

**Report of the General Meeting of Members of the Australian Endurance Riders Association Inc held on 5<sup>h</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2005 at the Sports House, cnr. Castlemaine and Caxton Streets, Milton, QLD, commencing on Saturday at 8.17 a.m.**

**Welcome by President**

Ieva opened the meeting and thanked everyone for coming. She expressed thanks to Jane McLoughlin for volunteering to be a VERA delegate even though she was not able to attend. Everyone sent get well wishes to Jeff Bonham.

**Present:**

Anne Jones (Qld) Mathew Krahnman (Qld), Dick Collyer (Qld), Sarah Adams (SA), Simon Plush (SA), Graeme Gilbertson (NSW), Kerry Spratt (NSW), Tony Purton (TAS), Denise Williams (Tas) Ieva Peters (WA), Ady MacIntosh (WA) Beverley Raynor-Mason (VIC), Roy Noble (Hon. Member), Allan Renner (Hon Member)

**In attendance:** Robin van der Wegen (Saturday), Anne and Steve Barlow (Saturday), David Somerville 3:00 p.m. Saturday

**Apologies:** Jeff Bonham (NSW), Jane McLoughlin (VIC)

**Register of Pecuniary Interest and Conflict of Interest**

Nil

**Registration of Votes**

NSW – 8, QLD – 7, VIC – 3, WA – 2, TAS – 2, SA - 1

**Chief Steward Exam** A new Chief Steward exam has been finalised. Graeme is to put into PDF format and send to States.

**Quilty Cup** A legal agreement is required for the Quilty Cup Winner. AERA has insured the cup at a cost of \$361.00 with a \$200 excess. It is covered until October next year

**CS/TRP Register** Graeme advised that these are close to being final and then they can be put on the website.

**Child Protection Policy** QERA and NSW have done this. NSW have a policy but do not require much else. QLD require blue cards and ride organisers make sure there is not a situation where there is unsupervised contact. It is not member to member but only relates to people working in an official capacity. The other States are working on it.

**Treasurer** Roy advised that even though there is approximately \$80K in the bank, the profit level this year will be close to zero. A lot of money is going to fund FEI rides, but hopefully the payments will be made out of the International fund in future.

A letter of engagement from Brown Macaulay and Warren was tabled to engage them to do the audit.

**Moved** Matthew Krahnman/Graeme Gilbertson

**That** **AERA engages the services of Brown, Macaulay and Warren chartered accountants to do the annual audit of the association.**

**Voting** Unanimous

Roy will ensure that all merchandise is taken back to zero so that 2006 can be started fresh. There are still some badges and car stickers available.

QERA will be re-imbursed for the \$2,500 it paid for the NSW meeting costs. Roy has forwarded an invoice to NSW. Dick advised the meeting that QERA cannot extend further credit to the AERA until after the AGM in a months time. Credit should not now be necessary.

**Secretary** It was agreed that delegates who are not required at the AERA IC meeting but who come on Thursday night should pay for their own accommodation for that night.

**International** It was noted that due to the resignation of Toby Crockett, the meeting was chaired by Chris Gates.

Malaysia and UAE have applied for the World Championships in 2008. Both would be fully funded events.

The IC will circulate promotional material for the squad to each Division and for the newsletters

Advertisements need to go out for the 6 non-delegate positions on the AERA IC. Nominations need to be confirmed by the AERA before the next IC meeting. These should be advertised on the website and in the newsletters and can be ratified electronically prior to the next meeting. Deadline for nominations is 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2006.

Each rider selected for Bahrain will contribute \$2,000 for expenses. Roy has advanced a cheque for \$12,000.

**Moved** Dick Collyer/Graeme Gilbertson

**That Any surplus funds be returned equally to the six horse contributors of the Bahrain squad and any deficit to the amount be made good.**

**Voting** Unanimous

Allan is looking into the age of horses in FEI events. In Europe the age is taken as at 1<sup>st</sup> January whereas here we use the 1<sup>st</sup> August.

The AERA IC Strategic Plan is ongoing. A recommendation has been made for a national endurance mascot, logo and team name. It was suggested that AERA pays the winner's State membership.

The IC wants to have an International selection panel of 5 members and they are currently working on the concept and will have a proposal for the next meeting.

A motion was passed:

That within one month of inclusion on the short list for representative international competition, the connections of the horse must supply:

- A copy of the EFA horse passport;
- EFA competitor's license;
- Own personal passport copy and photo.

