

## AERA Meeting Report

Notes of the General Meeting of Members of the Australian Endurance Riders Association Inc held on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2010 commencing on Saturday at 8:36 a.m. at the conclusion of the AGM

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**Present:** Anne Jones (Qld) Mathew Krahnan (Qld), Dorte Colja (Qld), Neil Clarkson (NSW), Tom McCormack (NSW), Kerry Spratt (NSW), Ieva Peters (WA), Ross McCamish (WA), Sarah Adams (SA), Debra Grull (TAS), Pat Hodgetts (TAS), Sandy Little (VIC), Katrina Westerhoff (Vic),

**In attendance:** John Mullins (Sat), Peter Johnson (Sun), Beverley Wright (Sun), Dee Berry (Sun)

**Apologies:** Roy Noble (Hon. Member), Melanie Scott (SA)

**Registration of Votes (Previous Year in Brackets) – Qld 649 (654) – 7 votes, NSW – 547 (575) – 6 votes, Tas – 210 (158) – 3 votes, Vic – 198 (212) – 2 votes, WA – 161 (171) – 2 votes, SA – 93 (98) – 1 vote**

**Set up and allocation of portfolios (Head in bold)**

It was agreed that the head of the portfolio will submit a report to each meeting.

Finance – **Tom**, Roy

Ride Stationery – Pat/**Debbie** – vet forms. **Melanie**/Emma/Sandy - standard forms – Entry Form

Policy –Strategic Planning/Restructure – **Kerry**/Sarah/Katrinia

Awards – National/Trophies/Pointscore Design - **Kerry**

Quilty – **Ieva**/Dick/Pat/Sarah/Ross

- Event Standards at the event
- Procedures/agreement/manual/who pays for what, bond for audited agreement
- AERA funding support
- Event manager

Sponsorship – Quilty/Other - **Sarah**

Vet Panel – Debbie/**Pat**

TPR/CS – **Dorte**/Melanie

Database – links to forms – Ieva/Dee/Jo McMaha/**Tom**

IC - **Ieva**

Registrar – Jo McMaha/Dee/**Tom**

Insurance - **Dee**

Web – Anne/**Elaine**

Interface industry, government, others – **Matthew**, Debbie/Ross/Neil

Rule Book – logbook, ownership, horse naming, trainers– **Ieva**/Sandy/Katrina

Year Book – Quilty/newsletter – **Ieva**/Neil/Anne

Constitution – **Kerry**/Ieva/Tom/Matthew/Melanie

**Business Arising from the Minutes (from Action Sheet)**

**Videos:** Neil has 6 or 7 completed that he will bring to the next meeting and will continue with the videos that he has. QERA will store them in their library.

**BC Calculations:** SA initiated a trial but with no good solutions. It was agreed to abandon the trial. **AERA**

**Decals:** Matthew has spoken to the label shop and they cannot produce metallic decals. He will get a quote for 3-5,000 for executive decision.

**Update of Quilty Cup at Longreach:** Kerry mentioned that the old AERA archives hold a deed of agreement between RM and the Longreach Hall of Fame. Tom stated that he will ask Louise to take on the task.

**Quilty Portfolio:** Jane sent the document to Dick but it needs a lot of work.

**Quilty Dress Standards:** Matthew believes that this is a role for the Chief Steward. Debbie suggested that a reminder is placed in the newsletters reminding competitors and officials about Rule R2.2

**Microchipping:** Matthew reported that part of the Horse Industry Council's submission to Government was to implement a horse levy in the event of another EI situation. This would be managed by having all horses microchipped. AERA needs to respond and be identified as a stakeholder. The Horse Industry Council is only consulting the racing industry. Matthew stated that he would be willing to take on the portfolio to interface between AERA and the Horse Industry. The AHSA have a seat on the Alliance board but they are not active participants or sending information on. If we are seen as a stakeholder, we will get a chance to be consulted.

**Quilty Letters of Support:** Matthew explained that before he attended a meeting with Cardinia Shire Council, he obtained letters of support from all the councils where previous Quilties had been run, that explained the benefits to the region and the economy. Jane was going to add a letter from the Cardinia Shire and pass the package to Gay Bonham.

