

Notes of the General Meeting of Members of the Australian Endurance Riders Association Inc held on 26th and 27nd July, 2008 at the Sports House, cnr. Caxton and Castlemaine Streets, Milton commencing on Saturday at 8:25 a.m.

Welcome by President Ieva welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that a minutes silence be observed in memory of Lyn Bailey.

Present: Anne Jones (Qld) Mathew Krahnhan (Qld), Dick Collyer (Qld), Neil Clarkson (NSW), Kerry Spratt (NSW), Jeff Bonham (NSW), Ieva Peters (WA), Ross McCamish (WA), Jil Bourton (SA) Helen Bowkett (TAS), Pat Hodgetts (TAS), Jane McLoughlin (VIC), Sandy Horton (VIC), Roy Noble (Hon. Member).

In attendance: Barb Timms (Saturday), Sarah Adams (Sunday)

Apologies: Nil

Registration of Votes: Qld – 7, NSW – 6, Vic – 2, WA – 2, Tas – 2, SA - 1

Business Arising from the Minutes (from Action Sheet)

National Calendar. Jo McMaha is to be included on the list for updates.

CS/TPR Registrar: Jennifer forwarded some badges to the States but Matthew had another 300 made. He based them on one of the originals that Barb Timms had. All States should contact Matthew with the contact person and numbers.

Chief Steward handbook: Dorte Colja has offered to do a CS newsletter and handbook. All States are to forward any CS information (bloopers etc) to Anne to be included.

Volunteer Policy: Sandy reported that any situation that applies to an employee also applies to a volunteer. All States have their own legislation. He has done some investigation with the Standards for a Not For Profit organisation. A Policy and Procedure manual is required and it has to be done properly. It would require an umbrella policy for AERA with sub policies under that for each Division. Dick believes that the Risk Management policies deal with a lot of it. Sandy is to contact Dee to obtain a legal opinion from AON. Jane stated that he should make them aware that we have International competition.

AHSA Marathon: AERA want to distance themselves from this event and will not encourage members to participate. We will be getting legal advise for them to cease using any endurance related resources and formal distancing from the event. The event contradicts all the principles of a 40klm ride that we have in place. If issues arise with the event it will appear to be associated with endurance.

Treasurer

Roy noted that AON have asked for the affiliated clubs to be listed and he has included this on the forms.

Roy has also been experiencing difficulty with his computer and he has been advised to replace it.

Moved Jane McLoughlin/Matthew Krahnhan

That Roy Noble purchase a new laptop computer – up to \$2,000.

Voting Carried Unanimously.

Logbooks, Qld has taken 300, NSW 200, WA Nil, Vic 50, SA Nil, Tas 50. We only have 382 logbooks on hand at the moment, and following this meeting Roy will need to order some more.

International – to be read at the meeting

The IC and the squad are working on an International series with Malaysia and possibly Argentina. This will be a reciprocal arrangement..

The IC have asked for the delegates to try to encourage Division members to become FEI officials. Proposed courses are to be run next year. Officials can serve on the Ground Jury to improve their ratings. There is a need for more courses and some funding is available.

The Young Horse Championship is going ahead next year and does have sponsors. The Organising Committees will be reimbursed for their calendar fees for * rides if they put on a Young Horse Qualifying Ride. A % of the entry fees will go to the Squad. Final details will be agreed at the Quilty and riders/owners will have to apply to enter the Young Horse Championships one month prior to the ride.

Allan Renner's term on the FEI Endurance Committee expires in November and hopefully he will be replaced by another Australian representative. Australia made a submission for changes to the FEI EC.

All FEI ride applications have to be submitted by 21st August or late calendar fees will be charged.

The Far-A-Way club have applied to run the FEI National Championships in 2009. Standards are in place and will be sent to the Club.