**Moved** Graeme Gilbertson/Dick Collyer

**That for horses travelling overseas, the team expenses contribution fee must be paid to the AERA for travel expenses prior to leaving Australia, in this instance \$2,000.**

**Voting** Unanimous

**Moved** Dick Collyer/Sarah Adams

**That Robin van der Wegen is appointed as the Chef d'Equipe for Aachen**

**Voting** Unanimous

A handbook for FEI rides is being prepared and will be going on the website when it is completed.

**That the AERA IC may fund FEI events (on application) from organising committees to cover the costs involved, i.e.**

- ◆ FEI calendar fees,
- ◆ Organiser's dues,
- ◆ Cost of travel for the foreign veterinary delegate,
- ◆ Cost of travel for the foreign judge.

**Total amount not to exceed \$2,500 to be paid upon the receipt of substantiating invoices. If the event makes a profit in excess of the funding, then this funding must be reimbursed to the AERA IC.**

**Voting:** NSW – Y, VIC - Y, TAS – Y, SA – Y, QLD – Y, WA – Y. Carried

Allan suggested that an application for funding document is developed. Allan and Sarah to do. Approval will be required from the States first.

**Moved** Graeme Gilbertson/Denise Williams

**That That the AERA underwrites the W.A.E.R.A. 2005 FEI \*\*\* 160km event to the value of \$2,209.93.**

**Voting** NSW – Y, VIC - Y, TAS – Y, SA – Y, QLD – Y, WA – Abstain. Carried

There are 3 planned events on the FEI ride calendar for 2006. It should be noted that the FEI will be charging a yearly levy of \$12 each horse to compete unless they have a FEI passport. Allan is to clarify how it will be administered but believes that the EFA will be billed at the end of the year.

### **Report from Allan Renner**

Allan went through his report. 3 nominations have been received to conduct the World Championships in 2008 – Malaysia, UAE and Portugal. The winner will be announced in December.

The FEI are developing procedures to deal with conflicts of interest that seem to be developing more in the sport. This will be part of the ongoing restructure of the FEI and the development of the strategic plan.

An international forum was held at Glen Innes and was well supported with over 30 AES members.

The FEI have appointed 7 course directors. An endurance person has been selected to run courses. These will be run with the aid of a CD.

### **Funding for AERA IC**

Roy commented that the \$5 levy per horse at FEI rides agreed at the last meeting would bring in a return of about \$8,000 per year to the AERA IC. Funding has been opened up to the States up to \$2,500 per ride. He suggested that the levy be raised from \$5 to \$20 per horse.

**Moved** Roy Noble/Tony Purton

**That** the FEI levy be raised from \$5 to \$20 per horse at FEI events.

**Voting** NSW – Y, VIC - Y, TAS – Abstain, SA – Y, QLD – Y, WA – N. Carried

Roy moved that permission be given to run FEI rides with a first prize of \$10,000. Allan stated that it would improve sponsorship opportunities and help keep horses in Australia as well as putting money back in rider's pockets. It was agreed that Allan and Sarah would put something out to the States to discuss at AGM's. Rules A2.3 and A2.4 would have to be looked at.

**New South Wales** Graeme reported that their financial situation has improved considerably.

\$4,000 was raised at a fund raising ride so they are looking at running more next yet.

Kerry stated that the QERA loan offer gave them a breathing space so that they could sort themselves out.

**Queensland** Dick reported that all is quiet on the western front... QERA has a record membership and is in a strong financial situation. Several officials and vets have been accredited and a good ride calendar has been developed for 2006. There are no FEI rides planned for 2006. QERA IC was disbanded as it was felt that the AERA IC was doing the job. More needs to be done to encourage ride organisers to run FEI rides.

**South Australia** Graeme is to send the information he has on Chief Stewards and TPR's in SA.

**Victoria** Beverley expressed concern that they have received no expressions of interest for the 2008 Quilty. One Quilty buckle has been handed back and sent to Dick. They have set a deadline for March for Quilty applications. If none are received by then VERA will seek advise from AERA.

**Western Australia** WA ran a very successful State Championships/FEI ride.

**Tasmania** Roy stated that after speaking with Quilty organisers, it is difficult to keep track of vets travel etc. He will look at designing a form.

### **Quilty Working Party – Technical Committee, TOR and selection of Members**

Changes were made to the Draft Terms of Reference. The new document will be put on the website and re-advertise for expressions of interest closing at the end of January.

