

Notes of the General Meeting of Members of the Australian Endurance Riders Association Inc held on 5th, 6th and 7th November, 2010 commencing on Friday at 1:24 p.m. 8:20a.m. Saturday

Welcome by President: Ieva welcomed everyone to the meeting

Present: Anne Jones (Qld) Mathew Krahnan (Qld), Dorte Colja (Qld), Neil Clarkson (NSW), Tom McCormack (NSW) (2:13 p.m. Friday), Kerry Spratt (NSW), Ieva Peters (WA), Sarah Adams (SA), Debra Grull (TAS), Pat Hodgetts (TAS), Katrina Westerhoff (Vic) (1:45 p.m. Friday), Roy Noble (Hon. Member), Melanie Scott (SA), Ross McCamish (WA)

In attendance: John Mullins (Sat), Barb Timms (Fri), Chris Gates (Fri), Steve Swan (8:25a.m. Sat)

Apologies: Sandy Little (VIC), Matthew Krahen (QLD), Kerry Spratt (Friday), Neil Clarkson (Friday),

Register of Pecuniary Interest and Conflict of Interest

Nil. As arises

Registration of Votes: Qld 7 votes, NSW – 6 votes, Tasmania – 3 votes, Victoria – 2 votes, WA – 2 votes, SA – 1 vote

Action Sheet

- **EA Medication Control Forms.** Pat has the forms which can be found at <http://www.efanational.com/default.asp?Page=334&MenuID=EA%5FRules%5Fand%5FRegs%2F11759%2F0>
The applicable forms are: ETUE 1, ETUE 2, ELECTIVE TESTING FORM, MEDICATION FORM 3
These should be used. They need to be completed and given to the Chief Steward at the time of entry. All EA procedures have been adopted. The entry forms could be changed. Pat and Debbie are to put information together for the websites/newsletters and advise of changes to the entry form. The P1.1 Prohibited Substance Rules should be simplified.
- **Guidelines for Veterinary Supervision at Rides.** Debbie advised that she has started to do this.
- **Body Score.** Dorte advised that there is not enough information on the body score yet but Jo Hamilton-Branigan is working on it. It was ascertained that some states are recording Early Vetting times. That was not the intention of bringing the rule in. Dorte is to advise Chief Stewards that it is not allowed and Riders/TPR's cannot enter the information.
- **National Newsletter.** It was agreed that it should be discussed again at the AGM's.

Executive Decisions to be Ratified

- 1 **That Roy Noble is authorised to order 2 sample buckles from Diablo at a cost of US\$155 and US\$169 plus delivery**
- 2 **That steel 500 AERA Teams badges are ordered from M&L Australia at a cost of \$1.65 each plus GST and the die at \$100 plus GST**
- 3 **That AERA pays \$1,333.95 to Peter Johnson for attending the Murrumba ride and invoices QERA for 50% of the costs.**
- 4 **That AERA pays the invoice from John Mullins for \$1,524.60**
- 5 **That AERA pays the invoice from John Mullins for \$1,386.00**
- 6 **That AERA pays the invoice from Peter Johnson for \$2,227.50.**
- 7 **That AERA pays the invoice from Carole Dixon for \$1,534.50 for half share of the Equitana stand.**
- 8 **That AERA pays the air fare costs of \$438.70 for Pat Hodgetts to attend the Trans Tasman**
- 9 **That AERA pays the invoice from John Mullins for \$933.34**

Moved	Dorte Colja/Ross McCamish.
That	the executive decisions are ratified.
Voting	Carried Unanimously

Quilty Buckles: Roy showed two samples that he had made in sterling silver. They would be more expensive than the current ones. They will be introduced at the Tasmanian Quilty.

Moved	Tom McCormack/Sarah Adams
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That Roy purchases 200 new standard plain buckles and 39 placing buckles.
Voting Carried Unanimously

The new buckle will be charged at \$250 including GST.

NESC/BOM

Moved Tom McCormack/Sarah Adams

That the recommendation from the BOM

That the \$4,000 funding from EA for the WEG be used as a proportional re-imbusement of \$800 to D Trollope, Trish Annetts and Narelle Crib, \$600 to Jackie Byrne and Robyn Mather for out of pocket expenses, the balance of \$400 to Trish Annetts for the team car.

is accepted

Voting Carried Unanimously

Moved Tom McCormack/Dorte Colja

That the recommendation from the BOM

That \$800 out of the rider funds from the WEG is paid to Trish Annetts as re-imbusement for the team car hire.

is accepted.

Voting Carried Unanimously

Ady McIntosh was the Chef at the Trans Tasman and did a great job. Bev Raynor-Mason should be acknowledged for giving her horse to a member of the NZ team.