Organising dues for FEI rides are as follows:

3 star ride - \$770 organising fee, \$550 organising dues, 2 & 1 star ride - \$485 organising fee, \$550 organising dues. Late calendar addition - \$485 for 1 and 2 star event, additional fee \$1300 for 3 star

A motion was passed that states:

"that any application to run and FEI ride after the FEI ride calendar has been approved and lodged with the FEI for the following year be subject to the following. Application to be made to the International Secretary with the requirements to include:

- a) Application to be at least 3 months prior to proposed date of event, or in exceptional circumstances a shorter time-frame as approved by the AERA IC;**
- b) Application to be accompanied by all late fees applicable at the time and on the appropriate forms;**
- c) Draft schedule of event to be submitted with the ride application."**

A motion was also moved:

That the AERA alters the heart rate for VGIH vetting from a maximum of 60bpm to 64bpm.

It would make it easier to run AERA rides in conjunction with FEI rides and would level the playing field.

Jane commented that the vets have asked AERA to consider the 64 heartrate with 20 minutes vetting. It would still give the Ride Organiser and vets the option to have 60 heartrate with 30 minutes vetting or 64 heartrate with 20 minutes. As long as it is written as a maximum of 64, they can still use 60. It would avoid a lot of confusion when 2 rides are running together.

The selection for the World Championships was made.

In alphabetical order:

Derek Armitage / Moorah Park Mickerby

Kristie McGaffin / Tierview Maverick

Brook Sample / Brookleigh Excalibur

Matthew Sample / Brookleigh Ricardo

Penny Toft / Electra BBP Murdoch or Don

Meg Wade / China Doll or Castlebar Balik

Moved Pat Hodgetts/Neil Clarkson

That AERA ratifies the selection of the above team for the World Championships in Malaysia in 2008.

Voting Carried Unanimously

Moved Dick Collyer/Ross McCamish

That AERA assists in the purchase of quality team blazers (8) for the World Endurance Championships in Malaysia, 2008 to a maximum of \$1600.

Voting Carried Unanimously.

Motion: That the AERA IC appoints Jil Bourton, Anne Jones, Kate Jenour, Mette Sutton, Phillip Archer as Crew Members for the WEC, Malaysia.

Motion: That the AERA IC accepts the nomination of John Simpson as Crew Manager for the WEC, Malaysia.

Motion: That the AERA IC recommends that Ieva Peters be appointed the Assistant Chef for the WEC, Malaysia.

Motion: That the AERA IC recommends that Kerry Spratt be appointed as Assistant Crew Manager for the WEC, Malaysia.

Motion: That the AERA IC recommends that Robyn Mather be appointed to the position of Assistant Team Vet for the WEC, Malaysia.

Moved Dick Collyer/Matthew Krahn

That **the above appointments are ratified.**

Voting Carried Unanimously.

Nanango 2008 – Barbara Timms to attend on Saturday morning

Barbara attended to discuss the progress of the Quilty.

circulated an update on the budget. She stated that entries are coming in slowly but are faster now after the State Championships in NSW and Qld. Sponsorship is good and they have done well with publicity. The Year Book is underway.

Barbara asked how incompetent riders are dealt with especially after incidents at the Qld State Championships. The Committee does not want to be held responsible or have to pick up the riders. If the CS or vets had any concern that the rider is incapable or unfit during the course of the event they can make a decision. All riders at the Quilty must have completed a 160km ride previously that may stop problems.

It was felt that the issue is well and truly covered by the waiver. The problem is that other riders feel responsible to help and it is not fair. Cards are needed for non speaking riders and also for medical information. The committee will also require people to be appropriately dressed. This is covered in the rule book and can be enforced.

The question was asked whether the Hendra virus is a risk to the Quilty or to horses coming from interstate. It is only contracted by direct contact or being bitten by a bat. It is an Endemic virus and if it is not enacted by the government there is no need to do anything about it.

Moved Dick Collyer/Neil Clarkson

That **June Petersen, Sue Parsons, Col Adams, Ron Males are appointed as the judges for the Pat Slater Cup along with the Head Vet..**

Voting Carried Unanimously.

Moved Dick Collyer/Neil Clarkson

That **the Disputes Committee will be the Chief Steward, the Head Veterinarian, .Barbara Timms, Colleen Shaw and Ieva Peters.**

Voting Carried Unanimously

Ieva thanked Barbara for attending and she left the meeting.

Moved Dick Collyer/Jil Bourton

That **Phil Hammond and Tony Nixon are accepted as celebrity riders for the Nanango Quilty.**

Voting Carried Unanimously. Dick stated that he would be happy to ride with them.