**Moved** Dick Collyer/Graeme Gilbertson

**That** the amended Quilty Working Party Terms of Reference be accepted.

**Voting** NSW – Y, VIC – Y, TAS – Y, SA – Y, QLD – Y, WA – Y. Carried.

**Quilty Buckles** Dick advised that some buckles have been returned:

Dick recorded that he has the Pat Slater cup, the Quilty cup replica, the teams cup and several trophies.

It was agreed to write to the people concerned and acknowledge the receipt of the buckle and state that AERA will be making an announcement on the replacement buckles.

**Port Elliott 2004** The event was a financial success. Sarah advised that the TQ Committee is transferring \$3,000 to SAERA to cover any outstanding expenses. Sarah intends to put up a proposal that money from the last TQ will be used over the next few years to develop the SA infrastructure, equipment supplies, education and training of volunteers and officials to make adequate preparation for hosting the next Quilty.

**Sheffield 2005** Geoff Becker has withdrawn his “unconditional” offer to fund \$5,000 towards the Quilty Working Party.

Geoff Becker is stating that he wants all recommendations he made regarding the Tasmanian Quilty to stand.

**Track Report** On file and the comments noted.

**Boonah 2006** Bob Sample examined the track and sent in a report. He would like this to be used as a template for track reports in the future

**Moved** Matthew Krahnen/Graeme Gilbertson

**That** the AERA endorses Michael Combe as the Chief Steward for the 2006 Quilty

**Voting** Unanimous

The Quilty Risk Management policy has been done by Geoff Morris and is similar to the QERA policy but adapted for the Quilty. Geoff assures that it meets Australian Industry Standards. Dick is to send out the Quilty Risk Management manual and the QERA one when it is complete. Geoff will be the event safety officer. Pamela is working on promotion. A new budget will be provided in March.

**Track Report** Dick noted that the elevations are incorrect as the showgrounds are at 90 metres. The course will not be as hilly as the 2000 Quilty but will be a more technical course. They are looking at Bob’s suggestions about the order of the legs.

The Chief Steward’s report needs standardising for the post event. Dick ascertained that a provision for a competitive finish as per the Event Standards will be done. There will be an escorted start for approximately 1klm as per 2000.

**WA 2007** The venue will be the same as the State Championships. The Quilty Committee is made up of very experienced people who are all involved in the sport. It is intended to hold the event in September

### **3pm Visit by David Somerville – Sarah Adams took the minutes**

Ieva invited David to address the meeting. There have been some strong opinions about the Special General meeting in Queensland and his purpose is to relieve the Queensland delegates of the need to vocalise the motions of the meeting.

Motion 8 and 10 They wished to put Motions 8 and 10 (from the last AERA meeting) before the membership. Riding rule changes should be discussed with the membership; precedent exists. History shows that this consultation used to take place. Came to make the delegates job easier as they may not agree with these motions

The 3<sup>rd</sup> issue was the loan of monies to AERA to pay expenses for NSW delegates – this was felt to go beyond the scope of the delegates. Point of order if you like – remember to consult with the membership. The matter will be discussed at the QERA AGM on these matters.

The other issue – a handout that went out at the SGM – a document entitled “Crisis in Administration”. He stated that the authors had relied on figures from somebody else regarding that which is currently owed to AERA. Other information was sourced by David. The unfortunate thing the authors feel is that the misquote of figures has pulled down the intent of the document. The document has been re-written and copies prepared and circulated at the meeting.

David quoted from the paper. Matthew. There are more than the figures that are incorrect. Bottom of first page – honorary portfolios. David responded that the honorary posts are covered in the new paper. Matthew. Referred to other inaccuracies. The major problems of NSW; the AERA subject to legal injunction; the third paragraph stating that the Quilty ride is in crisis. This information was put to members – and are the opinions of

one side that has had an impact. David replied that the misinformation has been corrected in the new document which he tabled. The information he has been given was incorrect.

Kerry Sprat stated that she is not at all impressed. From a NSW perspective, from whatever sources this information was obtained, it has been put in black & white and is incorrect. Kerry went on to ask why the reference to the government audit was made in a document. It has been put into the public domain. An inflammatory remark has been made in asking how many other Divisions were in the same situation. Kerry claimed that the document is unconstructive, damaging and not helpful in such a small group of people. In relation to NSW's position, Kerry stated that the loan provided NSW with some breathing space while matters were clarified. What is the big deal in one state helping out another? David replied that the decision made by Queensland to make the loan was beyond the scope of the delegates. Roy stated that this was a gesture. Dick stated that a precedent had been set. Then other examples were cited where Toby Crockett, as Treasurer had loaned the AERA \$10,000 in 2000.

