

**Report of the General Meeting of Members of the Australian Endurance Riders Association Inc held on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2004 at Sports House, Castlemaine St. Brisbane commencing on Saturday at 8.15am**

**Present:** Erica Williams (Qld) Saturday only, Anne Jones (Qld), Dick Collyer (Qld), Phillip O'Loughlin (SA), Dorte Colja (SA), Denise Trollope (NSW), Graeme Gilbertson (NSW), Kerry Spratt (NSW), Deanne Flanagan (TAS), Ieva Peters (WA), Ady McIntosh, Roy Noble (Vic) Debi Chisolm (Vic), Allan Renner (Honorary member). All welcomed to the meeting by Denise.

**In attendance:** Barbara Timms (minutes)

**Visitors:** Peter Toft, Beverly Wright AON, Geoff Becker – Tasmanian Quilty Chairman

**Apologies:** Jane Radny (WA)

**Noted:** Resignation of Laurie Nicolle (Tas)

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

Anne Jones, and Graeme Gilbertson registered a conflict of interest with reference to the Team selection.

**Registration of Votes:** NSW – 8, QLD – 7, VIC – 3, WA – 3, TAS – 2, SA – 1

**Risk Management Checklists** – Reminder for all states to comply.

**CS Examination Update.** Should be available at the next meeting.

**Quilty Cup.** Denise to draw up a Quilty competitors agreement, to include that the recipient of the Cup insure the Cup under their household insurance.

**Chief Steward/TPR's. Metal badges for Chief Stewards/TPR's.** Erica displayed the badges, and handed them over to Graeme to be given to newly qualified TPR and Chief Stewards. It was agreed that 30 ordinary AERA badges be given to Barb to distribute at the forthcoming WC's in Dubai.

**Pat Slater Cup.** Denise will present the Cup to the AHSA Board for placement in their offices, will do an evaluation sheet for the judging of the cup at the Quilty.

**Cost of Logbooks.** The cost of logbooks was discussed. It was pointed out that the motion passed at the last meeting to sell logbooks at cost to the States was unworkable. It would also assist the larger States that purchase more books more than the smaller states.

**Moved** Roy Noble and Erica Williams

**That** the previous motion regarding the cost of logbooks be rescinded and that the new single logbook will be sold at a cost of \$12.00 plus GST to the States.

**Voting SA Abstained. All other States in favour. Motion passed.**

NSW have written a letter offering to pay \$1.50 each for the old logbooks. This offer was rejected.

**Moved** Dick Collyer and Roy Noble

**That** old logbooks are sold at a cost of \$7 plus GST

**Voting Unanimous, all States in favour.**

**Term Deposit.** There is an investment account of \$10,000 being rolled over every 3 months.

**Moved** Dick Collyer and Deanne Flanagan

**That** the Treasurer investigates the amount of money on term deposit at the best available interest rate

**Voting Unanimous, all States in favour.**

**Quilty Problems** Following several letters, problems at the Quilty were addressed at length especially in relation to the lack of water on the 3<sup>rd</sup> leg, ditch in leg one and competitor's behaviour in the vet ring. All commended Tom McCormack for his excellent job as the Chief Steward.

**Visit from Beverly Wright from AON Insurance** at 1.30pm. Beverly has come to discuss the PL and PA insurance. A booklet with descriptions was presented on the benefits of the policies. Pricing is dependant on the PA insurance being taken out in all States. Items covered by the PL Insurance include Coverage per incident, Food products, Care, Custody and Control, Participation risks, member to member, overseas international competition, first aid treatment, coaching and tuition, multicover (livestock) policy, this is a world wide cover.

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Major exclusions are tuition provided by a non member, damage to own property, asbestos related problems, dangerous acts.

Associated liabilities – Office bearers, professional indemnity,

Personal Accident Insurance—is around the clock—24hrs. Defined as equine riders involved in what the riders do ( working with horses), providing it is of a non commercial nature.

