

Notes of the General Meeting of Members of the Australian Endurance Riders Association Inc held on 11th, 12th, 13th March, 2011 commencing on Friday at 2:00 p.m. after the AGM, 8:20a.m. Saturday, Sunday

Welcome by President: Tom thanked Ieva for all her hard work over the years. He welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Present: Anne Jones (Qld) Mathew Krahn (Qld), Tom McCormack (NSW), Kerry Spratt (NSW), Ieva Peters (WA), Sarah Adams (SA), Katrina Westerhoff (Vic) (2:05p.m. Friday), Roy Noble (Hon. Member), Ross McCamish (WA), Sandy Little (Vic) 2:05 p.m., Gary Tweedie (9.20 Sat).

In attendance: Barb Timms (Fri 2:15), Chris Gates (Fri 2:15), Steve Swan, Brian Sheahan (Fri), Beverley Wright (10:00pm Sat), Vern Berry, Jo Weismann, Jean Sims (8.30 a.m. Sat).

Apologies: Dorte Colja (QLD), Melanie Scott (SA), Pat Hodgetts (TAS), Debra Grull (TAS). Anne Jones (Sun)

Register of Pecuniary Interest and Conflict of Interest

Nil. Will be addressed as issues arise.

Registration of Votes: It was raised that Adult Riding Members are the figures to be used for voting. It was agreed to adopt the same protocol as last year (total riding members, inc. Jnr) and continue this format until the end of 2011.

Queensland 599 – 6 votes, NSW 575 – 6 votes, Tasmania 223 – 3 votes, WA 189 – 2 votes, Victoria 186 – 2 votes. SA 79 – 1 vote

Business Arising from the Minutes (from Action Sheet)

Logbooks – There will now be a treatment record if a horse receives treatment at a ride. Treatment record will be included in the next printing batch of logbooks.

Videos - Neil is OK to continue with transferring old videos to DVDs.

Quilty Letters of Support - Sandy has sent the information to Melanie.

Ride Suspension - Tom has taken out unnecessary information and has presented a document as guidelines.

AERA Constitution - Kerry has circulated a document for AGMs.

Early Vetting - No provision in the BC to be calculated. VERA to bring some ideas to the next meeting.

FEI Youth Division - Ieva has advised ride organisers to include a Youth division.

Rule Books - Rule books are still with Neil and need to be sent to Dee Berry. There is also other AERA stuff at Neil's which needs to be relocated.

Constitution

Version 9 arrived yesterday afternoon. Everything that Kerry discussed with John has been addressed. Statutes and regulations are now referred to as the AERA Handbook.

Next step is to go back to John and raise the issues and get them built into the next version which would be sent out to us all.

We will include by-laws which will make things easier to change if necessary. Rules will be defined by rules of the association and the handbook and bylaws.

Board members are elected and nominated by the states. We have to ensure that there is no conflict of interest and the problems associated with the dual role and work around the information pathway. It is important to separate the board and the voting members.

We need to create a selection criteria for board members. Director may or may not be a member of an SMC. Board member may or may not be a member of the SMC. Kerry will discuss this with John Mullins. Member states can change the constitution if something is not working well. At some point in the future the AERA constitution subcommittee will debate version 9. Version 10 would go out to the delegates and then onto the states.

Executive Decisions to be Ratified

That 60 current style buckles are ordered and 236 new stock including 200 completions and 3 of each place.

That the invoice for \$742.50 is paid for Peter Johnson.

That the invoice from John Mullins for \$6,036.03 is paid.

That Ian Blucher's account for \$5,287.70 is paid.

That the invoice from Peter Johnson for \$2,887.50 is paid.

Moved Sandy Little/Sarah Adams.

That the executive decisions are ratified.
Voting Carried Unanimously

Correspondence

Inwards

Horse Deals magazine: unfortunately, we don't have a national newsletter. Anne is to write to Horsedeals and explain that we are in the process of putting together an e-news and we don't have a national newsletter. It was agreed that we would put their logo and link on the AERA website for one month (the equivalent time frame of our ad in Horsedeals).

Letter from WAERA: The AERA would prefer that the AERA delegate should be a member of the WAERA SMC.
Sarah Pollard-Williams: regarding the two hour rule. It became part of the bigger process that led to the discussion at all state AGMs.

NSWERA & St Albans Endurance Riders' Assoc.: regarding the FEI 3* events as demonstration rides.