### Executive Decisions to be Ratified

- 9.1 **The AERA approves the appointment made with lawyer, John Mullins, of Mullins Lawyers (Brisbane) the cost of which will be \$440 per hour.**
- 9.2 **\$129 for Kerry's airfare to Brisbane to attend the meeting with the Solicitor.**
- 9.3 **Re-imburement to Kerry Spratt for out of pocket expenses relating to Jay Randle issue of \$380.25**
- 9.4 **That Roy organises flowers to be sent to Jennifer and Graeme Gilbertson**
- 9.5 **that Roy organises flowers to be sent to Andrew Blake's funeral**
- 9.6 **That the AERA covers the cost for transport and accommodation for Sandy Horton and Peter Johnson to attend the AERA meeting. Cost approx \$2,000. To come from the DB account.**
- 9.7 **that John Mullins is invited to attend the meeting**

With reference to 9.6, Ieva advised that Sandy Horton has resigned from the database role and is not attending the meeting.

### Quilty

**Victoria 2009** – A profit and loss report was distributed but does not contain enough relevant information and the audited reports will be required. VERA delegates are going to follow up as they have not seen the report.

**Moved** Neil Clarkson/Ross McCamish

**That** **in accordance with the Quilty Agreement, AERA is to request a copy of the audited report from the Tonimbuk Quilty Committee and also ask about the seed money of \$15,000 and for a breakdown of the sponsorship other amount of \$64,000.**

**Voting** Carried Unanimously

**NSW 2010:** Neil gave a brief update. Another \$6,000 in sponsorships has been received. A development application to the council of \$15,000 has been accepted. New checkpoint people have been organised. 19 vets are confirmed. There are over 90 pre-nominations already, 6 from overseas. Trevor Knight will sing the anthem and the Quilty song.

6 AERA delegates intend to help at the Quilty.

Neil is to pass on AERA's concern about the hold times to the Committee. Pat advised that she has not seen a discussion on it on the vet chatline. The vets could agree to change the hold times at their meeting before the Quilty.

**Disputes Committee:** The Disputes Committee will be Kim Hagon, Tom McCormack, Ieva Peters, the Ride Director, a SMC member and a member of the Ride Organising Committee.

**Pat Slater Cup Judges:** The Pat Slater Cup Judges were selected as follows: Kim Hagon, Ron Males, Alan Lindsay, Jennifer Gilbertson, Meg Wade, with Ross McCamish and Alan Caslick as reserves.

**SA 2011 – Annexure D:** Sarah would like to acknowledge the contribution from Tonimbuk and the support from the council and landowners of Clare. More work has to be done on course development. Additional land has been secured but it will not be available until after November. They are trying to find a date for the FEI ride and it looks like it will be 8-10<sup>th</sup> October with horses off the ground by Monday. The Committee has approved a \*star FEI

ride but forfeited the 120km Young Horse Champs. They are happy to host NZ and have already sourced 3-4 horses for the NZ riders already.

Sarah stated that they are aware that they do not have experienced secretarial personnel and will be looking at putting a team together with AERA's assistance. Sarah also believes there should be a standard logo and colours to promote multi-year sponsorship deals.

James Vowles has agreed to be the head vet and already has a business plan and is talking to sponsors. Tasmania would like to bring vets to the test event.

Tom and Louise McCormack have been invited to the October ride and will have a chance to look at the course.

**Moved** Katrina Westerhoff/Sandy Little  
**That** **Tom McCormack is appointed as the Chief Steward to the SA Tom Quilty in 2011.**  
**Voting** Carried Unanimously

**Moved** Ross McCamish/Pat Hodgetts  
**That** **Dorte Colja is appointed as the Assistant Chief Steward to the SA Tom Quilty in 2011**  
**Voting** Carried Unanimously

**Moved** Dorte Colja/Debbie Grull  
**That** **James Vowles is appointed as the Head Veterinarian to the SA Tom Quilty in 2011**  
**Voting** Carried Unanimously

**Moved** Sarah Adams/Dorte Colja  
**That** **Bill Harbison is appointed as the treatment vet to the SA Tom Quilty in 2011.**  
**Voting** Carried Unanimously

**Tasmania 2012:** Pat reported that St Helens on the East Coast has been selected for the 2012 Quilty. It is proposed to be held on the June Long weekend. The Showgrounds have good infrastructure and it has been approved by TEERA. A 160km ride has been scheduled there for May. A meeting is being held next Sunday to introduce the event officially in the area. An Event Director is required. There is a potential person but she is tied up for another 4 months. Tom will be available to assist as ride director and Sandy will be officiating at the May event. An amount of \$5,000 has been transferred from the Quilty Fund. A letter has been received from Geoff Becker advising that \$18,500 is in the bank and has proposed 3 people, including Pat, to oversee the distribution.

