

Roy stated that there is currently \$33,000 in the Horse Registration account.

### **Executive Decisions to be Ratified**

Purchase of Laptop for AERA Secretary

Sending flowers to Lyn Bailey  
Purchase of 1,000 Beginner to Advanced Books V.2  
Assistance for Victorian FEI Ride  
Purchase of AERA Teams Badges  
Approval for AERAIC Strategic Plan  
Canceling L Elfick's subscription to AE

**Moved Graeme Gilbertson/Dick Collyer**

**That the AERA ratify the executive decisions as laid out in Agenda items 14.1 – 14.7 inclusive.  
Voting All in favour.**

**Amendments to Quilty Guidelines**

**Moved Dick Collyer/Jeff Bonham**

**That the AERA invites membership of all Divisions to make a submission on any issue relating to the Tom Quilty Gold Cup but especially focusing issues of Management, Sponsorship, Event Standards, Future Direction. That these submissions be made to the AERA Secretary no later than the 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2005.  
Voting All in favour.**

**Moved Dick Collyer/Graeme Gilbertson**

**That the AERA sets up a Quilty working party to consider the written submissions and to present recommendations to the AERA by the November 2005 meeting.  
Voting All in favour.**

The members of the working party were discussed at length. It was agreed that once the submissions have been received then the Executive will decide whether QERA should collate the submissions or if Geoff Becker gives \$5,000 as promised then we may be able to include people from the other States.

**Moved Dick Collyer/Graeme Gilbertson.**

**That AERA ask the Tasmanian Tom Quilty organising Committee for 2005 to recall all the Buckles that were presented for the completion of leg 2 and replace them with a suitable trophy of similar dollar value and that the AERA reimburse the Ride organising Committee for any of these buckles after they have been returned.  
Voting All in favour**

**Moved Dick Collyer/Dennis Williams**

**That the Tom Quilty Gold Cup be inscribed "Ride stopped at 106km" (weather) and that the replica be awarded to Peter Toft as a commemoration of the event.  
Voting All in favour.**

**Moved Dick Collyer/Simon Plush**

**That the AERA invites any rider who completed 106kml at the TTQ and received a Tasmanian Quilty buckle to return them to AERA if they wish and that they will be replaced by AERA with a suitable trophy with a similar value to commemorate their participation in the event.  
Voting All in Favour**

It was agreed that the SMC's will contact the recipients of the buckles on the AERA's behalf and that they should be returned by 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2005. The Executive will decide on a suitable replacement.

**Moved Dick Collyer/Graeme Gilbertson**

**That the two 1000 mile buckles be recalled and be replaced with a commemorative trophy.  
Voting All in favour.**

It should be noted that Meg Wade has already returned her buckle.

**Moved Dick Collyer/Graeme Gilbertson**

**That buckles awarded at the 2005 Tasmanian Quilty are not counted in the Quilty aggregate tally.**

**Voting All in favour.**

**Moved Matthew Krahn/Dick Collier**

**That the distance of 106 km only be awarded to competitors who completed the 3<sup>rd</sup> leg of the Tasmanian Tom Quilty 2005 and that no points be awarded to the national point score.**

**Voting All in favour.**

It is up to the States to decide what they want to do with their own pointscores.

**Moved Denise Williams/ Matthew Krahn**

**That the Tom Quilty gold cup will be retained by the 2006 Organising Committee and will be displayed in an appropriate place in the local area to assist with the promotion of the event.**

**Voting All in favour**

Ieva read the recommendations given by Geoff Becker in his report and it was agreed that the majority (other than the buckles and cup) had been taken on board.

All decisions that AERA arrived at were based on the current rules, AERA constitution, Quilty Event Standards and that the decisions do not reflect in any way on the integrity of the ride organisers, sponsors or competitors.”

### **Honorary Life Memberships**

**Moved Kerrie Spratt/Dick Collyer**

**That the AERA award life memberships to Lyn and Adrian Bailey**

**Voting All in Favour.**

**The Meeting Closed at 3:25 p.m.**