Moved Ross McCamish/Sandy Little.
That the AERA request the NESC to list an additional 3* FEI event on the 2011 Australian calendar as a demonstration event.
Voting Carried Unanimously. Kerry abstained.

Moved Ross McCamish/Trent Huxtable.
That if funding is required, the AERA financially support the attendance of the selectors at the additional demonstration event for 2011.
Voting Carried unanimously.
It is noted that the funding will come out of the IC account.

Equitana: At the last NSWERA SMC meeting this was discussed and they will put in an application to put at least one horse in the event and some demonstrations.

Moved Sandy Little/Ross McCamish.
That the AERA offer the same support to the NSWERA as was offered to VERA for the last Equitana in 2010.
Voting Carried unanimously.

Reports

President: Tom thanked everybody for having confidence in him, and he would like to achieve a lot.

Treasurer: Profit for the year of \$19,100. President should put one page article in newsletters. Audited financials should be made available to be published on the AERA website and sent to the states.

FEI Calendar Fees and Organising Due: Letter received from Ady McIntosh prior to the November 2010 meeting requesting that Organising dues be paid after the event, as per the EA requirements. Organising dues for 2011 are \$660 for all events. If for some reason the dues can't be paid, it is an AERA debt to the EA and the FEI. It is clearly stated on the form that the fees are payable prior to the event being accepted on the FEI calendar, so rider organisers are fully aware. It was agreed that the current policy would not be changed.

NESC Report: Chris Gates and Barbara Macdonald Timms attended the meeting. The present NESC is an Interim committee. An updated EA agreement was sent to Ieva just prior to her leaving for this meeting. The agreement that was sent is considerably different to what was negotiated in November. Each section of the EA agreement was read out and changes made. Ieva will make the changes and send to EA and a meeting will be held with them.

Moved Ross McCamish/Ieva Peters
That Chris Gates, Matthew Krahn and Tom McCormack lead a delegation to EA to discuss the amended EA/AERA agreement and have authority to negotiate and finalise.
Voting Carried Unanimously

Moved Matthew Krahn/Ross McCamish
That the AERA will write to Equestrian Australia stating concerns and request a date for meeting to finalise and discuss the AERA/EA agreement.
Voting Carried Unanimously

Procedure for awarding FEI Championships.

We need a procedure and process to award the Australian FEI championships. Sarah will start the formation of a document to be sent to potential ride organisers. Ask for Expressions of Interest by 30th June. EA view is 3* events override AERA events.

BOM Report: Barb Macdonald Timms addressed the meeting. BOM meeting was held this morning. Apologies from Anne Barnes and Trish Annetts. Kerry Spratt was a visitor to the meeting.

Grooms - Official grooms at WC have to be division members and squad members. This issue has been disputed and there has been a misunderstanding – only official grooms must be members.

Trans Tasman – it is NZ turn to host this event. .

South Africa - It was decided that before we sent another team, we need a guarantee that the borrowed horses are safe and fit. Barb to send out Expressions of Interest to all squad members and also to anyone who is prepared to host South African riders at our events. This would mostly be aimed at people who went to South Africa. They would need to supply a horse. There will be an FEI ride in October. We will supply horses – 120klm ride.

Demonstration Rides - demonstration events are those that riders/horses must attend, as does the selection committee. These events are viewed with the perspective that competitors demonstrate ability to represent Australia. Selectors attend a named event, but they can't do this at their own cost. Two or three of the selectors to attend at any named event.

Squad Camp - will be held at the Quilty. Need good facilities to run the camp. The AES has some equipment. Venue should be close to the ride base. Squad manager and Sarah Adams will liaise with Quilty Committee. Camp is open to all divisional members, not just Squaddees.

Moved Sarah Adams/Ieva Peters

That AERA provides the Australian Endurance Squad the amount of \$1,000 from the general funding to assist with the holding of the Squad Camp to be held at the South Australian Quilty in 2011. The event is open to the general members.

Voting Carried Unanimously

Young Riders World Championships - will be held in Bahrain in December. Expressions of Interest has already been advertised. Apparently it is partly funded.

AES Membership - currently a bit slow - 41 financial members and several horses.

Newsletters - the BOM concerned that VERA newsletter will not accept squad information. Anne Barnes quoted that "education and information can be used for the use of power". This should be used for the benefit of all riders and members. Withholding info can be used to withhold power. VERA want to reduce their newsletter to 40 pages.