Moved Matthew Krahn/Ross McCamish

That **AERA pays the travel expenses and car hire for the CS for the Nanango Committee to a maximum of \$800, with payment on receipt.**

Voting C arried Unanimously.

Moved Matthew Krahn/Dick Collyer

That **AERA pays for the travel expenses and car hire for the Assistant CS to a maximum of \$400 at the Nanango Quilty.**

Voting SA – No, Vic – Yes, NSW – No, Qld – Yes, Tas – No, WA – No. Motion Lost.

Victoria 2009

Jane reported that the pre-ride is being held in 2 weeks.

NSW 2010

It was noted that the date has been changed to 26th June, 2010. It was pointed out to Jeff that there could be complaints about this and that a large ride could be scheduled for the June long weekend which is only 2 weeks prior. Jeff maintained that he is not concerned about this.

Anne is to write to the Quilty Committee, copied to NSWERA and advise that AERA makes a strong recommendation to seriously consider using Tom McCormack as the CS for the sake of consistency and continuity.

The Quilty Committee have recommended their son-in-law as the Head Vet. There was a strong concern that issues of Conflict of Interest could arise because of this. Jeff replied that the only reason they are running the Quilty is because of the family ties and they would consider cancelling if his appointment is not approved.

Moved Dick Collyer/Pat Hodgetts

That **we accept the nomination from the Manilla QC for the Head Veterinarian with the proviso that the issue of dealing with conflict of interest as stated in the rule book is addressed by the vet and submitted to AERA prior to the next meeting.**

Voting Tas – Yes, SA – Yes, Vic – Yes, NSW – Abstain, Qld – Yes, WA – Yes. Motion Carried.

Jeff stated that he will take the decision back to the Committee.

The Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Quilty Event Standards/Working Party

Jil feels that it is the magnitude of the event that is becoming difficult. A lot of things need to be standard such as Stationery etc. Each Quilty has their own logo. Sarah stated that she has been in touch with Dick a few times to ask how it was done at Boonah. A template is needed that is passed from state to state.

Jane agreed, wanting a checklist containing such things as having a fridge available in the vet hospital, how to set up a hot water donkey etc. Role descriptions should be available and passed on. Kerry stated that she has a lot of paperwork available from the 1997 Quilty and a book was put together about before, after and during the event. Dick noted that the Ride Organisers manual is available on the QERA website that has a lot of information. Dick also offered subsequent committees his information and it was given on the proviso that changes would have to be made.

The perception that AERA takes a fee with no responsibility is wrong. AERA has developed a set of standards over the years and also since 2004 have paid for AERA Delegates to work at the event. They pay for the Head Vet and course vet. The State involvement depends on the States. An AERA Delegate has to be a member of the Quilty Committee. The role of the delegates at the event is understated. Also Dick, Ieva and Tom McCormack went to Tonimbuk, Dick and Matthew visited Manilla.

The Event Standards are continually evolving. AERA needs to show a high level of support. The SMC should be involved in Each State. Matthew can talk to Barbara at any time. There must be open-minded communication and support. Jane stated that they were unclear of AERA's expectations and this would be easier if there is a clear set of documentation that is handed down from state to state.

It was agreed that Sarah, Jill and Jane will put together a Draft of the Quilty Manual/Operational manual and send it to Dick and Ieva for review.

The Quilty Agreement with Tonimbuk has been signed. Anne will scan and distribute. It was also noted that following the events of the last meeting and the threat of legal action, we were obliged to inform AON and complete a claim form.

Suggested amendment to Event Standards from QERA

Dick explained that it all comes back to AERA taking more responsibility for the key roles.

Neil asked whether the increase in fee from 10-20% will be enough? The assistance given by AERA will vary from Quilty to Quilty. It is not the intention of AERA to do the minimum for 20% of the levy. It gives AERA the

scope and capability of supplying key people to the event at the level that has not been there before. The agreement backs up what has been requested.

Neil likes the idea of AERA appointing the key people. Roy stated that an extra \$20 entry fee would cover the additional levy of 10%.

