

AERA Meeting Report

Report of the General Meeting of Members of the Australian Endurance Riders Association Inc held on 1st and 2nd July, 2006 at the Sports House, cnr Castlemaine and Caxton Streets, Milton, QLD commencing on Saturday at 1st July, 2006 at 8:32 a.m.

Present

Anne Jones (Qld) Mathew Krahnman (Qld), Dick Collyer (Qld), Sarah Adams (SA), Graeme Gilbertson (NSW), Kerry Spratt (NSW), Jeff Bonham (NSW), Pat Hodgetts (TAS), Tony Purton (Tas) Ieva Peters (WA), Ross McCamish (WA) Beverley Raynor-Mason (VIC), Roy Noble (Hon. Member), Allan Renner (Hon Member).

Apologies:

Ady McIntosh. A proxy has been received from Ady for Ross McCamish. No apology has been received from Alex Little.

Register of Pecuniary Interest and Conflict of Interest

Pat Hodgetts registered a conflict of interest with Aachen positions and the Tom Quilty 2005 committee.

Registration of Votes

State	Members	Votes
New South Wales	728	8
Queensland	677	7
Victoria	174	2
Western Australia	193	2
Tasmania	166	2
South Australia	67	1

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Quilty on 9th June, 2006 (distributed)

The meeting was held to discuss a letter of complaint tabled by Peter Toft.

Moved Ieva Peters/Graeme Gilbertson

That **The minutes of the meeting held at the Quilty be accepted.**

Voting The motion was passed by the people in attendance.

Treasurer

Roy is currently in the process of setting up new bank accounts to utilise internet banking.

Moved Matthew Krahnman/Dick Collyer

That **all surplus funds be transferred to an interest bearing deposit account and accessed as required.**

Voting Unanimous.

International

Report from Allan Renner

We now have two new candidate judges – Sarah and Dean Stephen

Allan is currently working with Brian Sheahan on the veterinary star ratings to get them fast tracked.

Allan reported that AON are sponsoring 3000 wrist bands in different colours to use for security at FEI rides. Red for volunteers/officials then a different colour for riders and crew. It would be a good idea for AERA rides as well

International Report

Apologies were received from 3 non-delegates.

Moved Matthew Krahn/roy Noble
That **The AERA IC Secretary be paid an Honorarium of \$200 a month plus phone and internet charges**

Voting **By state** – Carried Unanimously. Ieva has agreed to be the secretary for a short time.

AERA IC money is coming from LNO's and entry fees. No analysis has been done on the ability for the IC to fund themselves.

Moved Matthew Krahn/roy Noble

That **that the competitors for the WEG in Aachen must pay \$3,000 each to contribute towards the Team costs involved.**

Voting Carried Unanimously.

Moved Kerry Spratt/Graeme Gilbertson

That **Trish Annetts as the Chef d'equipe be appointed to fill the casual vacancy on the BOM, until such time as a formal appointment is made.**

Voting Carried Unanimously.

Moved Dick Collyer/Sarah Adams

That **the Casual vacancy for the AERA IC be for the current membership term, should be included in the Terms of Reference.**

Voting Carried Unanimously

Moved Dick Collyer/Sarah Adams

That **the AERA endorses the recommendation that Allan Renner be authorised to recommend to the EFA people to be accredited as FEI Endurance judges, subject to fulfilling the necessary accreditation process.**

Voting Carried Unanimously

Moved Dick Collyer/Kerry Spratt

That **John Simpson be appointed as the Crew Manager for the World Equestrian Games, Aachen**

Voting Carried Unanimously

Moved Dick Collyer/Sarah Adams

That **Kristie McGaffin be included in the Long List for the WEG.**

Voting Carried Unanimously

Moved **That Tora Blar-Zay be included in the Long List for the WEG.**

Voting Carried Unanimously

The FEI rides scheduled for 2007 were discussed, noting that QERA could run up to 3 rides. VERA are running one at Stanley in 2006 and 2007. SA's ride may clash with one of QERA's

Moved Dick Collyer/Beverley Rayner-Mason

That **the AERA purchase a laptop computer for use by the AERA International Secretary.**

Voting Carried Unanimously.

Moved Graeme Gilbertson/Kerry Spratt

That **Ieva Peters be paid the Secretarial Honorarium of \$300 for April, May, June 2006.**

Voting Carried Unanimously.

Quilty - Sheffield 2005

No further information has been received regarding the issues with the Tasmanian Quilty.