International Secretariat Honorarium - (Ieva Peters declared a conflict of interest and left the room during this discussion.)

Moved Roy Noble/Sandy Little

Recommendation to increase the honorarium of the international secretariat to \$400 excluding GST per month.

Voting Qld - yes, NSW - abstain, Tas - yes, Vic - yes, WA - abstained, SA - yes. Carried.

Meeting closed at 6pm on Friday 11th March 2011. Tom thanked Steve Swan for attending the meeting and for his efforts regarding the database portfolio.

Meeting re-commenced on Sunday 12th March at 8.10am.

Queensland: The EADRA agreement been signed on processed feeds and wormers. QERA has set up a state vet panel which is chaired by Brian Sheahan. Other members are Kathy Webb and Madonna Buiter. One of the issues is the need to update the accreditation process for line vets and set up accreditation for treatment vets. QERA want to have experienced treatment vets on call by phone if the need arises. A consultation fee involved which will be charged to the owner. There is also some concern regarding autopsies and potential contraction of the Hendra virus.

Victoria: At the VERA AGM the membership voted 3 to 1 in favour of keeping Personal Accident insurance cover. There were a few changes to the State Management committee, and things are pretty cohesive.

Western Australia: Ross tabled the WAERA report.

We saw the selection of our first horse and rider combination (Norbert Radny and West Coast Acharon) to represent WA at a championship event (WEG). Their selection has been a talking point amongst the members which in turn has brought the importance of conducting FEI events into focus, which allows members to achieve their goals.

WAERA conducted its first event of the season last weekend - a dual FEI * and ** and AERA event at Collie. The entry numbers were small due to the extreme hot weather that we have been having leading into the event.

The AGM went very well. It was a bit difficult to get members to go on the State Management Committee and nominations were taken from the floor. The new SMC is very enthusiastic. Ross and Ieva were awarded WAERA life memberships.

Tasmania: Entries for the FEI event this weekend are good. Sandy Little commented that the Tasmanian's passion is something to behold.

AERA Registrar: Kerry will start working on the AERA awards fairly soon. We assume that the 2010 pointscore is correct.

Moved Sarah Adams/Katrina Westerhoff.

That Jo McMaha is instructed to purchase a new laptop computer with software and an external storage device for the AERA pointscore and distance registrar to the value of \$1,800.

Voting Carried unanimously.

Webmaster:

Moved Sarah Adams/Matthew Krahn.

That the AERA will purchase the domain name www.tomquilty.com.au

Voting Carried unanimously.

Veterinary Panel: Post mortems need to be done in a controlled environment. It was generally agreed that PMs should probably be done at a vet hospital in the proper environment. Vets should remain in contact with the vet hospital to monitor the condition of any horses admitted. The HV still has a link of responsibility until the horse's treatment ceases regardless of the outcome. However, the consequences of a Hendra Virus infection are very serious. It was agreed that we will defer a final decision on this matter until QERA examines the vet rules and the recommendations.

Horse/vet ratio: The ride organisers have the responsibility to ensure that their horse to vet ratio is complied with as per the AERA handbook (A13.2 and A13.3). Notwithstanding the horse vet ratio, the AERA supports and encourages the concept that more than one veterinarian attends the competition phase of the ride to ensure the safe conduct of the ride.

Veterinary Record Keeping in Log Books – after horse withdrawal: A rule will be presented to the next meeting to clarify this matter. (H14.2 and V1.8.)

Insurance:

Beverley Wright attended on Saturday. Some ride organisers believed that the new Insurance Application Form was a bit intrusive. Ride organisers believed that the AERA and the state divisions wanted to know true financial position of their clubs. Not correct. There were also some concerns with people getting abusive on the phone. If people want insurance coverage, they would be expected to give information. The insurer needs to know information prior to insuring. Aon are not keeping records and the information is confidential and not distributed. First time we've ever had an issue as Clubs have never had to provide this information in the past. Only ball park information is required. If a Club has disclosed only they earn \$2k and the insurance company investigates and learns that they earn \$20k income – it could affect the directors and officers cover.

Bev went through the renewal information and the summaries of cover. Documentation has been updated to be compliant with the new legislation. If the Personal Accident cover was dropped the Public Liability premium would increase.

Re-vamped members Personal Accident form. There is a new claim form for volunteers. Members cover has more benefits free of charge.