The Standards need to be open ended to give AERA flexibility. Helen asked how it could be improved. Jane agrees that AERA needs to appoint key positions. The Ride Organisers can negotiate with AERA before the agreement is signed.

Neil expressed concern that some Ride Organisers will get more than others and it should be fair over all the Committees. Dick replied that a big Quilty in Queensland would not get back what is given out but it does not matter if it goes to subsidise one that needs more support. This happens now. The event standards is a planning tool only.

Moved Dick Collyer/Ross McCamish
That **the Quilty Event Standards be altered according to this proposal (Annexure 3)**
Voting Tas – Yes, SA – Yes, NSW – No, Qld – Yes, WA – Yes. Carried.

Dick advised that it can be changed at any meeting.

Quilty Cup Agreement – Suggested amendments

Ross stated that he believes the agreement needs bolstering and made the appropriate changes. Some small changes were made. The agreement should be displayed at the point of entry stating that if you win the cup and take it home, you need to sign the agreement. An advise should also be put on the website that the winner of the Quilty Cup is subject to a Deed of Agreement.

Moved Matthew Krahen/Ross McCamish
That **the amended deed of agreement for the Tom Quilty Gold Cup is accepted**
Voting Carried Unanimously. It was also agreed that if there are joint winners and they wish to purchase another replica cup, the cost will be \$2,100 incl. GST.

AERA Restructure

Neil is looking at putting together a National Newsletter. A discussion was held on the use of technology such as Conference Rooms, Skype etc. Public conference rooms could be made available for new members and exiting members to ask questions etc. It is now time to work smarter.

Correspondence

Carriage Driving would like to use our Accredited TPR's at their events. Jeff stated that he has already run 3 TPR schools for them at Manilla. It was agreed that Anne should write to them and ask them to contact Jeff Bonham to discuss it further. There is an issue of membership if they want to work at our rides. We should show our model and they can adapt it to their sport.

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

1 VERA Motion 1

That the age of Junior Riders be raised from 16years in the year of the ride to 18 year in the year of the ride"

Tas – Yes, SA – Yes, Vic – Yes, NSW – Yes, Qld – Yes, WA – Yes. Motion Carried. Anne is to remind States to change their Constitutions to reflect this and put a notice in the newsletters..

2 Vet Panel Motion 1 to AERA:

P2.2 Omeprazole, prescribed and administered under the control of a veterinarian, at the recommended doses for treatment and prevention of gastric ulceration is exempt from the provisions of these prohibited substance rules.

The vet panel stands by its recommendation to allow omeprazole usage in Australian endurance riding.

We accept that there is still much to be learnt about gastric ulcers in horses in relation to cause, management and prevention including possible genetic predisposition.

We acknowledge that it is the prerogative of AERA to decide whether the sport in Australia should remain drug free or not. Although it has passed the first round of AERA approval it can still be overturned.

We would welcome any references to scientific proof in either direction by way of published articles.

Hopefully in the future somebody will fund further scientific research into non pharmaceutical prevention/treatment of EGUS and that may cause us to reverse our recommendation to AERA.

In the meantime we believe that our recommendation will relieve some suffering in some horses without inferring a pharmacologically induced performance advantage.

It should remain the objective of all good horsemen to present their horses for competition without the need for chemical assistance.

Yours sincerely,

John Robertson

Chairman

AERA vet panel

Tas – No, SA – Abstain, Vic – Yes, NSW – Yes, Qld – Yes, WA – Yes. Carried. This will be a new rule in 2009. Tasmania want to do research and will ask for volunteers to declare that they are using the drug. It should be removed on the prohibited substance list and the vets should be asked which items need to be removed. Pat is to put in a submission for funding research.

3 Vet Panel Motion 2 to AERA

Body condition score:

MOTION: That body condition score be assessed as part of the initial examination and recorded in the log book at each ride. The following scoring system is recommended.

Body condition scoring system for horses

Carroll C.L., and Huntington P. J., Body Condition Scoring and Weight Estimation of Horses, Equine Veterinary Journal (1988) 20 (1), 41 - 45.