### **International AERA IC Report**

Pulse stewards at FEI rides. Committee generally not in favour. Limiting the use of Officials to one event per year. Committee thinks that we do not have a large enough pool of officials at present to do this, decided to wait until the star ratings are decided by the FEI. Encourage the running of CEIO events in Australia and ask the FEI to support. Anne is to write to the FEI via the EFA to recommend that Australia be allowed to run CEIO competitions using the states as foreign countries. CEIO rides need the same officials and vets as three star rides.

**Ride Calender** : 6 FEI rides on the 2005 Calender, the Trans Tasman will be at Red Range, Glen Innes, and will include a 2\* and 3\* The Calender is a bit unbalanced and it was accepted that another FEI 3\* ride was needed to help riders wishing to qualify for Aachen.

### **Policy on the Payment of FEI Calender fees and organising dues**

**Moved** The Committee and The Committee  
**That** the AERA accept the recommendation of the AERA IC that the AERA Treasurer invoice the OC/SMC'S for FEI ride calendar fees prior to the date being submitted to the EFA . Applications to be in by September 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. Late alterations and applications to be accompanied by the appropriate FEI fee prior to submission.

**Voting** **All States in favour**

**Moved** The Committee and the Committee  
**That** Organising dues (fees) be invoiced to the Organising Committee within 2 weeks of the event.

**Voting** **All States in favour**

**Dubai WC's 2005 and Team selection.** Anne Jones' horse Tongarra Red Cloud has been withdrawn by the rider, recommendation that Anne Jones horse Carnarvon Kasserine Magic be selected

**Moved** The Committee and the Committee  
**That** the AERA accept the Selectors recommendation that Anne Jones Horse Carnarvon Kasserine Magic be accepted as a substitute in the Australian Endurance Team for Tongarra Red Cloud.

**Voting** **All States in favour**

Currently there are no reserve riders as Ron Haigh and Corey Nix have both withdrawn. The other 2 level 4 riders were Terry Wood and Gayle Holmes, who is currently in Bahrain

### **AES Report**

Membership currently stands at 66.

A one day (and 2 nights) camp is organised for Tamworth on November 20<sup>th</sup>. Keynote speaker will be Richard Thorpe, sporting coach who will cover all aspects of the human competitors and team members

Following the WC's the Squad activities will be focusing on the Tran Tasman events to be held at Red Range in October 2005, which a team of 4 riders and horses for each event, (8 riders in total) will be selected to represent Australia against NZL in a friendly competition.

Report from Brian Sheahan tabled refer Annexure A

**Moved** The Committee and the Committee  
**That** the AERA accept the recommendations of the AERA IC and support Brian Sheahan's recommendation for the establishment of an Endurance Research Subcommittee consisting of Dr Anne Barnes, Prof Chris Pollitt and Dr Brian Sheahan

**Voting:** **All States in favour**

**Moved** The Committee and the Committee  
**That** the AERA accept the recommendation of the AERA IC that the AERA IC be the sub committee to examine the feasibility and planning of a national convention for Endurance 2005/2006.

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**Voting**            **All States in favour**

**Motion from the AERA IC**

**That**            the AERA IC recommend to the AERA that they consider the following funding for the Australian Team going to Dubai:

- Return economy airfare for the official media representative
- Ride entry fees for our six competitors
- Car hire for the officials to the amount of \$1000

**Moved**            Roy Noble and Erica Williams

**That** this amount be granted

**Voting**            **All States in favour.**

**Moved**            The Committee and The Committee

**That**            the AERA IC recommend to the AERA that the criteria for selection of the Australian Teams for World Endurance Championships and the World Equestrian Games be the performance based "Qualifications and Criteria" document of the AES

**Voting**            **All States in favour**

**Motion** from the AERA IC re payment of fees short list

**That**            the AERA IC recommend to the AERA that the owners of the six short listed horses be levied an amount of \$2000 plus GST per horse immediately after the horse has been passed sound by the Team Veterinarians. The funds to be used in team related expenses. The funds to be held by the Assistant Chef.

**Moved**            Ieva Peters and Debi Chislom

**Voting**            **All States in favour.**

**Motion from the AERA IC**

**That**            the AERA IC recommend to the AERA that Glenda Armitage attend the Seminar at Werribee in Victoria and that the AERA pay her travelling and accommodation expenses.