#### **Database – (visit by Peter Johnson Sunday)**

Peter advised that he has tried to maintain compatibility to the Blucher system. More work has to be done on the pointscore system and modifications for individual states. He intends to keep the system as simple as possible.

Ieva advised that herself, Tom, Dee and Jo McMaha will liaise with him. It was agreed that Peter will attend a ride in Tasmania and work alongside the secretaries. A workshop will also be organised.

**Moved** Ross McCamish/Neil Clarkson  
**That** **the database development agreement with Peter Johnson is signed.**  
**Voting** Carried Unanimously. Ieva signed the agreement with Peter.

Peter is confident that the database could be up and running by June.

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

Nil carried over

#### **Motions on Notice for Discussion and First Vote**

**VERA Motion 1** (refer discussion item)

## That Rule A6.1

6.1 At all affiliated endurance and marathon rides:

- a) **an average of the distances between standard veterinary checkpoints must not be greater than 40 km; and**
- b) **the maximum distance of any one leg must not exceed 50 km.**

**Be amended to read:**

- a) **for rides of 90kkm or less, an average of the distance between standard veterinary checkpoints must not be greater than 44kkm**
- b) **for rides of over 90kkm an average of the distances between standard veterinary checkpoints must not be greater than 40kkm: and**
- c) **the maximum distance of any one leg must not exceed 50kkm.**

**Rationale:**

The ramification of this rule is that for any endurance ride over 80kms 3 legs are required and for any training ride over 40kms a second leg is required.

VERA discussed the issue and felt that there was sufficient evidence to support the increase of the average leg length to 44km for rides of 90kms or less without affecting the welfare of the horses. The change will assist ROs to put together their tracks.

Rides over 90km should revert to an average leg distance of 40kms.

Tom gave a history of how this discussion was started. States were handling and recording the ride distance in different ways. NSW recorded all rides as 80kkm, other States recorded distances of say 82kkm as that length but allowed 2 legs. SA always run 80kkm rides with 3 legs and VGIH. WA recorded to fractions of a km which is how this started following a report from Jo McMaha.

The options are to insist that all rides with 2 legs irrespective of total distance be recorded as 80kkm, any ride of over 80kkm be forced to run 3 legs, or change the rule. The first option could present horse welfare issues if the distance is actually over 80kkm. Riders would not be happy to travel 80+ kkm without being credited for the correct distance. The second option could change the dynamics of the legs and present problems for the ride organisers, whilst it was felt that the third option of changing the rule to 90kkm was too excessive for 2 legs, but 85kkm could be more acceptable.

**Moved** Matthew Krahn/Ane Jones  
**That** **the motion be amended to read:**

- a) **for rides of 85kkm or less, an average of the distance between standard veterinary checkpoints must not be greater than 42.5kkm**
- b) **for rides of over 85kkm an average of the distances between standard veterinary checkpoints must not be greater than 40kkm: and**
- c) **the maximum distance of any one leg must not exceed 50kkm.**

The amended motion was put to the vote.

Tas – No, NSW – Yes, Vic – Abstain, SA – Abstain, Qld – Yes, WA – Yes. Amendment accepted and became the motion.

Tas – No, NSW – Abstain, Vic – Yes, SA – Abstain, Qld – Yes, WA – Yes. Motion carried and will come to the next meeting for the 2<sup>nd</sup> vote.

**QERA Motion 1 Novice Horse Rules**

**“that H5.2 is amended to read:**

**5.2 A novice horse must not be entered in an affiliated endurance ride when the total distance of the ride is more than 100 km.”**

**Rationale: (for motions 1-4)**

The principle of long, slow ‘legging up’ of a horse is well-accepted both scientifically and by experienced endurance riders (Butler; Clayton; Hamilton). Our current Novice horse rules are based on this principle. However, the current rules, when applied to the letter, allow for a horse which is five years and 3 months old to become an Endurance horse, and in its fourth ride in its life, be ridden at an unrestricted speed. Unfortunately this year, we have seen this situation occur several times. In one case, a horse in its first ride out of Novice status was ridden to win a ride in a sub-4 hour time, and then at 2 hours and 1 minute after vetting, had a vet called to it for major treatment which lasted for four hours and resulted in a significant Rest Order being placed on the horse. There have been several other examples similar to this, although not as serious.