Boonah 2006

Dick stated that the report he gave in writing does not acknowledge sufficiently the great support he received from AERA and he appreciated it. Dick wanted to make note of the fantastic job Michael Combe did. He was very professional and approachable.

There was a tie for first junior. The prize was a trophy saddle sponsored by the Queensland Crabbett Arabian group. They are prepared to contribute towards a second saddle. The saddle cost \$1,800.

Moved Jeff Bonham/Sarah Adams

That **AERA contributes \$600 to the cost of purchasing an extra saddle for the 1st = junior rider at the Tom Quilty 2006**

Voting Carried unanimously.

The results were not received in time to be included in the Quilty yearbook. The page of individual winners were missed which was an oversight on Dick's part. AERA makes a contribution to the year book on editorial content.

Moved The Committee/The Committee

That **On behalf of the AERA, Dick and the Fassifern Pony Club are thanked for a job well done.**

Voting Carried unanimously. Dick replied that he enjoyed doing it and will pass on the thanks to the rest of the committee and especially the major who was superb.

Dick acknowledged the fantastic job done by Pamela Robson. Ieva is to send a certificate of appreciation to Boonah Shire Council and an ad is to be placed in the paper thanking the Boonah Community.

Chief Steward's Report

Rest Order logbooks will be posted at the appropriate time. Problems with logbooks were discussed. If logbooks are not completed correctly or stickers not there, the horse will not be allowed to start.

Protests

Two riders were held back for safety reasons as a gallop finish was expected.

Moved Matthew Krahnem/Graeme Gilbertson

That **the protest by two riders is upheld and the riding times and placings adjusted by 13 minutes.**

Voting Carried Unanimously.

A protest was lodged on behalf of a junior rider who was told that she had passed the final vet check only to be told that she would have to trot again in front of the panel of 3 vets. The horse failed at this point.

The vets decision is final. All concerned apologised. At pre-ride it was announced that there would be a panel.

Moved Kerry Spratt/Jeff Bonham

That **the decision on the horse, no. 121 made at the Quilty 2006 stands.**

Voting QLD – Yes, SA – Yes, VIC – Yes, NSW – Yes, TAS – Abstain, WA – Yes. Carried.

Complaint about riders

Complaints were received about the lack of horse management displayed by a rider in the vetting area at the end of the first leg in full view of all spectators and media.

Moved Ross McCamish/Dick Collyer

That **the rider be required to attend the next meeting to explain why further action should not be taken against him. AERA will pay his airfare.**

Voting QLD – Yes, SA – Yes, VIC – Yes, NSW – Yes, TAS – Abstain, WA – Yes. Carried.

Head Vet Report

Brian Sheahan made the recommendation for AERA and FEI events that in the future international and interstate veterinarians should have a letter of introduction from their corresponding endurance sporting administration endorsing their ability to officiate at endurance rides. This would ensure that veterinarians who officiate are of sufficient experience for major events.

This recommendation was accepted and Anne will send it to the vet panel for recommendation and implementation.

The Meeting Closed at 4:55 p.m. and Re-Opened at 8:24 a.m. 2nd July, 2006

WA 2007

The Quilty may move from the Racecourse to the Showgrounds and the decision for this will be made in the next 2 weeks

Victoria 2008

Tom McCormack has inspected the venue and the State Championships has been scheduled to run from there next year with Tom McCormack as the Chief Steward.

Concern was expressed that there is a massive amount of work to be done to upgrade the base to the standard required for a Quilty. Kerry queried whether any council approval would be required and this requirement should be noted.

Several points will require clarification.

Moved Dick Collyer/Ross McCamish
That **AERA signs an appropriately amended agreement with VERA for the 2008 Quilty Cup at Glendhu station.**
Voting Carried. VIC abstained.

Quilty Working Party

As there has been no progress on this, it was decided to re-establish the Quilty Working Party.

Moved Dick Collyer/Sarah Adams
That **Pat Hodgetts, Barb Timms, Jenny McCamish, Tom McCormack be elected to the Quilty Working Party.**
Voting Carried Unanimously.

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

It was noted that Motions 9.2 and 9.3 were lost on the first vote and should not have been listed for this meeting.