**Moved**            Graeme Gilbertson and Deanne Flanagan

**Voting**            **All States in favour**

**Incorporation of rides.** Anne is to send a notice to the States that all Ride Organisers should be incorporated.

**AERA Presentations.** At the annual awards there was 1 x 15,000klm , 8 x 5000klm , 22 x 3000klm combined cost was \$3700. Roy said that states are not transferring the horses when they are sold and that Qld was the only state that is recording the transfers. Denise said there was a mix up over the presentation of the 10,000klm jacket from the AHSA to the horse Sarisha, and that the owner, Kerry Mahony and several Tasmanians were upset with the AERA for not recognising the achievement before this. The horse achieved this distance 3 years ago and that Sarisha now had a total of nearly 15,000klms. A member of the AHSA Board, Virginia Dobson, presented the jacket to the owner. Denise pointed out that Sarisha has only been registered with the AHSA within the last 6 months.

Anne is to place a reminder in the newsletters about ownership transfers.

**Breach of Rest Order.** NSW are still investigating the breach of a rest order placed on a horse owned by a NSW member at a Queensland ride.

**Veterinary Panel.** Changes to Logbook parameters. Discussion on suggestions by the Vet Panel. This meeting agreed to the removal of anal tone and jugular refill from the metabolic parameters and is not in favour of the addition of "Impulsion and Demeanour" as this could be too subjective. Discussion on the leg lengths being put in the logbooks, agreed this was irrelevant. Not in favour of deleting girth/withers/back, is in favour of adding gear rubs and surface factors. Skin recoil and Capillary Refill will be shown in Secs.

The order on the mastersheets to read HR-Resp-Temp, so that they are in line with the logbooks. The logbooks will be changed at next printing.

**Rule 16 Withdrawn horse** – proposed changes

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**16.1** From the time the horse comes under the control of the veterinary team at the pre-ride veterinary check, a horse may only be withdrawn by the rider in accordance with the following:

- a) For any reason after the pre-ride veterinary check....
- b) While on-course by the rider notifying a steward.....
- c) After successful completion of the 30 minute veterinary check and before it is due to leave on the next stage of the course. The logbook (marked by the veterinarian) and Master Ride Sheet will indicate the horse as 'Withdrawn'.
- d) After successful completion of the gate-into-hold inspection and any required re-presentations, before it is due to leave on the next stage of the course. The logbook (marked by the veterinarian) and Master Ride Sheet will indicate the horse as 'Withdrawn'.

**16.2** A horse cannot be withdrawn for any reason:

- a) during the period the horse is timed into a veterinary checkpoint and the 30 minute veterinary inspection; or
  - b) during the period the horse is waiting to present at a gate-into-hold veterinary inspection;
- or
- c) during the period the horse is waiting to present at any re-presentation veterinary inspection.

Justification:

This addition would maintain the spirit of the original rule, that horses may not withdraw unless they have passed all veterinary inspections and were to be allowed back on course, which includes re-presentation inspection – both compulsory for all competitors and requested for that horse. There has been confusion about how to manage re-presentation examinations, and this would clarify that rule, and ensure it is applied consistently. With the increasing use of vet gate into hold procedures at rides, and the use of re-presentation inspections, this situation arises more frequently than previously.

The general opinion of the veterinary panel is that it is preferable for riders to know their horses well enough to withdraw from the ride if they are not happy with the horse, rather than have the veterinarians make that decision for them. However, the withdrawal rule has not accommodated that at any other stage of the ride, ie the previous rules do not allow for a horse to be withdrawn before passing the veterinary inspections. Thus, a horse that is not fit to continue at a re-presentation inspection will be vetted out, and the logbook marked accordingly, with EWS points to apply.

### **Compulsory re-presentation in VGIH rides**

*Proposed rule V7.14:*

In a ride of 100 km or more, at the discretion of the head veterinarian, all horses may be subject to a compulsory re-presentation inspection by the veterinary team at one or more of the holds, at a specified time before the expiry of the hold time. At the re-present inspection all parameters will be examined and recorded, and a horse must pass this inspection before proceeding. All riders will be notified of this re-presentation examination at the pre-ride talk.