Essentially, the proposed changes would mean that firstly, a horse must remain a Novice horse for at least 7 months ie a fair proportion of its first season of endurance. Secondly, a five year old horse could not become an Endurance horse, and so would be restricted in the speed it could be ridden at – keeping in mind that the Novice Horse speed is usually set at around 14 k/h, or the equivalent of a 6 hour 80km ride.

For the vast majority of our members, these proposed changes will not make any difference whatsoever to the way they ride their horses, because the majority of members would not even consider running a horse at speeds faster than 14 km/h in their first few rides out of Novice status, especially if the horse is only 5 or 6 years old.

**QERA Motion 2**

**“that H5.3 is amended to read:**

**5.3 A novice horse may only enter a maximum of five affiliated endurance rides of between 80 and 100 km inclusive in any 150 day period, retrospective from the date of the ride to be entered”**

**QERA Motion 3**

**“that H5.5 is amended to read:**

**5.5 A Novice horse must not be entered in successive endurance rides unless there has been a minimum period of 25 days between the rides.”**

**QERA Motion 4**

**“that H5.6 is amended to read:**

**5.6 A horse cannot progress from Novice to Endurance horse status until it is a minimum of 6 years of age.”**

**Motions 13.5 – 13.8 were withdrawn by QERA.**

**NSWERA Motion 1**

**“that the novice horse rules remain unchanged and as they currently are. “**

**Rationale:**

In response to the discussion proposed by QERA for the March AERA meeting, the NSWERA members voted by a majority that the current novice horse rules should remain unaltered. The current rules are adequate and do not need to be changed, at least at this point in time. In addition, there are already other means for dealing with these issues, for example disciplinary provisions.

In case NSWERA motion 1, as above, is not carried, NSWERA proposes the following motions as alternatives to those proposed to be discussed by QERA.

Kerry stated that the overwhelming feeling of the members at the AGM were that the novice horse rules were adequate as they already are. Debbie replied that there are no figures of novice horse vetouts.

Matthew stated that some members in Queensland are pushing young horses straight out of novice. The horse is completing but then having a metabolic collapse. The aim of changing the novice horse rules is to give young endurance horses more time to be legged up. Rule changes will not penalise the sensible people.

Debbie stated that the existing rules will penalise members whose horses have a metabolic collapse. Matthew replied that it is too late once the horse has collapsed and if we see a potential problem then we should act before it happens, not when the horse is on the ground receiving treatment to save its life.

Sarah stated that she hears the concerns and they have been voiced. Matthew replied that the minority is spoiling it for the majority. Is there a foreseeable risk – yes. Can we afford not to act in the interests of horse welfare but be able to respond to a horse welfare issue. Endurance has to deal with extremes. If there is an opportunity to deal with a situation then we have a duty to acknowledge it. One horse is one horse too many. The obligation is on us as a management committee to ensure that they do not get there in the first place.

Kerry stated that if this motion is passed they have been instructed to withdraw the others. Another State could be prepared to re-submit the other NSW motions.

Matthew stated that QERA will withdraw their novice horse motions as it is obvious that they are not going to be passed. SA or Queensland will re-submit the NSW motion at the next meeting. QERA has a mandate from their members for willingness to change the Novice Horse Rules.

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

## NSWERA Motion 2

**“that a horse having successfully obtained endurance status, having complied with the requirements of the Novice Horse Rules H 5.1, 5.2, 5.3 and 5.4, be granted Provisional Endurance Status for a period of not less than 12 months from their first successful novice ride completion.”**

## NSWERA Motion 3

**“that an additional Endurance Horse Division be introduced and be known as a Provisional Endurance Horse. This division will require provisional horses to be ridden at a speed no greater than an average speed of 14km per hour.”**

### Rationale for Motions 2 and 3:

The principle of long slow preparation of an endurance horse is well accepted both scientifically and by experienced endurance riders. Our current divisions allow for a horse to be ridden at an unrestricted speed once it has complied with the Novice horse requirements and reached Endurance status. This allows for a horse to be ridden at competitive speeds with only a comparatively short preparation and introduction into our sport.