Huntington, P.J. (1991) Field estimation of body condition and weight. In: Equine Nutrition Proceedings 181. Post Grad. Comm. Vet. Sci. 15 – 23

Score	Neck	Back and Ribs	Tail and Pelvis
0 Very poor	Marked 'ewe' neck which is narrow and slack at the base.	Skin is stretched tightly over ribs. Individual ribs and vertebrae prominent.	Deep cavity under tail, rump is sunken, pelvis structure prominent
1 Poor	'Ewe' neck still obvious. Neck narrow and slack.	Ribs and individual vertebrae well defined.	Deep depression under tail, rump is sunken but skin supple, pelvis well defined.
2 Moderate	Narrow but firm neck	Ribs just visible. Individual vertebrae cannot be seen but are easily felt.	Slight cavity present under tail. Rump flat either side of the backbone.
3 Good	Firm neck but no crest (with the exception of stallions)	Firm neck but no crest (with the exception of stallions) Ribs and vertebrae cannot be seen but are easily felt.	Rump is rounded, pelvis is easily felt.
4 Fat	Wide firm neck with a slight crest forming.	Firm pressure is needed to feel ribs. Slight gutter	Gutter forming down rump to tailhead, pelvis can be

		forming along the loin.	felt with firm pressure.
5 Very Fat	Very wide and firm neck with a marked crest.	Ribs cannot be felt; back is broad with a definite gutter.	Rump is bulging, definite gutter down rump to tailhead. Pelvis buried.

The veterinary panel would like to replace Anal tone.

Tas – Yes, SA – Yes, Vic – Yes, NSW – Yes, Qld – Yes, WA – No. Carried and will become a new rule in 2009.

4 Amended QERA Motion

That as from 1st January 2010, all endurance horses must be microchipped to be eligible to compete.

An amendment was moved by NSW/Tasmania

That as from 1st January 2010, all horses qualifying to endurance status must be microchipped to be eligible to compete.

TAS – Yes, SA – Yes, Vic – Yes, NSW- Yes, Qld – Yes, WA – Abstain. Carried and will be returned for a second vote in November.

5 QERA Motion 2 – Insertion of Microchips

“that Rule H6.2 Every horse issued with an Endurance Horse Logbook must be identified either by:

be amended to read:

a) a microchip implant plus certified veterinary identification of same - the details of which will be recorded in the Endurance Horse Logbook for that horse. The microchip must be inserted more than 6 days prior to that horse competing in an affiliated endurance ride if a prohibited substance e.g. local anaesthetic is administered during this procedure.

An amendment was moved by Helen Bowkett/Neil Clarkson to read:

a) a microchip implant plus certified veterinary identification of same - the details of which will be recorded in the Endurance Horse Logbook for that horse. If a prohibited substance is administered during this procedure, the appropriate withholding period must be observed.

The amendment was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

The amended motion was put to the vote.

TAS – Yes, SA – Yes, Vic – Yes, NSW – Yes, Qld – Yes, WA – Yes. Carried and will be a new rule in 2009.

The rules will need another change prior to 2010.

Motions on Notice for Discussion and First Vote

1 WAERA Motion 1

That Rule A14 (Training Ride Rules), A14.3 is amended as follows:

14.3 All Novice horses and 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 km per hour over the distance of the ride.

And,

That Rule A45 (Introductory Ride Controls), A45.5 is amended as follows:

A45.5 Riders will ride to minimum and maximum time limits as determined by the ride committee. The minimum ride time will be calculated as a pace not faster than Novice Riding time (Refer to Rule H5.4a) ~~an average of 8 km~~

~~per hour.~~ Maximum ride time will be calculated to ensure no participating horse and rider is placed under stress to complete the course.

Rationale: The change to the wording is to include the word “novice”, “and riders” and “Novice Riding time”. WAERA is of the opinion that experienced “endurance” horses and riders should not be restricted to the abovementioned time restraints. Experienced riders riding Endurance status horses have already reached the obligations required in our rules and should not be restricted to time restraints. At introductory rides, it would be more appropriate to enforce the novice riding time restraints.

Matthew asked whether the intention of this amendment is to exclude qualified horses and riders from this rule. Yes. Matthew explained the history regarding the Senate Enquiry and horses being run into the ground in a training ride. It could result in people purposely entering horses in a 40klm ride with the intention of running as hard and as fast as they can.