### **3-vet vote**

*And the 3-vet vote on lameness could be rule*

**V8.2** At all affiliated rides, the head vet may choose for the final adjudication on lameness to be made by silent and independent vote by 3 of the ride veterinarians, which shall include the head veterinarian where 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.

**Proposed rule V13.2:**

A panel of 3 veterinarians may be commandeered to independently assess and vote on any of the parameters in the logbook at any inspection. The majority will decide the outcome. The votes

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A notice is to be published in the newsletters and that vets and chief stewards be notified that the AERA is currently rewording the withdrawn horse rule and that the interpretation of Rule 16.2b is that it also refers to compulsory re-presentations at a gate-into-hold veterinary inspection.

Proposed rule V13.2 requires further discussion and should be brought back to the next meeting.

Anne read out a reply from the panel re the correlation of HR's at AERA/FEI rides (60 vs 64). It was agreed to forward to the Endurance Research Committee (ERC).

**Selection of a new Webmaster.** There are 3 nominations, Elaine Williams (Qld) Timothy Boxsall and Peter Webberly (SA). Elaine is currently QERA webmaster and Peter is currently SA webmaster. states.

**Moved** Dick Collyer and Ieva Peters  
**That** AERA appoint Elaine Williams as the new webmaster to replace Luke Steele  
**Voting** **Qld yes, Vic abst. Tas yes, WA yes, SA no, NSW no Motion carried.**

**Child Protection Policy/Officer.** This document should be adopted by the AERA, but the states should adopt their own policy and their own CP Officer. The document will be sent out to all Divisions and Divisions requested to obtain their own policy. This is all part of the RM plan

**Database** Ieva gave a report on the database. The database Sub-committee met the previous day. Present were herself, Linda Tanian, Anne Jones, Dick Collyer, Denise Trollope, Roy Noble and Alex Noon. Discussion included were: a) to conserve the present data and place in a new data base. B) have an updated wish list. C) no success with the AHSA in obtaining information, d) examined the systems used by each state e) need a project manager, Paul Fitzgerald was elected in his absence. Ieva is disappointed with the response so far and would like another meeting in February. Roy said there is \$26,000 in the database account and if necessary, the AERA may contribute further funds.

**Distance Awards/Special achievements.** Report by Denise of the first of the Pat Slater Awards at the Quilty. It was won by Claudia Reid and Taban from NSW. Denise said that she was chairman of the judging panel and the judges were Ron Males, Terry Wood and Sue Parsons. Bob Sample was asked but Brook was part of the top 10 to be judged. Barb Timms took his place. Andy Doube was the Vet. Denise and Barb will do a list of judges and an evaluation score sheet.

**Sheffield Quilty.** Geoff Becker, Ride Director of the Tasmanian Quilty Committee was welcomed to the meeting. The meeting was given a full update by Geoff, including details of a successful launch on Nov 8<sup>th</sup>. The event will be called the "Federal Hotels Tom Quilty Gold Cup". Federal hotels are the major sponsors. Geoff said the committee was hoping to trial an electronic system where riders will carry transponders, but a back up manual system will also operate. Geoff said the recommendation for the entry fees are: Nominations \$55. Entry fee \$300, late entry fee \$400

**Moved** Dick Collyer and Ieva Peters  
**That** the entry fees of nominations \$55, entry fee \$300 and late entry fee \$400 as recommended by the Tasmanian Quilty Committee be accepted.

**Voting** All in favour  
**Moved** Dick Collyer and Graeme Gilbertson  
**That** Denise Trollope be the course advisor for the Tasmanian Quilty and that the course be inspected prior to 31<sup>st</sup> Dec.2004

**Voting** **All in favour**

**Rule contradiction.** There is a contradiction in the AERA Rules and quoted A.7.1 (national point score) and R.14.1 (youth division) these are conflicting and will be changed accordingly. "...**except in relation to Rule 14.1 (that will be changed to R5.6)**" This will be brought back to the next meeting. State point scores are the responsibility of the State.