There is a NESC Meeting on 15th November. EA have a new CEO.

Moved Tom McCormack/Sarah Adams

That the request for funding from Eastern Hills Trail and endurance Riders Club for \$1,608.50 as per correspondence and motion from 2005 is paid

Voting Carried Unanimously

It was noted that the motion from 2005 was never rescinded and is still current.

Moved Tom McCormack/Sarah Adams

That the motion from 2006

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.

is rescinded

Voting Carried Unanimously.

Ieva read the BOM report.

The BOM met on Friday morning. In attendance were Barbara Timms, Chris Gates, Jennifer Gilbertson, Penny Toft, with apologies from Anne Barnes and Trish Annetts.

Moved Ross McCamish/Dorte Colja

That the BOM recommendation

that the official groom for each rider representing Australia in the Trans Tasman, or any other 'friendly' international competition, must be a member of a state division of the AERA.

is accepted.

Voting Carried Unanimously

Barb stated that grooms need to have some knowledge and commitment to the team and to Australian endurance.

Moved Sarah Adams/Ross McCamish

That the BOM recommendation

that official grooms for each rider representing Australia at World Championships and World Equestrian Games must be a member of a state division of the AERA and a member of the Australian Endurance Squad within 7 days of the announcement of the Australian team

is accepted.

Voting Carried Unanimously

It was generally agreed that grooms were not required to be squad members for the Trans Tasman.

Chris will organise an appropriate glass trophy costing about \$200 as a thank-you gift for Joe Pagan who allowed the team to use his facilities.

The lack of horses available for the Trans Tasman was a concern. It is an excellent competition that gives young, inexperienced riders a chance to compete. The series is in jeopardy because we cannot get enough horses in Australia to support it. Everyone wants to go to NZ but do not reciprocate. States are asked to take the issue back to the SMC's and ask that members be more generous in supplying horses. The horses have to be FEI registered. .

South Africa would like Australia to reciprocate. It was agreed that we cannot match the budget that they have.

Moved Ross McCamish/Sarah Adams

That the BOM recommendation

That competitors under the age of 18 competing at international events outside of Australia must be accompanied by either a parent or legal guardian.

is accepted

Voting Carried Unanimously

Moved Dorte Colja/Katrina Westerhoff

That the BOM recommendation

That at international events, outside of Australia, each competitor must obtain appropriate travel insurance from a suitable insurer (i.e. Aon) to ensure that the competitors are specifically covered during endurance competition.

is accepted.

Voting Carried Unanimously. AON provides a policy. It must be supplied to the Team Manager or Chef prior to departure.

There will be 7 events in the Young Horse Championship series in 2011. Castlebar will supply the trophies. The final will be at Red Range.

There are 9 FEI rides on the calendar, all are paid. New rides will have to pay late entry fees. There are no FEI rides scheduled in Vic or SA.

Moved Ross McCamish/Pat Hodgetts

That the BOM recommendation

That all affiliated FEI events must include a Youth division (JYR) in each category, commencing with the 2011 calendar.

is accepted

Voting Carried Unanimously.

The BOM reserves the right to refuse membership and a statement should be put on the membership form that “all applicants may not necessarily be accepted.”

Ieva will become the BOM secretary now that it is a sub-committee of AERA. It was agreed to transfer all the money from the International account to the Squad account.

Moved Ross McCamish/Tom McCormack

That **all outstanding monies pertaining to the International account (208138) be finalised and that all remaining funds be transferred into the AES account.**

Voting Carried Unanimously.

The Squad needs a High Performance Manager to look after International Competition. A job description will be written then advertised.

Accredited Vets: That Dr Rebecca French, Dr Michael Taylor and Dr Madlene Baultussen (SAERA) are accepted as accredited Veterinarians.

Moved Dorte Colja/Pat Hodgetts. Carried

Database (Dee): The ride program is coming along to a point where the web-based side is close to being usable. In my opinion it would be difficult to use web-based in a ride situation as limiting factors being lack of guaranteed mobile service and isolation of ride bases. It can be a bit “clunky” but this can be overcome by using the system more as a stand-alone program. I found that the download usage is quite high when using web-based.

Workshops will be run early in the New Year. 2 people could attend from each State and bring their own laptops to install the program on. Any more than 2 would be at the State’s cost. Peter would be invited to attend as well.