David went on to say that he is here today to say that he was sorry to have produced a paper that was inaccurate.

Anne Barlow believes that the tactic of handing out the document at the meeting to the wider audience was unacceptable. She asked why David and colleagues had not addressed the QERA Committee or the AERA Committee to ask for facts. Roy – why did they not come to this meeting and ask the questions directly. An apology from David Somerville was sought by Anne Barlow and Ieva separately.

Several people believed that it is a manipulation on David's part. David did not agree

Allan referred to the final paragraph regarding honorary members – Allan stated that he is there as the person who holds the insurance portfolio. David said this is referred to because of the escalating costs of running the meetings.

Roy gave an explanation about the way in which the AERA budget escalates and falls at different times in the year. David said he relied on figures that he believed to be from a reliable source. David said he was here to apologise to those who have received incorrect information.

Further discussion took place on the accuracy of the information, specifically regarding the potential for litigation against AERA. Anne Barlow reminded David of the need to do things through the correct channels as David would expect others to do.

Ieva confirmed with David that he would supply an electronic copy of the revised statement tabled. Kerry asked for David's signature and date on the new document. David declined. She also asked how this information would be disseminated. David Somerville was not prepared to sign the document.

Allan stated he was made an Honorary Member because of his position on the FEI. He has since taken over the insurance portfolio. A motion had been recorded that his expenses for accommodation and food be met, although he has never used any accommodation.

Dick stated that the document is very subjective. E.g. the statement regarding Quilty is in crisis. Dick quoted other 'motherhood' statements. Discussion took place about problems vs. crisis. Dick asked for clarification regarding the organisation of AERA IC? David stated that other sports had a more fluent structure and constitution.

Ieva – does David realise what it would take to change the AERA constitution? Kerry read from the constitution. Would David wind up AERA and start again? He does not consider anyone in the room to be a constitution expert and other people could advise on appropriate models to make organisations slimmer and more efficient.

Ieva offered consultation. David said he would like to use the document to inform people for a survey of members. Point of Order from Ieva – you don't know all of these people and their backgrounds to make the assumption that expertise does not exist around the table. David stated with due respect that everyone around this table is a volunteer – they cannot handle the extra work.

Kerry – if David's intention is to use the document to consult with people then the document is extremely biased. She suggested that this would not be the appropriate way forward. Something positive and constructive is required. David stated that a comment made to him regarding NSW membership is down (50%) – he asked if this has been investigated. Further discussion took place regarding ride numbers dropping and membership decline.

Kerry asked again if David was genuine about using the document as a means of soliciting information from the membership? Ieva suggested that it would be more constructive if we could all work together for the good of the sport. – could we work together? David seeks to use this as a base document. Dick – any data collected on the basis of the documents (draft one and two) David – don't refer to draft one as it doesn't exist anymore. It is worthless data to provoke a response. The document would render the data collected unreliable. Ieva- this focuses on the negatives and there are lots of positives.

The second doc. will be released with an apology for the inaccuracies released in the first document with financial information from AERA if they choose to supply it.

There were no further questions. The meeting then voted on the motions in question. Refer to section on motions. David Somerville left the meeting.

**The meeting closed at 6:05 p.m. and recommenced at 8:18 a.m. on Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> November.**

**Letters regarding the Quilty announcements were tabled and noted.**

**Vetting DVD** Steve Roberts has advised that this is nearly complete.

**Mark Harvey dispute.** A letter has been received from Rachel Shore-Harvey about the vet out of Mark Harvey in Tasmania. After reading the responses from Anne Barnes, Linda Tanian and Fiona Thompson, it was agreed that the veterinary decision stands.

**Tasmanian Track Report** The signed track report from Jean Treloar was received and noted.

#### **QERA Accredited Vets**

**Moved** Dick Collyer/Ady McIntosh

**That** **the AERA endorse Owen Williams, Peter Kerkenzov and Ross Brown as AERA accredited Veterinarians.**

**Voting Unanimous.** Graeme to add to list.

**3000klm award** Julie Haigh has written asking where the 3,000 klm award for Kynnum Park Sadia is. Graeme is to locate the award and post.