#### **Accredited Vets**

**Moved** Anne Jones and Graeme Gilbertson  
**That** AERA accepts Verena Joyce, Charlotte Proudfoot and Ken Jubb as accredited veterinarians."  
**Voting** **All States in favour**

**Judgement regarding Trevor Knight.** A letter has been received from Lindsay Brien Solicitor acting on behalf of Trevor Knight demanding payment of a judgement awarded against us in 2001 for the sum of \$4,234.00 plus interest of \$1,005.37. Kerry said that the history is that that Trevor Knight was served with a summons in Victoria in December 2000 for approximately \$3000 being the amount payable when the horse was not returned to Australia after the 1998 WC's. This money was subject to payment as part of

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the agreement signed prior to the horse leaving Australia. Kerry said that in January 2001 a cross claim was lodged by Knight and a judgement issued against the AERA at Nowra on 21.6.01 for \$4234. This judgement was not contested by the AERA. Both these documents have to be verified and it has to be investigated as to who received the summons on behalf of the AERA. Kerry will search the court records and try and sort the matter out.

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

#### **1. Supervision of Children at Rides.**

“That the following be added as a guideline to the rule book:

1. That at all affiliated events, all children under the age of eighteen (whether members or not) are the responsibility of their parent/guardian/caregiver or an adult who has been designated by the parent/guardian/caregiver to fulfil this role. Such adult supervisors have the responsibility to ensure that their supervision is appropriate to the age and maturity of the child concerned.
2. If the child under the age of eighteen is riding in an affiliated event, the following are strongly recommended:
  - (a) children under the age of 12 years should be accompanied by a designated adult for the entire time in which the child is riding in the event
  - (b) children between the ages of 12 and 17(inclusive), should be supervised by their designated parent/guardian/caregiver or responsible adult to a level appropriate to their competence and maturity.
3. Any person who is a voluntary worker at an affiliated event or who is employed by the Ride Organisers of the affiliated event, is required to declare to the ride organisers if they have been convicted of a serious sex offence or if they have been identified as a “Prohibited person” under child protection legislation.

**Voting Unanimous** All States in favour. This will be a guideline in 2005.

#### **2. Brands**

That the following rule be changed to include the word “legible”:

HORSE RULES (Page 25 & 26)

H5. ENDURANCE HORSES AND ENDURANCE HORSE LOGBOOK

5.2 Every horse issued with an Endurance Horse Logbook must be identified either by:

- a) A microchip implant plus certified veterinary identification of same – the details of which will be recorded in the Endurance Horse Logbook for that horse. The microchip must be inserted more than 6 days prior to that horse competing in an affiliated endurance ride; or
- b) a certified veterinary identification which must include a **legible** brand, the details of which will be recorded in the Endurance Horse Logbook for that horse.

**Voting Unanimous** All States in favour. This will be a rule in 2005.

#### **3. Training Ride Rules**

**That** Training ride rule 14.2 and Intro ride rule 37.2 *“Riders under 10 years of age must be supervised by an adult rider at all times” be moved to the Riding Rules*

**Voting Unanimous** All States in favour

#### **3. Logbook Changes**

**“that the following amendments are made for the one logbook system**

H4.1 Novice horses are issued with a blue Novice Horse Logbook. When the horse reaches Endurance status, the logbook will be upgraded to an Endurance Horse Logbook.

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H5.1 A horse that has complied with the Novice Horse and the Novice horse logbook (H.5) rule will be eligible to apply to have the logbook upgraded to an Endurance Horse Logbook.

**Voting** NSW No All other States in favour. Motion passed and rules will be changed in 2005.

**5 VGIH Guidelines**

**That** RO Guidelines for VGIH 12.2 be amended to read "rides of 119 klm or less *should* have a minimum of 3 legs etc... and 12.3 be amended to read "Rides of 120 km *should* have a minimum of 4 legs etc....."

**Moved** Kerry Spratt and Dick Collyer  
**That** 12.3 be amended to read "Rides of 120km **to less than 160km** *should* have a minimum of 4 legs etc....."

**Voting** All in favour. Amended motion voted on and carried unanimously. This will be an alteration to the rules in 2005.