9.1 **That An amendment is made to rule 5.6 to add... Note, this rule does not apply if an AERA Lightweight and AERA Junior division is held at the same event.**

QLD – Yes, SA – Yes, VIC – Yes, TAS – Yes, NSW – Yes, WA – Yes. Carried. This will be a new rule in 2007

9.4 **that the following additions are made to AERA Rule A 11.4.05**

- (c) i. re-schedule the start time
- ii 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 time of two hours
- (d) reduce the total distance of the ride providing that the reduced distance complies with Rule A2.1 (excluding the Tom Quilty, National Championships and State Championships),

and providing that all riders have, in the opinion of the Chief Steward, an equality of opportunity to complete the altered distance

- (e) **where the total distance of the ride has been shortened, no places will be given but completion will be recognised.**

QLD – Yes, SA – Yes, VIC – Yes, TAS – Yes, NSW – Yes, WA – Yes. Carried. This will be a new rule in 2007

9.5 **that the following is added to the AERA Riding Rules:**

RISK MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

Where Ride Organisers, in complying with the relevant Risk Management Policy of their Division, apply safety procedures to any aspect of the ride, riders, strappers, volunteers and visitors are required to observe these procedures or face disciplinary action by the Chief Steward or his or her nominee.

QLD – Yes, SA – Yes, VIC – Yes, TAS – No, NSW – Yes, WA – Yes. Carried. This will be a new rule in 2007.

Motions on Notice for Discussion and First Vote

10.1 **WAERA Motion 1**

That AERA Rule V4 End of Riding-Leg Veterinary Examination, 4.1 presently reads:

At each standard veterinary check, each rider must ensure that their horse is presented for veterinary examination 30 minutes after crossing the finish line at the end of each riding leg.

Addition to this rule: or they will be disqualified.

Rationale:

At some stage over the years, the "or they will be disqualified" has been left off this rule. Including this clarification reinforces the Chief Steward's authority to disqualify late presentations for veterinary inspection.

This is already covered by other rules but these type of statements are gradually creeping back. It does not really change anything. Dick believes it should be "may" not "will".

Moved WA/NSW

That an amendment is made to state "or they will risk disqualification."

The amendment was put to the vote and carried unanimously. The amended motion was put to the vote.

QLD – Abstain, SA – Yes, VIC – Yes, TAS – Yes, NSW – Yes, WA – Yes. Carried. This will be returned to the next meeting.

10.2 **Veterinary Panel Motion 1**

R.1 2 Veterinary Appeals

That the following is added to Rule R12.1:

Where a formal voting panel of veterinarians has been established the appeal is made to the panel, as per rule V13.2

Rationale:

- I t was considered that rule R12.1 should be clarified to include reference to the situation where there is a formal voting panel of three veterinarians in place.

Currently the rules would allow this without rewording, because of rule V13.2, which allows the Head Vet to choose for the final adjudication on a horse to be by the three-vet-vote. However it would be less ambiguous to add:

It is important that the Chief Steward remains impartial and in the loop. If a rider thinks vet procedures are wrong they have the right to appeal to the Head Vet via the Chief Steward before they leave the ring. It is cleaner and more independent doing it this way rather than the panel. Responsibility should stay with the Head Vet and it is important that the Chief Steward is involved.

QLD – Abstain, SA –Abstain, VIC – Abstain, TAS –No, NSW – No, WA – No. Lost. Anne is to refer it back to the vet panel.

10.3 Veterinary Panel Motion 2

That R13.6 Rider Early Warning System and Suspensions is deleted.

Rationale:

The rule currently reads:

“Any rider or owner whose horse is known to progress to laminitis, renal failure, hepatopathies, CNS related disturbance, will be asked to show cause to the State Management Committee why they should not be suspended.”

This rule may be so far-reaching as to be nonsense, and may require the addition of a phrase such as “as a result of participation in an affiliated endurance event”; however, proving such a connection may be impossible, and therefore the rule may be useless.

The rule protects us if it happens on the grounds. It is re-enforced responsibility.

QLD – Abstain, SA –No, VIC – No, TAS – Yes NSW – Yes, WA – No. The motion was lost.

10.4 Veterinary Panel Motion 3

V4 End of Riding Leg Veterinary Examinations

That rule V.4..2 (a) be amended to read:

“Determine and Record in the log book the heart rate (taken over one minute) and if necessary the respiratory rate and temperature.”

(Failure to achieve.....Vetted out –heart rate).

(b) and (c) to remain

Rationale:

This rule considers ‘standard’ 30 minute veterinary examinations. Currently requires the veterinarian to: record the heart rate (taken over a full minute), respiration, gut sounds, and if necessary, the rectal temperature.