Day and intro riders – rules are set by AERA. Maximum 3 day memberships are allowed per person - this has been dropped and day members may enter as many as they want.

Parents leading children on ponies around the course are not covered. Parents/people leading ponies will need to fill out an entry form as they are bound by the rules as any competitor. They also need to sign the waiver form. It is up to the ride organisers as to whether or not they will charge a day membership fee, but the ride organisers must pay the appropriate insurance fees. Bev is happy to waive fee as long as parent signs form.

Intro rides - \$5 per person. One intro event per person offset against membership fee. Remove one limit.

Horse containment – how far are guidelines enforced. Need to be enforced.

Clubs are sent info from AON - they get a kit, including a Risk Management form and procedures. Warning sign are needed at points of entry. There is also a new RM checklist which has been broken into areas. Ride organisers are to complete.

Database – Steve Swan attended 2:45pm. Electronic timing was raised. It all depends on transponder/receiver. Best at the moment for the Quilty is around \$50K. Tasmania are wanting a timing system.

Steve gave picture of where we are up to with the progression of the database. It would be ideal to introduce the system on 1/1/12. It needs to include: secretarial/admin, Ride day processing, EWS, Point Scores – state and National, Db endurance history, timing interface, old history. Offline not web based required for ride entries. The Horse registration account has \$57,800 left. Steve will manage the process and is happy to manage the database project.

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

VERA Motion 1 Rule A5 wording

- A5.1** “Maximum riding times for all marathon, endurance, training and introductory rides will be set by the Chief Steward in consultation with the Head Vet and the Ride Committee.”
- A5.2** “The maximum time will apply to the whole ride and must not be less than a time calculated for an average speed not greater than 10 kph.”
- A5.3** “Notwithstanding rule 5.2 a ‘cut-off’ time may be applied **where a ride consists of 3 legs or more**, after which, riders will not be allowed to commence the last leg of the days riding. This ‘cut-off’ time will be calculated so as to allow the rider to ride the last leg at a pace of not more than 10 kph.”

Moved Sarah Adams/Matthew Krahnem.

That that the amended motion is accepted.

Voting Carried unanimously.

Vote: Qld – yes, Tas – yes, Vic – yes, WA – yes, SA – yes, NSW – yes. Motion carried. New rule 2012.

Motions on Notice for Discussion and First Vote

Rule H24.6

That the NVP Chairman submit to AERA a change to rule H24.6:

24.6 A horse who is successfully vetted through at the completion of a ride may subsequently receive intravenous fluids without compromising its qualification in the ride.

No further discussion.

Vote: Qld – no, Tas – no, Vic – no, WA – no, SA – no, NSW – no. Motion is lost.

WAERA Motion No. 1

That the Middleweight Riding Division be changed to all-up riding weight of 75kg and over at pre-ride weigh-in. This automatically creates the situation that Lightweight is All-up riding weight of less than 75kg at the pre-ride weigh-in.

Discussion: amongst the WAERA members they are becoming concerned with the different vetting and weight systems and feel that we should take the initiative to bring this into line with international competition. This motion should be withdrawn for the moment and each state division should take it back to their members. It was generally felt that each SMC should take it back to the AGMs. WAERA withdrew the motion on the proviso that the delegates take this back to AGMs or SGMs for discussion. Ross was asked to bring back a formal proposal for the next meeting to go to AGMs.

WAERA Motion No. 2

AERA Rule R5, Riding divisions, Lightweight Division. All-up riding weight of less than 73kg at the pre-ride weigh-in is changed to an all-up riding weight of a minimum of 50kg.

The objective is to have a minimum weight for lightweight riders. Sandy referred people to the rule book where you can only enter as a LW if you are below 73kg. There is no penalty for gaining weight as a LW. There is no maximum weight. **The motion was withdrawn.**

WAERA Motion No. 3

That the following AERA rule is removed:

H24 INVASIVE TREATMENT

24.6 Any horse requiring invasive treatment due to a metabolic condition during or as a result of the event, may be eliminated, depending on the nature of the treatment and severity of the episode. The event being defined as from the pre-ride veterinary check until 2 hours after the end of the ride vet check for that horse. At that time, at the discretion of the head veterinarian, a further vet check may be undertaken.

No further discussion.

Vote: QERA – no, Tas – no, Vic – no, WA – yes, SA – no, NSW – no. Motion was lost.