**6. EWS**

**"that the EWS rules for horse and rider are amended as follows:**

**R.13 Rider Early Warning System and Suspensions**

- 13.1 Refer to Horse Early Warning System and Suspensions (H.17) rule for information about the early warning system for horses.
- 13.2 If a rider accumulates 30 or more non-completion penalty points, the Division Horse Welfare Officer will determine whether the rider or horse through the owner or connections needs to be cautioned in writing.
- 13.3 The rider of a horse that vets out with a pulse rate of 70bpm or more over three consecutive affiliated rides will be notified in writing and restricted to novice status for a period of time determined by the rider's State Management Committee.
- 13.4 Any rider having being cautioned in writing, who then accumulates more than 45 but less than 60 penalty points must enter all affiliated endurance rides under novice rider status until two novice rides are completed successfully.
- 13.5 Any rider, having been cautioned in writing, who then accumulates 60 penalty points or more, will be asked to show cause to their State Management Committee why they should not be suspended.
- 13.6 Any rider or owner whose horse is known to progress to laminitis, renal failure, hepatopathies, CNS related disturbance, will be asked to show cause to the State Management Committee why they should not be suspended.
- 13.7 Any rider or owner whose horse vets out on gait at three consecutive affiliated *endurance* rides that do not contain a successful completion will be asked to show cause as to why they should not be suspended.
- 13.8 Non-completion points are reduced by:
  - a) 6 points on the anniversary of each penalty, and
  - b) 6 points in rides up to 90klms  
10 points in rides of 91-159klms  
12 points in rides of 160klm and above

**H17 Horse Early Warning System and Suspensions**

- 17.1 Refer to Rider Early Warning System and Suspensions (R.13) rule for information about the early warning system for riders.
- 17.2 Each State Management Committee – on behalf of the AERA inc. – will maintain records of each rider and horse successful completions and non-completions at all affiliated *endurance* rides within their State. Non-completions will attract penalty points as detailed below:

<b>Reason for non completion</b>	<b>Points</b>
Vet out pulse under 66 bpm	10
Vet out pulse 66 bpm or over	15
Vet out non invasive metabolic	10
Vet out mild metabolic	15
Vet out severe metabolic	30
Vet out lame - first	6
Vet out lame <i>horse</i> – second consecutive	12
Vet out lame <i>horse</i> – third consecutive	18
Vet out other – back	6

*Note: A rider will only attract consecutive points for lameness, if riding the horse that vets out lame consecutively.*

- 17.3 Horses withdrawn in accordance with the Withdrawn Horses (*H.16*) rule as well as out-of-riding-time non-completion which pass the veterinary inspection do not attract non-completion penalty points.
- 17.4 Non-completion points are reduced by:
- a) 6 points on the anniversary of each penalty, and
  - b) 6 points in rides up to 90klms  
10 points in rides of 91-159klms  
12 points in rides of 160klm and above
- 17.5 Metabolic disorders as described above are defined as:
- a) 10 points – mild metabolic disorders that do not require invasive treatment.
  - b) 15 points – mild metabolic disorders such as Ty-Up (Exertional Rhabdomyolysis), other mild muscle conditions, Synchronous Diaphragmatic Flutter (Thumps), mild heat distress, very mild GIT conditions.
  - c) 30 points – more severe metabolic disorders – include Exhaustive Horse Syndrome (fatigue related), Endotoxaemia, the more severe GIT crises ie. Diarrhoea, colitis, impactions, paralytic ileus, hyper/hypomotility colics, moderate to severe heat stroke.
- 17.6 If a horse accumulates 30 or more non-completion penalty points, the Division Horse Welfare Office will determine whether the rider/owner of the horse needs to be cautioned in writing.
- 17.7 Any horse (through owner or connections) that vets out with a pulse rate of 70 bpm or over, three times during consecutive affiliated rides will be notified in writing and suspended from competition for a period of up to 12 months.
- 17.8 Any horse (through owner or connections) having been cautioned in writing, who then accumulated more than 45 but less than 60 penalty points must enter all affiliated endurance rides under novice rider and/or novice horse status until two novice rides are completed successfully, unless in breach of rule *H17.7* above
- 17.9 Any horse (through owner or connections) having been cautioned in writing, who then accumulates 60 penalty points or more, will be asked to show cause to their State Management Committee why the horse should not be suspended (in additions to any suspension as in rule *H17.7* above)
- 17.10 Horses (through owner or connections), that are known to progress to laminitis, renal failure, hepatopathies, CNS related disturbance will be asked to show cause why the horse should not be suspended (in addition to any suspension as in Rule *H17.7* above).
- 17.11 Horses (through owner or connections) that vet out on gait at three consecutive rides will be asked to show cause to the State Management Committee why the horse should not be suspended (in addition to any suspension as in Rule *H17.7* above).
- 17.12 A horse suspended by a State Management Committee will be deemed suspended by all other State Management Committees once they are notified of the suspension.