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

1 **Thumps**

That a new rule is introduced for AERA:

A horse with the clinical signs of synchronous diaphragmatic flutter (“thumps”) is eliminated for metabolic reasons. Insert at V4.2c and move V4.2c to V4.2d

TAS – Yes, NSW – Yes, Vic – Yes, SA – Yes, Qld = Yes, WA – Yes. Carried. New Rule 2011

2 **Horse Names**

That H7.4b, is amended to change Division Registrar to Division SMC

If a Division SMC becomes aware that a horse registered with a breed association has been issued with a logbook in a name different from its registered name, the SMC must require the member responsible for that horse to return the logbook so that the name of the horse is changed and the database is adjusted accordingly.

Tas – Yes, NSW – Yes, Vic – Yes, SA - Yes , Qld – Yes, WA – Yes. Carried. New Rule 2011

Motions on Notice for Discussion and First Vote

1 **QERA Motion 1 Rule A5.1 wording**

That

These times must be expressed as a cut off time on the clock and must not be less than a time based on an average speed of 10 kilometres an hour

is added to the rule

Rationale: Much discussion has been held since it was reported that a Chief Steward in Victoria interpreted this rule by setting a maximum time for the 1st and 2nd legs and disqualified riders for riding the course under 8

hours. QERA believes the rules needs very little change and express the maximum time as the cut off time and must be expressed as the time on the clock. A rider cannot be disqualified for riding under 8 hours.

Withdrawn

2 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, 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.”**

Rationale: The above wording allows marathon rides to set ride times on a per day basis. It effectively means that a course would ‘open’ for a set time and riders must complete the course within that time. This ‘course open’ idea would apply to all types of rides including elevator rides. The last leg ‘cut-off’ would allow riders entering elevator rides to complete the minimum distance at an average speed of less than 10 kph and still receive the credit for the distance covered. They may successfully complete the first two legs but would not be allowed to commence the last leg as they would not complete it within the required total time. It does not confine riders to maintain a minimum speed of 10 kph, under certain circumstances they will be able to travel much slower, and if they travel quickly on the first leg or legs they can slow down without penalty as they are riding to a total ride average time. Maximum times for training and introductory rides can also be calculated using slower speeds than 10kph. This may be useful where there are unfit riders and/or horses and the vet ring is still open to service a longer ride. It seems unfair to disqualify a newcomer to the sport because they have travelled slower than an arbitrarily pace set by a ride committee when there is still plenty of daylight left and the vet ring won’t be packed up for some time.

Tom wants an amendment to 5.3 so that there is a cut off time for the last leg. He explained the scenarios

Moved Tom McCormack/Sarah Adams

That the motion is amended to read

- 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.”**

The amendment was put to the vote.

The amended motion became the motion and was put to the vote

Tas – Yes, NSW – Yes, Vic – Yes, Qld – Abstain, WA – Yes. Carried. 2nd vote at the next meeting. The SMC’s are to look at the wording in case any further changes are required.

Dorte is to advise Chief Stewards the intent of the rule.

3 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.

Justification: To allow horses to receive IV fluids earlier and limit the danger to their health and welfare that is posed by riders holding horses back from treatment until the 2 hours post ride. Note that as per H15.8 such a horse would not be eligible for consideration for the best conditioned award.

This rule replaces the 2 hour rule. Anne is to ask Brian Sheahan for a full rationale to present at the AGM's. We can see both sides of the argument – the horse welfare issue and the potential to override. It could go in as a separate rule but leave the 2 hour rule. Imbil was a good example. Pat is to discuss on the vet chatline.

4 QERA Motion 2 Trainers

That the following is added to the 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.**

Rationale: For some time there has been concern about Trainers who are not members or are suspended. This rule defines trainers and gives the Association some power to deal with issues that arise with them.

Steve explained there are a lot of people participating in rides but do not ride – Business people, trainers, mentors etc. Rules need to be broadened to bring them in line with the rule book. They use the same membership/administration facilities that members do for free. The owner issue is more important. He pulled the rules out of the FEI and Australian Racing Board. The important rule is 14.6 that loses the right for horses to compete. Tom McCormack stated that the entry form could be re-designed to include, rider, owner, trainer etc. Trainers need to be defined. Pat commented pm 14.2, 14.6 asking what if a horse is owned by more than one person.

Ross complimented Steve on the thought that he has put in to address the situation. He feels that it is going in the right direction. Tom asked whether they should be an associate or full member. It would be preferable to be a full member – the sport is shrinking and they have use of the membership services. Tom feels that we should start with the owner as that is more easily defined. How to maintain currency of an owner could be a problem. This could be overcome by having an owner label that has to be updated yearly like the registration. The database could do a check on owner currency.

It was agreed that QERA would take it back and look at it for the next meeting.

4 Owners of AERA Registered Horses

That the following is added into 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.**

Rationale: This Rule clarifies the ownership of a horse

Refer above.