The meeting considered that it was not necessary to take the respiratory rate on every horse at every check.

It was agreed that this is commonsense and should not be mandatory.

QLD – Abstain, SA –Yes, VIC – Yes, TAS – Yes, NSW – Yes, WA – Yes. Carried. Motion will be brought back to the next meeting.

10.5 Veterinary Panel Motion 4

A13.6 under Ride Organiser Guidelines

That the rule is amended to state:

“Contact with the local veterinary clinic(s) (if they are not involved with the ride) should always be made, to notify them the ride is occurring. The local veterinary clinic should be familiarised with the treatment of endurance horses and if unable to provide adequate back up then additional treatment and/or on course veterinarians with sufficient resources should be arranged.”

Rationale:

Re contact with local veterinary clinics – it was considered that 10L Hartmans could be grossly inadequate for effective treatment of an endurance horse, and therefore mentioning such an amount was not of value.

Again, commonsense and a risk management situation.

QLD – Abstain, SA –Yes, VIC – Yes, TAS – Yes, NSW – Yes, WA – Yes. Carried. Motion will be brought back to the next meeting.

10.6 Late Motion moved by SAERA/VERA

That R.5 amended to read “all up riding weight must include all riding equipment (excluding bridle)”

Rationale:

It was felt that it is not necessary to weigh in with a bridge at pre-ride and listing of specific equipment is not necessary.

QLD – Abstain, SA –Yes, VIC – Yes, TAS – Yes, NSW – Yes, WA – Yes. Carried. Motion will be brought back to the next meeting.

Insurance – Report from Allan Renner

Allan spoke of the PA claims this year. A liability claim resulting from an accident at the NSW State Championships has caused some problems as it was not notified at the time. It was emphasised that correct procedures MUST be followed. If the claim goes against AERA then the excess may have to be paid.

All States are communicating with Allan in regards to insurance. Incorporation will be checked before affiliating rides.

Horse Welfare

Jeff is happy to continue in the role. Jeff stated that he does not think microchip applicators should be sent with microchips. New microchips come with applicators. Microchips should go out with a sticker on them stating that they are only to be applied by a vet. The vet has to id the horse at the same time and should make a declaration that he has inserted the chip when he signs the form.

Veterinary Panel

John Robertson is now chairman of the vet panel.

Database

Sarah gave a report on the progress to date of the database.– refer Annexure B

Moved Sarah Adams/Dick Collyer

That **that subject to an agreement with Incheck systems and Ian Blucher, AERA commissions the development of the AERA database.**

Voting Carried Unanimously

Rule Clarification, Revision and Discussion Items

Issuing Logbooks to Juniors.

The VERA Registrar asked for clarification on AERA’s position on issuing logbooks to juniors.

Pat does not believe a logbook should be issued to a child. There is the issue of who is the responsible member and this cannot be a junior. An amendment could be made to Rule H7.8 to add “must be over 18 years of age.”

Dick stated that if the amendment was made, a child whose parents are not members would find it difficult as one parent would have to become a member. He is not sure that there is a legal or administrative problem with this and maybe it could be rectified another way. A responsible member would have to sign the ride application.

The VERA Registrar is to be asked what are the issues relating to the issuing of the logbook, and if he would like to draft up a policy or give us his thoughts on what we can do to improve the situation

Guidelines for Mini-Marathon Rides – Annexure X

Minor adjustments were made to the guidelines.

It was agreed to discuss at SMC meetings. Any comments should be given to Dick who will re-draft. It can be put up at the next meeting as a vote to become part of the rules.

Minimum Age for TPR's

TEERA have asked if there is there a minimum recommended age for TPR's. They have a very capable 14 year old.

It was agreed that a junior could be intimidated by a rider. In addition, riders may not have confidence in having a junior take the horse's pulse. TPR's should be 18 years old.

Vet cards for retired endurance status horses

TEERA has asked for clarification of use of vet cards for retired endurance status horses that are just doing a 40km as a companion to a young horse etc and there are no more pages in their log book. Do they have to buy another log book or can they use a vet card for this specific reason. Denise Williams can remember it being discussed at AERA but can find no written outcome.

It was agreed that they should have a logbook to maintain integrity.