**Voting** Unanimous- All States in favour. The new EWS rules will apply in 2005.

## 7. FEI Rides

**“that rule R14.1 be changed to R.5.6 and amended to read:**

A rider in the Youth Division of an FEI Ride will NOT receive National Points/kilometres unless they are 16 years or older and weigh a minimum of 73 kgs i.e. no points/kilometres for Lightweights and Juniors.

**Voting** Unanimous- All States in favour.

## Motions in Notice for Discussion and First Vote

### QERA Motion No. 1 Use of Registered Names

**“that the following rules are added:**

1. If a horse is known to be registered with a breed society or association, the registered name of the horse must be used when applying for an AERA logbook.
2. a) If a Division Registrar becomes aware that a horse registered with a breed association has been issued with a logbook in a name different from its registered



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name, then the Registrar must require the member responsible for that horse to return the logbook so that the name of the horse is changed and the database adjusted accordingly.

b) Each Division may charge a fee for this, depending on circumstances.

c) Failure to comply immediately with this requirement will result in suspension of the horse from any affiliated events until this requirement is adhered to.

**Rationale:**

There is still a lot of name changing going on, both deliberate and inadvertent. We believe that AERA needs to introduce rules to restrict this practice as much as possible, for three reasons:

- i. This is a Horse Welfare issue. Our system relies on collecting accurate and cumulative data on horses. If their names are changed, this data is not accurate. If names are changed deliberately, this is an easy way to avoid the consequences of the accumulation of this data and the EWS, etc.
- ii. The Arabian Horse Society, which is a significant supporter of endurance, wants to be able to recognise horses registered with their society which perform well.

Breeders of registered horses want to receive due recognition for their horses through the use of accurate registered names, and they also want to be able to identify the breeding of successful horses, so that these bloodlines can be given due credit.

Dick said that there are people who are deliberately changing the names of the horses and putting their own stud prefix on it. Denise said it is time to tighten this sort of thing up

**Voting All States in favour.** This will be brought to the next meeting for a second vote.

**2. QERA Motion 2 – Rest Orders**

**That H21.3 be added to read:**

The rider/owner/responsible member of any horse that breaches a rest Order will face disciplinary action. The horse and rider will be disqualified from the ride where the breach occurred.

**Rationale:**

Currently, rest orders are issued but there is no statement/rule in place to say what should happen if the owner of a horse breaches the Rest Order.

**Voting All States in favour.** This motion will be put on the Agenda for a second vote at the next meeting.

**Logbooks.** Should log books be issued to non members. WA believes that logbooks should not be issued to non members. It was put to the vote with Vic. - No, SA – No, Qld. – No, NSW - Yes It was agreed that affiliated members could purchase logbooks. QERA will bring a motion to the next meeting.

**EFA affiliation agreement.** Denise to get this signed before the end of the year. Allan said we must follow the National Federation's policies.

**Amendments to Quilty Guidelines.**

**Moved** Dick Collyer and Debi Chisolm

**That** naming rights for major sponsors of the QUILTY will be allowed subject to approval of the AERA. The words Tom Quilty Gold Cup must remain a prominent part of the name of the event at all times.

**Voting All states in favour.** Anne will amend the guidelines accordingly.

**Quilty Teams.** Ieva asked if there was any recognition for completion of Teams in the Quilty teams event, as many teams complete with the 4 riders and do not get any recognition. It was decided to ask Erica to design a badge for the Teams competition completion.

**Next Meeting** The next meeting will be held in Brisbane on 12/13 March, 2005. Anne asked that please everyone be early with their reports in future

**Meeting closed** The meeting closed at 3.45pm