Helen feels the same. Sarah commentated that an average speed of 14kph is not slow. The rule as it stands promotes horse welfare which is what training rides are for.

TAS – No, SA – No, Vic – No, NSW – No, Qld – No, WA – Yes. Not carried.

Rule A 45.5

WA feels that 8kph is walking pace. Ride Organisers should be encouraged to set the pace at 10kph. Helen stated that a lot of horses would have problems as they are not endurance horses and most of them carry excess weight.

TAS – Yes, SA – Yes, Vic – Yes, NSW – Yes, Qld – Yes, WA – Yes. Carried and will be brought to the next meeting for a second vote.

2 SAERA Motion 1

Horse Early Warning System and Suspensions

The following Motion was moved:

That Rule 18.2 (page 31) be amended to include all riding events as defined in rule 2.1 (page 1) such that the amended rule will read “Each State Management Committee – on behalf of the AERA inc. – will maintain records of each rider and horse successful completions and non-completions at all riding events as defined by Rule 2.1 within their State. Non-completions will attract penalty points as detailed below:... (refer table page 21).

That the table be amended so that training rides accumulate penalty points at half the rate detailed for endurance rides and at one quarter the rate for introductory rides and furthermore:

That Rule 18.4 be rewritten to reduce non-completion penalty points for training rides at half the rate specified for endurance rides up to 90km and for introductory rides at one quarter the rate.

Rationale:

There have been several occasions where horses have vetted out and required invasive treatment, have vetted out lame more than once, or vetted out with a very high and/or irregular heart rate after a training ride or introductory ride. There is concern that where the horse is repeatedly entered in ride events, there is no system in place to penalise the owner or connections where a breach of horse welfare is considered to have occurred. While a rest order can be issued by the veterinarian, there is no means whereby the owner or connections can be cautioned, or in more serious cases asked to show cause why the horse should not be suspended. In the interests of horse welfare, the ‘Horse Early Warning System and Suspensions’ should be extended to include all riding events.

Jil spoke for the motion stating that there have been incidents over the last couple of years where training riders have had invasive treatments.

It would be difficult to run an EWS on vet card horses and day memberships. It could be seen as discriminating between members and non members and it could encourage more use of vet cards and incorrect horse names. It should be handled by offering assistance.

Kerry believes that the idea of having control over horses at training rides is great but she is worried that it would discourage people from entering them.

Dick states that it would be difficult to administer the EWS for day horses/day members and it is much better to deal with isolated cases that pop up.

Tas – Yes, SA – Yes, Vic – Yes, NSW – Abstain, Qld – No, WA – Yes. Motion Lost. Put a new item on the Agenda on how to handle Invasive Treatments for intro/training rides and b) for owners/trainers owners/trainers.

3 **Horse Names on Logbooks**

Move that Rule H7.3 be deleted (names on Logbooks)

Moved by QERA/NSWERA

Rationale:

All pages now have a logbook number on them and it is an onerous job for the Registrars to enter the name on every page. Riders/ride secretaries can complete this during entry.

TAS – Yes, SA – Yes, Vic – Abstain, NSW – Yes, Qld – Yes, WA – Yes. Carried and will be returned to the next meeting for a second vote.

10.4 **VGIH Novice Riding Time**

Moved by Matthew Krahn/Jil Bourton

That H5.5 be added to read:

That for VGIH times, Novice Horse Time shall be taken as time taken on course. Present times must not be included in this calculation.

Rationale: This will clarify the confusion regarding the Novice Horse Time in VGIH rides.

Tas – Yes, SA – Yes, Vic – Yes, NSW – Yes, Qld – Yes, WA – Yes. Carried. Will be returned to the next meeting for a second vote.

10.5 **Heartrate in VGIH rides**

Moved by Dick Collyer/Matthew Krahn

that rule A12.1 P. 6 be amended to read the heartrate is to be set no higher than a maximum of 64 bpm.

Rationale: Currently the heartrate for AERA rides is set at 60 bpm whereas the rate for FEI rides is set at 64bpm. This will bring them into line and make it easier for the administration when FEI and AERA rides are run concurrently.