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

##### **9.1 Returned motion from Veterinary Panel re 13.2**

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

**Voting** NSW – Y, VIC – Y, TAS – Y, SA – Y, QLD – Y, WA – Y. Carried. **New rule 2006.**

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

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

**Voting** NSW – Y, VIC – Y, TAS – Y, SA – Y, QLD – Y, WA – Y. Carried. **New rule 2006**

##### **9.3 That Rule H6.6 is added**

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

**Voting** NSW – Y, VIC – Y, TAS – N, SA – Y, QLD – Y, WA – Y. Carried. **New rule 2006**

##### **9.4 That Rule H5.5 is added**

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

**Voting** NSW – Y, VIC – Y, TAS – Y, SA – Y, QLD – Y, WA – Y. Carried. **New rule 2006**

9.5 **H6.1 Application for logbooks**

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

**Voting** NSW – Y, VIC – Y, TAS – Y, SA – Y, QLD – Y, WA – Y. Carried. **New rule 2006**

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

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

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

**Voting** NSW – Y, VIC – Y, TAS – Y, SA – Y, QLD – Y, WA – Y. Carried. **New rule 2006**

9.7 **That Rule 14.10 Best Conditioned is added**

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

**Voting** NSW – Y, VIC – Y, TAS – Y, SA – Y, QLD – Y, WA – Y. Carried. **New rule 2006**

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

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

**Voting** NSW – Y, VIC – Y, TAS – Y, SA – Y, QLD – Y, WA – Y. Carried. **New rule 2006**

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

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

In David Somerville’s presence

**Moved** QERA

**That** **the motion be rescinded**

**Voting** NSW – N, VIC N, TAS – Y, SA – Y, WA – N, QLD – Y. Motion Lost.

Discussion Sunday

The rule is not about gallop finishes but about safety and risk management. The world has changed because of risk management. Some ride bases have their own risk management policies that prevents horses from galloping. This is already there in rule A1.1. Matthew pointed out that risk management policies are in place as ride organisers have to sign off on risk management for that ride. Riders do not have to sign. There could be a situation where the Chief Steward would not sign. Already a number of rides that have implemented this for years. It is only this year where it has been tested.

The rule should be amended to read “The no gallop section must be clearly signed and supervised or face disqualification or other disciplinary action.”

It is identifying the risk and protecting the ride organisers and the association. The Chief Steward has to make the decision about disqualification

It is not a major change but a clarification of Rule A1.1.

Dick stated that AERA needs to make a statement that risk management procedures are covered under Rule A1.1, and that AERA is looking at clarifying the situation. All States should discuss this at the AGM’s.

**Moved** Denise Williams/Sarah Adams

**That** **the motion 9.9 on this Agenda be withdrawn**

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

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

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

**Voting** NSW – Y, VIC – Y, TAS – Y, SA – Y, QLD – Y, WA – Y. Carried. **New rule 2006**

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

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

In David Somerville's presence

**Moved** QERA

**That** **item 9.11 on this Agenda be put into abeyance**

The rationale is that this motion is badly worded and has the capacity to apply to the Tom Quilty Gold Cup and other championship rides – the ride distance could be reduced to 80klm. Matthew stated that the Quilty and Championship rides cannot be shortened as the constitution and the Quilty Event Standards do not allow it. This motion was tabled to give AERA the capacity to award distance when a ride has been shortened.

Discussion took place about the intent of the rule which David believes will not stop the Quilty being shortened.

**Voting** NSW- Y, VIC – Y, TAS – Y, SA – Y, QLD – Y, WA – N. Motion carried

David Somerville called a point of order stating that if a State moves a motion and then seeks to remove a motion prior to voting on a motion then it does not require a vote. He believes that the current method of voting twice is incorrect. The tradition was that the first time a motion is tabled, it should be discussed and then would go back to the membership for consultation and at the second meeting the vote would be taken. Dick advised that this is formal voting procedure.

Discussion took place as to how this present system works and why, if practice has changed, no one has alerted the Committee to the changes. David advised that he got his information from Jim Farr.

Sunday discussion

c) is so sensible and needed and should be there. Sarah stated that if there is nothing like this the Tasmanian situation could happen again.

**Insurance** – Allan is pleased to report that the insurers have shown confidence in AERA. His big concern is the voluntary workers list. He asked for it at the beginning of the year. AERA should put out a form to go out in ride stationery that should include everyone officiating on the day including CS, TPR weighing etc. Pony clubs doing food and SES should have their own.

The more things are put in place for Risk Management, the less chance of accidents and this will reflect on insurance in future years. The Certificate of Currency can be applied for when necessary even if is the same club running rides. Have to make sure that all clubs are noted on the list and website. Allan is still concerned that he is receiving names of Clubs late in the year.