5 QERA Motion 3

That new rule A11.7 is added into Administration of Ride Rules

A11.7 A Ride Committee shall accept ride entries from any member of any division, unless a relevant SMC has previously given that Ride Committee authority to refuse ride entry to a particular member.

Rationale: It has been most significant and important that when this has arisen both Charleville and Oz Endurance clubs have consulted with us first, before refusing entry to members, and it is essential that this protocol continue.

Motion withdrawn.

SA Quilty 2011: Sarah advised that she has resigned from the Quilty Committee and Melanie is representing them. Discussion was held on the test event and changes that will be made for the Quilty.

Tasmania 2012:

Moved Pat Hodgetts/Neil Clarkson

That Tom McCormack is appointed as the Chief Steward for the 2012 Tom Quilty.

Voting Carried Unanimously

Moved Dorte Colja/Melanie Scott

That Pat Hodgetts is appointed as the Head Vet for the 2012 Tom Quilty with Anne Barnes as a replacement if necessary.

Voting Carried Unanimously

Pat showed the logo. The colours will be orange and blue. They are hoping to have official arrows and the colour marking system in place. The Committee will be responsible for the ride numbers.

Pat and Tom will work on the manual regarding the track and treatment vet.

Kevin Brewster will be doing the Quilty website. It was suggested that a website www.Quilty.com be created with links to the current Quilties. Anne will speak to Elaine about it.

Queensland 2013: QERA have accepted a proposal to hold the Quilty at Kilkivan in 2013. An information pack was provided and a full proposal will be submitted in March.

Course Marking Standard

Moved Tom McCormack/Katrina Westerhoff

That the Tom Quilty Course Marking Standard document is adopted into the Quilty Manual.

Voting Carried Unanimously

The Quilty manual is a work in progress.

Minimum ride Standards

Tom presented a document on Ride Standards. He agreed that each State does things a little different but that should not be an impediment. He is proposing that the States go to the AGM's and come back in March next year with a wish list.

He proposes that each State would be given \$3,000 per year to improve their Ride Standards. Flexibility is needed for States that have already invested in equipment such as arrows etc. Tom will discuss the requirements with each State starting with arrows. The arrows should be printed with AERA on them.

Tom also wants to propose that AERA pays for a Chief Steward from each State to come to the Quilty. The Quilty Committee would pay for accommodation, transfers, one dinner ticket and meals during the event. Meals outside the event hours and incidental travel costs, airport parking etc would be the responsibility of the Chief Steward. The Chief Steward would need to be at the event by 4:00 p.m. Thursday.

He would then like to write to the States and invite them to submit the name of another Chief Steward to participate under the same terms and conditions but they pay. The AERA Chief Stewards would be Dorte Colja, Jeff Bonham,

Debbie Symington, Sarah Adams, Helen Bowkett and Sandy Little. They are all Quilty experienced Chief Stewards and would provide consistency and autonomy.

Moved Tom McCormack/Pat Hodgetts

That the AERA pays the travel expenses for the Tom Quilty core Chief Steward team to go to the Tom Quilty, travel expenses defined as a single return airfare to/from the most appropriate airport. The Tom Quilty Committee is to be responsible to provide transport to/from the destination airport. The Tom Quilty Committee is to provide accommodation from Thursday to Sunday night inclusive and meals while the ride is in progress. The Tom Quilty Committee is to also provide one dinner ticket. The Chief Steward is responsible for incidental travel costs and meals outside the ride.

Voting Carried Unanimously

Moved Tom McCormack/Pat Hodgetts

That AERA write a formal letter to each Division inviting them to nominate a second Chief Steward who is not part of the core team to attend the Quilty under the same conditions as the core team but with the State Division picking up the airfare/fuel costs.

Voting Carried Unanimously. Anne to write to the States

Catastrophes: There has been 4 catastrophes in Queensland, one in FNQ, one at the FEI State Championships and 2 at Jericho. An independent review panel has been set up to investigate the catastrophe in FNQ. All the relevant tests were done following the Imbil incident. The PM results found a pre-existing underlying infection that was difficult to operate on and the prognosis was poor. The summary was read. It was found that riding alone was not the factor that caused the horse's death.

The Jericho incidents are still being investigated

Accredited Chief Stewards

Moved Ross McCamish/Dorte Colja

That Liz Cullam (WA), Lainie Ray and Melanie Scott (SA) are accepted as AERA Accredited Chief Stewards.

Voting Carried Unanimously.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on **11,12/13 March , 2011** following the AGM

Meeting Closed: The meeting closed at 1.06 p.m.