Tas – Yes, SA – Yes, Vic – Yes, NSW – Abstain, Qld – Yes, WA – Yes. Carried and will be returned to the next meeting for a second vote.

10.6 **VGIH Presents**

Moved Dick Collyer/Matthew Krahn

that V8.8 P.38 be amended to read:

When a horse is timed into a VGIH checkpoint it has 20 minutes for rides up to 119 in distance and 30 minutes for rides for 120kml or longer within which to present.

Rationale: This motion also brings AERA VGIH and FEI rides into line and should be read in conjunction with 10.5

10.7 **Maximum Times**

Moved Dick Collyer/Ross McCamish

That V8.10 is amended to read:

If the horse's heart rate exceeds the masimum heart ratte set for that ride, the horse must represent within the maximum times as per rule V8.8

Rationale: Refer 10.6

Tas – Yes, SA – Yes, Vic – Yes, NSW – Abstain, Qld – Yes, WA – Yes. Carried and will be returned to the next meeting for a second vote.

10.8 **Heart Rate Criteria**

Moved by Dick Collyer/Jil Bourton

That V8.12 is amended to read:

horses which do not meet the heart rate criteria as per rule V8.8 are eliminated.

That V8.15 is amended to read:

As for sectional checks except that there is no re-present.

Tas – Yes, SA – Yes, Vic – Yes, NSW – Abstain, Qld – Yes, WA – Yes. Carried and will be returned to the next meeting for a second vote.

Pat asked for clarification of the interpretation of a 2 day ride. Is it classed as a 160klm ride or 2 x 80klm. It has to be run as 2 x 80klm rides.

Veterinary Panel

Moved Matthew Krahen/Dick Collyer

That Dr. Chris Pretorius is added to the list of accredited veterinarians.

Voting Carried Unanimously.

Meeting reconvened Sunday 8:35 a.m.

Database

Sarah Adams attended the meeting to discuss the progress of the database and discussed the following recommendations:

1. The AERA honours its contractual obligations to Ian Blucher
2. Acknowledge the expression of interest from Trish Smith and offer role as Project Manager
3. Accept resignation from Sarah Adams who has acted as “guardian” for the development of the national database.
4. Stuart Forge to meet Ian Blucher (provisional date Friday, August 8th in Melbourne) at a cost of \$320 (approx. airfare) and hotel for Ian (\$150).
5. That there is a mandate for a National Early Warning alert system.

Moved Dick Collyer/Ross McCamish

That **the recommendations 1-5 from Sarah Adams are accepted.**

Voting Carried Unanimously.

Moved Ross McCamish/Jane McLoughlin

That **the Database Portfolio be transferred to Sandy Horton**

Voting Carried Unanimously. Sandy is to write to Trish Smith and set out the Terms of Reference.

Moved Pat Hodgetts/Neil Clarkson

That **the project manager be provided with an Honorarium to be negotiated and that the initial appointment is for a period of 2 years commencing 1st August, 2008.**

Voting Carried Unanimously

Moved Ross McCamish/Helen Bowkett

That **a motion of thanks is moved to Sarah for her efforts.**

Voting Carried Unanimously.

A meeting has been scheduled between Sandy, Stuart Forge and Ian Blucher in Melbourne on 7th August.

Rule Clarification, Revision and Discussion Items

Yellow Cards (QERA) – deferred to next meeting

Best Conditioned Sheet (SAERA) – deferred to next meeting

Ownership Labels (VERA)

Clarification whether an ownership label is required in a novice logbook and, if so, clarification of the consequences of lack of an ownership label in a novice logbook.

Ownership labels are to be in every logbook. VERA have advised that they will put all ownership labels on the front cover. It was pointed out that horse rego stickers should go in the front of the logbook.

State Expenses (VERA)

In 2004, VERA collected \$10,500 in income on behalf of AERA but VERA incurs all the costs in collecting that AERA income. VERA requests that AERA compensates for the costs incurred in issuing registration labels on logbooks, etc.

This has been discussed previously, and the position remains the same.

Chief Steward Requirement (VERA)

Vera have requested that the requirement for a Chief Steward to be a TPR be removed.