There has been some discussion on changing our current Novice Horse rules including:

- a) Increasing the number of successful novice ride completions to qualify from 3 to 4
- b) Extending the number of days that must lapse between novice rides to 25 days
- c) Restricting the number of rides that can be entered within 5 to 7 month period
- d) And restricting a horse from progressing to Endurance status until it is 6 years old.

It would surely be much simpler to bring in a Provisional division. This would only necessitate one additional rule instead of four or more new rules and achieve the same results.

It is a proven fact it is not the distance our horses travel but the speed at which we ride them that causes most of the metabolic and soundness problems. The rule that a horse cannot exceed 14 km per hour, for a 12 month period, thus not being competitive (at most rides) would be a simple solution to horses being placed at risk by being over ridden.

The Provisional Status of the horse could easily be identified by placing a coloured band over the blue novice logbook that would later be replaced by the current yellow band when the horse graduates to Endurance Status.

Motions withdrawn

### **QERA Motion 5**

**“that rule H4.4a Information, excepting entry details, about a horse competing at an affiliated ride can only be entered onto the page of the logbook designated for that ride, by a ride veterinarian or nominated ride official”**

**is amended to add:**

**All such entries shall be made within the relevant space provided.”**

#### **Rationale for Motions 5 and 6:**

At the QERA AGM a member submitted these motions with the following rationale. Both were voted for in the postal vote of members.

The practice of scratching two bold lines across the face of the Logbook page and entering the words. VET OUT or WITHDRAWN does not benefit any person, horse or administration. It only defaces the page.

The Logbook has spaces provided for all parameters for the Vets to record the results of their findings, it would appear that every other entry is recorded in the appropriate space provided and so I believe that the deliberate practice of defacing the Log Book page should discontinue.

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

### **QERA Motion 6**

**“that rule V1.4 Horses judged unfit to continue are automatically removed from the ride. The Logbook is to be endorsed with the appropriate reason(s)”**

**is amended to add:**

**in the relevant space provided.”**

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

#### **Rule Clarification, Revision and Discussion Items**

**Alternate Pointscore System – to make it more equitable (QERA) :** QERA presented their pointscore system as an alternative to the existing system as they believe it is more equitable especially to riders who are competing against large fields against riders who always compete against a smaller number of riders.

Sandy Little believes that a bigger field deserves more recognition but is not sure that this system is the answer. Some states have no choice in the number of riders and always have small fields. Debbie thinks there should be another category in the pointscore to make allowance for recognising larger fields.

Kerry stated that this is a good example of what AERA should be looking at this is best at the national level. The riders in the larger states are competing in rides all the time with a lot of riders. Riders in small rides get the same number of points for competing against a small number of riders.

**Teleconferencing/Video Conferencing (NSWERA)** – Tom presented a discussion paper and it was agreed that using technology would be a useful way of holding interim meetings. Tom will do more work on the issue.

**Ride Suspension (NSWERA):** A lengthy discussion was held on ride suspension and ride termination and at which point, if any are ride fees refunded and what constitutes a ride.

There has been two Quilties that have had problems. Now is the time to put in mechanisms and stronger protocols and be proactive. Matthew believes Tom's discussion papers should be put in a guidelines to be referenced as events unfold. It would be difficult to put into rules as not every situation could be covered. There are also risks that we cannot do anything about.

Tom would like everyone to read the paper and discuss at the SMC's, especially if the ride is cancelled before the start – who pays, who wears the cost, who gets refunded and how is it done, and what constitutes a ride.

**Rider Rules (QERA):** Evolution has changed the whole environment of the sport. We have owners who do not ride, jockeys who do not own, non members who wish to sell, trainers who neither own or ride, and all sorts of variations in between. They all actively participate in our sport, and still we are trying to govern them with rules that were written in a different circumstance and for a different time. A bit like having horse riding rules for a car race.

And then there is the other side of things. A member can have their membership revoked and still have most of the rights of a member. There is something intrinsically wrong with this. With the rules this way, losing membership is no punishment, as life can continue pretty much the same, AND without having to pay a membership fee.