WAERA Motion No. 4

That the “Duty of care with regard to Horse Containment at Rides” section in the AERA Rule Book is altered as follows:

Ground tethering or hobbling of horses is not allowed.

After Discussion **WAERA withdrew the motion.**

QERA Independent Review Panel Recommendations.

AERA Rule H5 to prevent novice horses from doing successive 80k rides on a daily basis.

Situations arise at some major events when people come with novice horses and do 80km rides. It is too much for a novice horse. Nothing in the rules that says they can't do this. They either go out lame or have a metabolic crisis. From a clinical aspect it can do 80km a day and do it well. The horse will be pre-ride vetted that afternoon for the next day. The horse hasn't had time to re-hydrate and it's not conditioned for it. It's out of its environment, and will probably be a bit flat. The horse will go into the second day under 100% and depleted and may not show outward signs of dehydration. Perhaps it should be 8 days? **QERA will come back with a motion for the next meeting.**

AERA/QERA look into re-wording of V2.7b) to allow the Head Veterinarian the authority to notify the referral hospitals' treatment veterinarian of the AERA Inc. rules and expectations regarding the arrangement of a Post-Mortem within 8 hours of death, allowing the treating veterinarian then to make their own professional decision in this respect.

Agreed in principle. **QERA will come back with a motion for the next meeting.**

Rule **A13.2** under **Ride Organiser Guidelines** changed to read, “..... *For each additional 30 horses, another veterinarian must be provided*”. This is recommended as too high a horse to vet ratio does not allow for sufficient rest breaks and will therefore decrease the ability of the veterinarian to concentrate. This will compromise the welfare of the horse.

Agreed in principle. **QERA will come back with a motion for the next meeting.**

Hendra Virus

It is recommended that training in the biology/epidemiology of Hendra virus together with the accepted policy be included in all courses for endurance officials – TPR stewards, Chief Stewards, Endurance veterinarians etc.

Agreed in principle. **QERA will come back with more information for the next meeting. Material needs to be supplied by vets/QERA.**

It is recommended that **AERA Members Handbook** be revised in order to include the following points:

- a. Policy to Reduce Exposure to Hendra Virus at Endurance Rides be included in the rule book and enforced.
- b. Provide/establish within the rules a provision/rule that gives the Organising Committee the power to stop an endurance event if a suspect zoonotic disease (Hendra Virus) or epizootic disease (e.g. Equine Influenza) has been identified. As part of this provision/rule provide the organising committee with the power to quarantine all horses at an endurance ride until Biosecurity officers can take control.

How is the organizing committee supposed to know when there is a disease outbreak? Protocols and procedures of biosecurity requirements are already in place. The issue is: when do they apply? AERA to acknowledge this. Matthew is to ask the Review committee to come up with a paper with established guidelines. What point in time do we do this and given what evidence?

- c. Amend **A9 The Chief Steward (d)** to read: “in consultation with the Head Veterinarian, to organise and be responsible for the vetting area and also designate an area within the vetting area that could be used for temporary isolation for horses with a suspected infectious disease (not necessarily Hendra Virus infection)”

Same as above.

- d. Amend **A9 The Chief Steward (e)** to read: “approve and oversee all ride officials and all ride administration operations and ensure that disposable nitrile gloves and hand sanitiser gel provided by the Ride Committee is available to and used by TPR stewards in accordance with the AERA Policy to Reduce the Risk of Exposure to Hendra Virus at Endurance Rides”

Same as above. It is noted that hand santiser transmits Hep C.

- e. Amend **MEMBER CONDUCT RULES M1 Code of Conduct 1.2** by creating an addendum **1.2a** that states:
1.2 a It is the responsibility of the owner/manager/rider of an endurance horse to present that horse for examination by veterinarians and TPR stewards at an endurance event in a fit and healthy state. The horse should not be travelled to an event if it has any of the following symptoms:
 - Inappetance or depressed appetite
 - Depression
 - Elevated rectal temperature
 - Colic signs
 - Cough
 - Nasal discharge – clear or purulent
 - Lameness

If signs develop on/after arrival, present that horse immediately for examination by the treatment veterinarian and fully disclose to the treatment veterinarian the clinical signs observed.

Could this come back as M1.9? QERA to bring this back as a motion to the next meeting.