It was agreed to retain the current position that CS need to be TPRs first.

FEI Rider Bibs (VERA)

Can Rider bibs be provided by AERA for FEI riders/rides.

To distinguish riders riding with AERA rides. Could riders buy their own and take them to all FEI events? Ownership of bibs has worked well in Vic. Victoria is the only State running a bib policy so this is not applicable to other states. It was suggested that Chris Burke from IRT is contacted who can provide a set of bibs on loan.

VERA and Tas delegates left at 3.00pm.

NSW Delegates (Neil and Jeff) left at 2.00pm.

Executive Decisions to be Ratified

- 1 Sending Flowers to Lyn Bailey (29/3/08)
- 2 Attendance by Roy Noble at MYOB course (\$119)
- 3 Repair of I Peters' computer (\$90)
- 4 Purchase of 300 TPR badges @ \$3.96 each inc. GST
- 5 Approval for Sarah Adams to attend meeting
- 6 Approval for meeting between Ian Blucher and Stuart Forge at Tonimbuk

Moved Ross McCamish/Matthew Krahnien

That **the Executive decisions are ratified.**

Voting Carried Unanimously.

Next Meeting The next meeting will be held on 22/23 November. IC Meeting on Friday 21st November.

The Meeting closed at 3.25pm.

Amendments to Quilty Standards
Australian Endurance Riders Association Inc.
PROPOSED REVISION – JULY 2008

TOM QUILTY GOLD CUP ENDURANCE RIDE

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

QUILTY EVENT STANDARDS AGREEMENT

3. RIDING RULES, AFFILIATION, RIDE ADMINISTRATION AND DISPUTES

- 3.1 The AERA Inc. Riding Rules and Procedures for Rides and Veterinary Procedures current at the time of the Quilty event shall apply.
- 3.2 Any additional rules proposed by a Quilty Committee shall be approved by the AERA Inc. before they can be applied.
- 3.3 The ride shall be affiliated with the Division within which it is being conducted and affiliation fees shall be determined by that Division's SMC.
- 3.4 The AERA will invoice the Quilty Committee with a **20% fee** of all entry fees (excluding compulsory vet levies) within 14 days of the running of the event. This must be paid within 14 days unless agreed otherwise.
- 3.5 Overall maximum elapsed time for competitors to complete the ride shall not exceed twenty-four hours.
- 3.6 There shall be an event Disputes Committee, consisting of at least five people, who must have an intimate knowledge of all aspects relating to the conduct of the event. It is mandatory that the Disputes Committee include at least one member of the AERA Inc. Management Committee who is not a competitor in the event, plus the Chief Steward and Head Veterinarian.
- 3.7 The AERA Inc. Management Committee is the final arbitrator of all disputes.
- 3.8 **The AERA Inc, in consultation with the Quilty Committee, will appoint the Chief Steward and such number of suitably qualified assistant Chief Stewards as it deems necessary for the efficient running of the event. Travel and accommodation expenses associated with these personnel will be paid by the AERA Inc.**
- 3.9 **The AERA Inc, in consultation with the Quilty Committee, will appoint such number of suitably experienced ride administration personnel as it deems are necessary for the efficient running of the Ride Secretariat. Travel and accommodation costs associated with these personnel will be paid for by the AERA Inc.**

4 VETTING

- 4.1 The AERA Inc. Veterinary Standards, Procedures and Guidelines applying at the time of the event shall be adopted.
- 4.2 The Head Veterinarian for the ride shall be an AERA Inc. Honorary Veterinarian and shall be appointed to the event by AERA Inc. in consultation with the Quilty Committee, **and the AERA Inc will also appoint such number of suitably qualified Veterinarians, including the treatment vet, as it deems necessary to assist the Head Veterinarian. Travel and accommodation costs associated with these personnel will be paid by the AERA Inc.**
- 4.3 The **remainder of the** vetting team will be selected by the Quilty Committee in consultation with the Head Veterinarian. Honorary Veterinarians to Divisions and AERA Honorary Veterinarians shall be included in the team. Invitations to be a part of the Quilty vetting team will be made by the Quilty Committee. All vets selected shall be nationally or internationally accredited endurance vets.