There is no simple answer of course, and what answer there is will come from all of Australia's riders, not just Queensland's, but we must begin this process or become outdated. That's right, outdated.

If you look at EA rules, attached, you will see on page 19 their ownership/membership standards. If you look at the Australian Racing Board (ARB) rules, also attached, that govern horse racing in Australia, from pages 16 to 20, you will see how they do things. In common - all owners, trainers, lessees, are members and registered. Because if they are not, then they are not bound by the rules. That simple.

Any member should feel it a privilege to have that membership, and should consider it worth toeing the line for.

We should have membership and rules accepting and governing owners, riders, trainers and lessees, and we should be diligent in protecting the value, integrity and dignity of membership.

The sport has changed, is changing, and will continue to do so, and we cannot sit still and say that's the way we have always done it, least we become irrelevant.

## **RIDER RULES**

### **R14 Trainers**

- 14.1 A person who presents a horse for entry into an affiliated ride, when that person is not the rider of the horse in that ride.
- 14.2 A trainer may or may not be the owner of the horse that is being entered in the ride.
- 14.3 A trainer must be a current member of a division, and must present their membership card when nominating a horse for a ride.
- 14.4 A trainer has the same rights and responsibilities as any other member, and is subject to the rules contained in the Members Handbook.



14.5 A trainer who has their membership suspended for whatever reason must pay a fee to transfer any horse(s) in their ownership. The amount of this fee is to be determined by the relevant Division SMC from time to time.

## ADMINISTRATION OF RIDE RULES

### A14 Owners of AERA Registered Horses

14.1 An owner is the member who has verified their ownership of a horse with the Division Registrar, and whose name is recorded on the Owner/Agent label on the inside back cover of that horse's logbook.

14.2 A horse may be owned by more than one person.

14.3 If a horse has multiple owners, or is owned by a company, the name of the person whose address is given as the ownership contact when registering the horse shall be shown on the Owner/Agent label.

14.4 Division Registrars accept registrations on the understanding that the person or body making the application is the bona fide owner, part-owner or lessee of the horse.

14.5 Neither the AERA or any of its divisions will accept any responsibility on cases of disputed ownership.

14.6 Owners of horses must be current members of a Division.

It was agreed that owners/trainers should be more accountable. Further discussion was held on name changes and a meeting will be set up with AHSA to discuss the situation. It was felt that AERA should only look at changing the name on a horse that is branded or microchipped. The breeders should be supported but they should also ensure that the horse is branded as per the registration certificate. We will also seek legal advice of the ownership of logbooks. Kerry stated that she is flagging concerns with legal implications condemning the ownership of logbooks and the rights attached hereto and require that before taking any action about changing the status of logbooks and the rights attached hereto that we seek legal advice.

**Rule H6.2, 6.3:** the wording is wrong and should state "may include a legible brand." A notice will be placed in the newsletter to this effect and the rule book will be changed in 2011.

### Confirmation of Delegate costs to AERA

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| <b>Moved</b>  | Tom McCormack/Dorte Colja  |
| <b>That</b>   | <b>all previous motions on delegate and AERA costs are rescinded and that costs are as follows on a proportional basis:</b>  |
|               | <b>AERA pays for up to 2 delegates from each State to travel from their regional airport to Brisbane and return, room accommodation, breakfast and lunch. All other expenses i.e. travel from home to the airport, transport to the hotel, evening meal and drinks including the mini bar are at the expense of the delegates.</b> |
| <b>Voting</b> | Carried Unanimously.   |

**International:** Matthew read the report from the meeting. It was the last meeting of the AERA IC as a result of the sport moving to an EA Sports Committee. There will be an interim period for this Committee.

The following motions were moved.

**Motion: Chris Gates as Chairperson and Ieva Peters as Secretary, for the purpose of this meeting, are endorsed to continue in their capacity on the AERA IC.**

Moved: Kerry Spratt. Seconded: Sarah Adams. Carried.

Chris and Ieva abstained.

**Motion: that this committee endorse Chris Gates, Ieva Peters, Barb Timms as the Squad Manager and Trish Annetts as the Chef d'equipe to fulfil the roles on the interim EA National Endurance Sports Committee.**

Moved: Kerry Spratt. Seconded: John Simpson. Carried.