Amend **A11 Ride Committee Responsibilities 11.3 (d)** by creating an addendum that states:

- 11.3 (d)** also ensure that the vetting area has an adequate supply of the following items of Personal Protection
- Disposable impermeable **nitrile** gloves in small, medium and large sizes
 - Adequate volume of alcoholic antibacterial hand sanitiser gel
 - Large biohazard bag for disposal of used disposable gloves

These recommendations came about after an Independent Review into the death of a horse in FNQ. Information is available on request. Recommendations re accreditation of vets etc. has been referred to the QERA Honorary Veterinarian Panel.

Discussion: A lot of vet practices in Qld are being checked by workplace safety people to ensure that correct procedure is being followed to protect staff from Hendra Virus. Can we find out from the vets if it's certain that alcohol gel will kill the Hendra Virus? QERA to bring this back as a motion to the next meeting.

SAERA Motion No. 1

Proposed rule change H24 Invasive Treatment

H 24.6

Any horse requiring invasive treatment due to a metabolic condition during or as a result of the event, may be eliminated, depending on the nature of the treatment and the severity of the episode. The event being defined as from the pre-ride veterinary check until 2 hours after the end of the ride vet check for that horse. At that time, at the discretion of the head veterinarian, a further vet check may be undertaken.

V 2.11

If the head veterinarian deems that a horse is compromised sufficiently that it requires invasive treatment, the member responsible for that horse must comply with directives from the head veterinarian to have the horse treated. Failure to comply will be reported to the CS who will report the matter to the SMC for disciplinary action.

H 15.9

Horses which have received invasive treatment in the time in between the completion of the ride and the best conditioned work out will not be considered for the best conditioned horse award.

This is a discussion item and has been noted.

NSWERA Motion 1

Rule change to permit Elevator Rides in Training Rides.

Amend A19 as follows;

A19 GENERAL RULES

All AERA inc. Rules and procedures apply, except as provided within these ELEVATOR RIDE RULES.

19.1.0 Endurance Rides

All the existing rules from 19.2 to 19.12 remain unchanged except for the numbering sequence. Also, for consistency change the word “riders” to competitors” throughout the existing section.

And then add as follows.....

19.2.0 Training Rides

19.2.1 Training Rides that are designated as elevator rides must be a minimum distance of 45 kilometres and a maximum of 65 kilometres and comprise 2 legs.

19.2.2 Competitors must successfully complete the first leg before they elect to elevate up to nominated maximum available distance of 65 kilometres or less.

19.2.3 All competitors in an elevator ride enter for the maximum available distance.

19.2.4 Ride committees must charge the same entry fee for all competitors.

19.2.5 Ride committees must issue completion awards to competitors who have successfully completed leg 1 as well as competitors who successfully complete the maximum distance.

19.2.6 Competitors who elect to “retire” from the elevated ride after successful completion of vetting after Leg 1 shall have their logbooks marked as “Retired”.

WA has had two leg elevated 60km events in the past. Riders can withdraw at 40km and use the ride as a qualifier for novice rider. Sandy suggested that we shouldn't call them competitors as it's not a racing competition. Novice rider rules say two training rides, so can be less than 40km according to the rules.

Moved Ross McCamish/Sarah Adams.

That an amendment is done for Rule 19.2.1 Training Rides that are designated as elevator rides must be a minimum distance of 45 40 kilometres and a maximum of 65 kilometres and comprise 2 legs. (change 45km to 40km).

and

that the word “competitors” in the AERA Handbook section is replaced with “riders”, with the exception of the Harness section.

Voting for the amended motion: Qld – yes, Tas – yes, Vic – yes, WA – yes, SA – yes, NSW – yes.

Vote: Qld – yes, Tas – yes, Vic – yes, WA – abstain, SA – yes, NSW – yes.

Passed the first vote and will come back to the next meeting.

Australian Endurance Forum: Brian Sheahan addressed the meeting. Brian is a committee member of the FEI and is not representing anyone. There was also the tragic death of 4 horses in Qld. The major sponsor of this event is the FEI, and therefore, their code of conduct is included on the front page of the form. Brian has sponsorship for the accommodation of the speakers and is looking at a no profit scenario. He has received a generous donation from Nanango of \$5,000, plus three others. The Budget is based on 75 people attending. Non FEI vets could be treatment vets and do a course. It is a great opportunity for AERA Executive to talk to the FEI committee members. QERA has also supported the event. Vets of all types may attend – AERA and FEI. If horse gets sick, treatment is going to be the same.