Clarification re Rule H13 (TEERA)

Clarification re Rule H13. Under normal vetting procedures (not VGH)- if a horse crosses the finish line without a shoe can that shoe be replaced before vetting. The rule book states "---or may have a lost horseshoe replaced on course----. It does not say that the horseshoe can be replaced at the ride base before vet exam.

Commonsense must prevail. The AERA's interpretation is that the shoe can be replaced at any time.

Clarification re Rule H14.1 (TEERA)

----"every horse shall remain on the ride base, except while competing, _or exercising prior to the event---"_
Members have asked that "exercising" be specified ie on a designated track or designated area and not loading up the horse and taking it home to exercise or taking it to the beach to exercise etc.

AERA agreed that loading a horse onto a float would be in breach of H14.1 after they have entered the ride.

AERA Restructure

Allan has put together a TOR for the restructure. The restructure sub-committee will get some recommendations together, investigate feasibilities and report back at the next meeting.

Moved

Sarah Adams/Beverley Mason

That

Matthew Krahn is appointed as the Chairman of the AERA Management Structure Sub-Committee and newly co-opted member of the committee, **Simone Krahn** is appointed as the secretary

Voting

Carried Unanimously. Anne is to find any files that may be relative and forward them to Matthew.

Next Meeting The next meeting will be held on 10-12 November, 2006.

The Meeting closed at 3:35 p.m. Several items were deferred to the next meeting due to lack of time.

Draft Guidelines for Mini Marathon Rides

MINI-MARATHON RIDE RULES DRAFT

MINI-Marathon Ride Definition and Interpretation

1. An affiliated ride, conducted as a single event, where less than 80 km is ridden each day for three or more consecutive days, may be called a "Mini-Marathon".
2. These MINI-MARATHON RIDE RULES are to be read in conjunction with all AERA Inc. rules and procedures.
3. Local rules can apply but they must not be in conflict with any of the AERA Inc. rules and procedures, and will need to be sanctioned by the State Management Committee where the ride is being held.
4. These MINI-MARATHON RIDE RULES will take precedence over other rules and procedures where there is a conflict or contradiction.

MINI- Marathon Ride - General Rules

1. A Mini-Marathon is a non-competitive event. No places are to be recognised. Points and Distance are not recorded for Division or National Points and Distance Awards.
2. Only horses which are a minimum of 5 years of age on the day of the ride and which have been issued with an AERA Logbook are eligible to enter.
3. Early Warning System points will accrue for horses and riders who vet out.
4. Only Division Riding Members who have previously completed at least 2 affiliated Training Rides are eligible to enter. Day Members are not eligible.
5. All riders are restricted to a pace as designated under the Training Ride Rules. (ie to be determined by the Ride Organisers, but no faster than 14kph)
6. Day one of the ride must be at least 40 km in distance.
7. The total distance of the ride must average 40 km or more for each riding day.
8. Each leg must be ridden in the correct order and within the time limits as set by the ride committee.
 - a. All successful horses are eligible for best managed horse awards.
 - b. Each competitor's riding time will be recorded daily. These times should be made available at the completion of each day.
 - c. It is advisable to hold a riders' meeting at the completion of each day. Because veterinarians and the Chief Steward may be rostered over different days of the event, the names of these key personnel must be announced at this meeting.
 - d. The veterinary team may require lameness tests and general inspections of some or all horses prior to the start each day.

MINI-Marathon Ride - Rest Days

1. Rides longer than three days may have rest days. Rest days must be announced before the ride commences. A rest day is defined as 24 hours rest.
2. Some circumstances (fire, flood, etc.) may require a change of rest days. Any alteration must be approved by a majority vote from riders still competing, in consultation with the designated ride officials and the ride committee.

MINI-Marathon Ride - Start Times and Rest Periods

- 1 The ride committee may elect to have a shot-gun start each day, or may allow riders to nominate their own departure times for any leg or legs of the event.

- 2 The maximum time horses are allowed on course each day must be announced prior to the commencement of that day but may be subject to change due to exceptional circumstances.
- 3 In the case of mini-marathon rides with travelling ride bases, rest periods are at the discretion of the ride committees, subject to these rules.

MINI-Marathon Ride - Weighing

All riders will ride at catchweight. Weighing will be at the discretion of the Ride Organisers.

Best Managed Horse Award

1. A 'Best Managed Horse' award may be made at marathon rides. The award should be judged from all horses that successfully complete.
2. It is preferable to hold this on the day following the completion of the ride.
3. All horses eligible for best managed awards must be presented for veterinary inspection.