Chris Gates, Ieva Peters and Barb Timms abstained.

Motion: **That this committee recommends that pursuant to the conditions and terms set out in the addendum to the EA/AERA affiliation agreement that the AERA International Committee is dissolved.**

Moved: The Committee. Seconded: The Committee. Carried.

**Moved** Dorte Colja/Ross McCamish  
**That** **the motions from the AERA IC are accepted by AERA**  
**Voting** Carried Unanimously

Motion: **that the AERA IC recommends to the AERA that the AERA continue to contribute financial support that's been given to the AERA IC meeting costs to assist in the management of the NESC.**

Moved: Matthew Krahn. Seconded: Barb Timms. Carried.

Kerry stated that this may not be necessary. The EA agreement allocates funding for meetings but there may be some expenses. We will know more after the first meeting.

**Moved** Ross McCamish/Tom McCormack  
**That** **the motion is accepted.**  
**Voting** Carried Unanimously

Motion: **That the AERA IC offer financial support to the value of up to \$1500 for the Red Range FEI ride dated 15-16 May 2010 to be used for FEI ride fees and the costs of the Foreign Vet.**

**On receipt of documented proof (receipts) will be required.**

Moved: Matthew Krahn. Seconded: John Simpson. Carried.

**Moved** Kerry Spratt/Sandy Little  
**That** **the motion is accepted**  
**Voting** Carried Unanimously

Recommendation to the AERA: **that the AERA ask the NVP to consider creating an accreditation/qualification process for national treatment veterinarians.**

There is no process at the moment for accreditation of treatment vets. The FEI are developing a process for treatment vets and we need to keep up. The AERA agrees with this recommendation. Pat to follow-up

Recommendation to the AERA: **Non steroidal anti-inflammatories: AERA to approach the NVP and ask them to produce the documentation on our behalf not to allow bute in endurance competition.**

The AERA agrees with this recommendation. Pat to follow up.

Recommendation to the AERA: **that all invasive treatments at AERA and FEI events are recorded in the horse's logbook in the "notes" section at the rear and signed by an event veterinarian.**

The AERA agrees with this recommendation.

The short list for Kentucky will be advised after the Kalbar ride which will also be a team qualifier.

Motion: **That \$1,000 is allocated to John Simpson to complete the DVD of the World Youth Championships, Hungary to be used for the AES and promotional reasons.**

Moved: John Simpson. Seconded: Matthew Krahn. Carried.

**Moved** Matthew Krahn/Kerry Spratt  
**That** **the AERA accepts the motion**  
**Voting** Tas – No, NSW – No, Vic – No, SA – No, Qld – Yes, WA – No. Motion Lost

This is the last international report that will be tabled. In future it is envisaged that AERA will have representation on the NESC. This group can request that a representative of AERA will attend to provide a report.

Income for the AERA IC will remain the same for the time being with the income going to the Squad. The Squad role has been expanded and costs will be increased. Income requests will go via the Squad to the Sports Committee. The first meeting will be before the end of June. The duties of the Squad need to be finalised.

LNO's will come from AERA, signed by the International Secretary but this will be verified at the first meeting.

**National Newsletter:** QERA is willing to combine newsletters with any other states. The cost will be broken down on a per member basis. It is cheaper to print 1,000 copies than 200. QERA have no desire to take over the content but wish to avoid duplication.

**Insurance - Visit by Beverley Wright Sunday 2 p.m.**

Beverley explained the insurance policies and advised that the renewal process has been completed. An information kit has been put together for the States that highlights pertinent information relevant for the sport. All States/members should contact Dee and not contact Bev direct.

Personal Accident insurance has increased as a result of claims. Both PL and PA insurance is provided as a membership benefit. There are some changes to Legislation that will come into affect for next year.

**Quilty Commemorative CD:** Chris Gates has offered to fund a commemorative CD on the Quilty

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| <b>Moved</b>  | Ross McCamish/Kerry Spratt  |
| <b>That</b>   | <b>Kerry Spratt is given the authority to commence work on a Quilty Commemorative CD.</b> |
| <b>Voting</b> | Carried Unanimously   |

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on **10/11 July, 2010**

**Meeting Closed:** The meeting closed at. 4:30