Allan asked whether each Division has a register for affiliation of rides. He will need a list of all Clubs and the names of the events they are running by January. He will compose a notice to be sent to Ride Secretaries of what is required.

Ieva is to design a voluntary workers form and send out to States and put on website.

The premium includes \$20million PL cover. It works out at \$53 per member, \$12 non-riding member and day members \$20.

AON have agreed to look at the waiver and reduce the wording. Personal Accident is the same with some increased benefits

**Moved** Sarah Adams/Dick Collyer

**That** **the AERA accept the AON insurance proposal for 2006 including the \$5 increase to cover the increase in equine liability from \$10m to \$20m"**

**Voting** **Unanimous**

**Moved** Anne Jones/Ieva Peters

**That** **a vote of thanks is given to Allan Renner for his work with the Insurance**

**Voting** **Unanimous**

**Webmaster**

**Moved** Sarah Adams/Anne Jones

**That** **a vote of thanks is given to Elaine Williams for her professional handling of the website and AussieEndurance**

**Voting** **Unanimous**

**Reactivation of AussieEndurance – Legal Advice** Dick obtained legal advise that suggested that provided some basic provisions are made, AERA cannot be made liable for posts on AussieEndurance. They would only be liable if AERA did not remove offensive posts straight away. The members conduct rules would cover any transgressors.

**Moved** Dick Collyer/Ady McIntosh

**That** **AussieEndurance is re-activated on the following conditions**

1. **posting open to members on the condition of supplying membership number. Posts must contain full name and number.**
2. **non-members receive only or send posts through moderators.**
3. **suspended members not allowed.**
4. **members are subject to member code of conduct.**
5. **states to send membership name and number.**
6. **a disclaimer is put on every post**

**Voting** **Unanimous.**

**Database** No applications have been received for a project manager. One of the problems is that not enough money is being offered. Ieva is to organise a teleconference.

**Sponsorship**

**Moved** Dick Collyer/Graeme Gilbertson

**That** **the \$1,500 sponsorship from AON be used to purchase more pamphlets**

**Voting** **Unanimous**

**Moved** Matthew Krahnem/Graeme Gilbertson

**That** **a vote of thanks should go to Pamela Robson for organising the DVD**

**Voting** **Unanimous.**

The DVD cost \$2,825 - \$5.75 each. Peter Toft has offered some sponsorship to offset these costs.

The DVD's were distributed as follows: QLD/NSW – 16, VIC/WA – 11, TAS/SA – 6

Allan would like 2 to give to the FEI and EFA. One each was taken from QLD and NSW.

**Moved** Dick Collyer/Denise Williams

**That** **AERA distributes the DVD's at no cost to the Divisions.**

**Voting** **Unanimous**

**Distance Awards/Special Achievement Awards** It was noted that Denise Trollope has resigned from the Awards sub-committee. Kerry, Graeme and Lyn will organise the AERA awards for the Quilty.

**Rule Book** Ady advised that this is in hand. Sponsorship for the rule books will be sought. It was agreed that the cover should be printed in green with gold lettering and stapled.

**Logbooks** – Logbook procedures will be standardised in all states. Minor changes will be made to the logbooks before they are re-printed. A reminder is to be done regarding yearly horse registration.

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

1. **Insurance for Quilty Cup**

Payment of \$362 to insure the Quilty cup

2. **AERA IC Chairman**

Appointment of Chris Gates as AERA IC Chairman

3. **Hire of DVD/TV for Equitana**

Payment of \$495 for hire of DVD/TV for Equitana

4. **Advertisement in Horse Deals**

Payment of \$197.00 for advertisement in Horse Deals.

5. **Funding for FEI Rides**

Payment of \$2,500 each for the Red Range and Vic FEI rides

**Moved** Matthew Krahn/Ady McIntosh

**That** **the executive decisions are ratified**

**Voting** **Unanimous**

**AERA Restructure** Sarah stated that we need to develop a project plan to include terms of reference with the project objective to develop a plan to improve the administrative efficiency for AERA. Everyone recognises the financial and administrative savings to be made.

Matthew was appointed to chair the group. Anne is to put a notice in the newsletters and on the website advising that AERA are looking at the feasibility for an administrative review/restructure and anyone interested should contact Matthew.

#### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting has been set for 18/19 March, 2006.

**The Meeting closed at 3.30pm.**