Samford Valley Veterinary Hospital are sponsoring accommodation for speakers. From a vet's point of view, Brian wanted better education regarding lameness and treatment. Barb would like to see the AUS FEI officials attend as some of them need a better understanding of what is required from a TD. Chris suggested that the AERA Executive and State SMC Executives should attend.

QERA are being pro-active and have identified vets in their State and invited those vets to go to the forum and will pay airfare and accommodation.

Moved **Ieva Peters/Matthew Krahn.**
That **the AERA endorses Australasian Endurance conference and forum to be held in Brisbane in June.**

Voting Carried unanimously

Tom adjourned meeting at 5:37pm Friday 11th March 2011.

National Ride Standard: Tom has made up some sample course markers and obtained prices for same. We can use AON sponsorship money to print some of the signs. Especially warning signs. If we come up with standard, when Ride Organisers go to obtain arrows, we can do it to the same standard. Arrows are a disposable resource.

Buying scanners in bulk could also be another option. QERA will price 10 of them. We could pool resources for better prices for bibs, first aid kits, etc. We could appoint a "procurement officer". States could provide how many sets required. Trent suggested that the AERA could get a stencil made for course markers. AERA could also buy colour paint, corflute, etc. and the States could make stencils. One set stencils do whole state.

Better vests are needed Chief Stewards/Vets/TPR's to help lift the image.

Quilty

SA 2011: Jean Sims arrived at 8:30 and reported on the SA Quilty status. Entries should be in by the 1st April not 1st June. Presently, we do not have any major sponsors. Money raised from the last Quilty has been invested and we have a working account. Jean will supply a detailed budget for the next meeting and the course maps including the distance, rough course description, elevation.

The Committee is working as a team now. There are 5 committee members that were on the 2004 committee. Advertising has started in magazines: Outback magazine and local newspapers.

The impact of not having a sponsor will mean less money to hand on to the next Quilty committee in SA.

Squad Camp could be held on Wednesday at the town hall which would be a better venue. Draft program of events will be sent to state secretaries this week. Sara explained ideas for presentation. Ieva would like to see the winner of the event presented with the Cup to a maximum audience at presentations. AERA will organise to send the Cup to South Australia. James Vowles is organising the vets. Ieva will compile the information for the year book.

Tom thanked Jean for attending the meeting and offered to help the Quilty organising committee in any way. Jean left at 9.20am.

Quilty Cup needs desperately needs to be cleaned and updated and a new box. Coronet Jewellers in Albury may be able to do this or HGP Cleaning Services. Matthew will organise to get the Cup from Brook as soon as possible.

Queensland 2013: Presentation by Vern Berry/Jo Weismann at 1:00 p.m.: Tom welcomed Jo and Vern to the meeting. They have put in submission a submission to host the 2013 Quilty at Kilkivan which has been accepted by QERA. The ride base is close to the township and local community. OH&S has been set up. Good support has

been received from local property owners and farmers. Plenty of tracks for a great course that can handle wet weather. Only 10kms of bitumen. QERA State Champs will be held the year prior to the Quilty.

Jo Weismann has a background in marketing. Jo is dedicated to making sure everyone is wowed by the event. They would be expecting about 300 riders. The event will be held on the June long weekend. Tom explained, positions for vet panel - there are four key veterinary roles: Head Vet, treatment vet, on course vet and 2IC vet. There is also an exchange program with Tevis and New Zealand. AERA would help with the stewarding team.

Camping – tents serviced every day for the officials. On-suite system set up off the tent. Tom will work on the documents from AERA.

Moved **Matthew Krahn/Sarah Adams.**
That **we the AERA accept the Kilkivan 2013 proposal in principal as tabled.**
Voting Carried unanimously

Matthew Krahn will be the AERA delegate to the Kilkivan Quilty organising committee.

Sponsorship/Promotion: Jo Weismann addressed the meeting regarding promotion ideas. She has already suggested ideas to QERA on how to re-brand starting with the logos. All of the state logos are not unified. Jo showed some examples of logos that she had been working on. They looked very professional and several options were available. Jo also suggested that the newsletters should be A4 and be issued four times a year on a national level and could be called Australian Endurance. There would be advertising and sponsorship opportunities and edited by a 'national' editor. This could be a stepping stone for a national newsletter. Website could also be updated. Supplement by enews and subscriptions. QERA has its own Facebook page. Not for profit organisations can get 10,000 emails for free. Jo will do a mock up of a national enewsletter.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on **15, 16 & 17 July 2011.**