

## AERA Meeting Report

Held on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2004 at Sports House, Castlemaine St. Brisbane commencing on Saturday at 8.30am

**Present:** Erica Williams (Qld), Anne Jones (Qld), Dick Collyer (Qld), Phillip O'Loughlin (SA), Dorte Colja (SA), Denise Trollope (NSW), Graeme Gilbertson (NSW), Kerry Spratt (NSW) Laurie Nicolle (TAS), Deanne Flanagan (TAS), Ieva Peters (WA), Jane Radny (WA) , Roy Noble (Vic)

**In attendance:** Barbara Timms (minutes), Allan Renner (from 10am Sat)

**Apologies:** Debi Chisholm (Vic)

**Noted:** Resignation of Randy Cowan and appointment of Debi Chisholm, acceptance of Alistair Christie as a visitor

### Register of Pecuniary Interest and Conflict of Interest

Anne Jones, Phillip O'Loughlin, 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** Kerry has received 4 from SA, 1/Tas, 2 /WA, 11/Qld, 23 from NSW and 7 from Vic. Ride Organisers to be reminded that these must be sent to Kerry.

**Quilty Cup Replicas.** The Quilty Cup is to undergo repairs and 5 replicas are to be purchased.

### International.

**Moved** The Committee and The Committee

**That** Pamela Robson be appointed as the Official Media Representative for the Australian Team and the WC's

**Voting** **Unanimous – the motion was passed**

**Moved** The Committee and The Committee

**That** Sue Crockett be appointed the Official Photographer for the Australian Team

**Voting** **Unanimous – the motion was passed**

Discussion on the FEI Australian Championships and the need for guidelines

**Moved** Dick Collyer and Kerry Spratt

**That** The AERA call for expressions of interest for the running of the Australian FEI Championships

**Voting** **Unanimous- motion passed**

### Team Selection:

Following lengthy discussions, the team for the WC in Dubai, January 2005 was selected as follows: Penny Toft, Peter Toft, Meg Wade, Anne Jones, Kristie McGaffin and Jennifer Gilbertson. Reserves Ron Haigh and Corey Nix. Short listed horses are: Magnum, BP Electra Murdoch, Castlebar McLeod, Kurrajong Sequel, Noondi Sadja, Tongarra Red Cloud, Bremervale Justice, Red Sonja. Reserves Castlebar Tradition, Bramall Jazzmin, Celsar Baydahl and Harriet.

**Moved** Ieva Peters and Erica Williams

**That** The AERA endorse the Team as selected

**Voting** **Unanimous – abstentions noted from Anne Jones, Graeme Gilbertson, Phillip O'Loughlin and Kerry Spratt.**

Selection of Crew Manager

**Moved** Graeme Gilbertson and Laurie Nicole

**That** Murray Peal be appointed Crew Manager to the Australian Team and that John Simpson be appointed Assistant Crew Manager

**Voting** **Unanimous – the motion was passed**

Selection of Team Farrier

**Moved** Roy Noble and Erica Williams

**That** Ken Burwell be appointed the Farrier to the Australian Team

**Voting** **Unanimous – the motion was passed**

**Motion** Kerry Spratt and Erica Williams

**That** the WA 3 star 160k ride in September be underwritten to \$2,500.00

**Voting** **Unanimous- motion carried. WA abstained**

## **Distance Registrar**

Clarification that the change of name to the RM Williams award is for distance.

Discussion on whether the 5000klms recipients be given a saddle cloth or a rug, it was decided that they be given a choice.

Data entry is continuing.

**Horse Welfare:** It was agreed that Erica will send summaries to each Division following any catastrophe.

## **TPR and Chief Steward Registrar**

Graeme will send copies of the Chief Steward and TPR lists to the Divisions electronically. It was resolved that the Divisions update the lists and send them to Graeme. Erica will organise TPR and Chief Steward badges, numbers to be obtained. It was agreed that any new orders of Rest Order forms should have the recipient on the copies.

## **Merchandise Officer**

It was resolved that the AERA stock be sold at the Quilty at a reduced price. It was also resolved that AERA only maintain badges and stickers (badges being metal and cloth). It was agreed that the States purchase stickers and badges from the AERA at a price to be negotiated.

## **Veterinary Panel**

**Moved** Dick Collyer and Laurie Nicole

**That** The Treatment protocol for a collapsed or severely compromised Horse be accepted

**Voting** Unanimous- motion carried

## **Webmaster**

Luke no longer wishes to continue as the AERA Webmaster. AERA will advertise for Expressions of Interest for the position in the newsletters.

## **Database**

\$22,000 has been raised so far from the Registration Fee. It was suggested that the sub-committee members be asked to consider whether the system written by Ian Blucher be suitable and if not, then what would they recommend. AERA would require ownership of any system chosen.

## **Sponsorship**

CD's and brochures are being produced. It is believed that sponsorship will cover the costs.

## **Pat Slater Cup**

**Moved** Dick Collyer and Graeme Gilbertson

**That** The judging panel for the Pat Slater cup be the HV plus a nominee of the HV and 3 judges who have completed several Quilty's nominated by the AERA. For 2004 these are to be Ron Males, Erica Williams and Laurie Nicole plus Allan Renner as reserve.

**Voting** Unanimous – the motion was passed

## **Quilty Matters**

**Moved** Dick Collyer and Graeme Gilbertson

**That** Laurie Nicole be appointed as course advisor at the Sheffield Quilty.

**Voting** Unanimous – the motion was passed

## **Insurance Claims**

Anne will write a letter to all Divisions stating that if and when there is an insurance claim it has to come to the AERA

## **Motions re-tabled for Second Vote – Rule Changes- to take effect 2005**

1. That rule V3.2e) be amended to read “adequate shoeing: and or condition of hooves”

**Voting** Unanimous – the motion was passed and will be introduced in 2005.

2. That rule V3.3 be amended to read: “Each horse will be examined unsaddled, without bandages, *leg boots* ....”

**Voting** Unanimous- the motion was passed and will be introduced in 2005.

3. That rule P1.1 b) be amended to read:

“**competition** means any class of event sanctioned and run under AERA Inc. rules, procedures and guidelines and includes all that time from when the horse is formally entered in the event and continues until the horse’s logbook or/vetcard is finally signed off by the veterinarian and released by the ride organising committee”

**Voting Unanimous- the motion was passed and will be introduced in 2005**

4. That rule P.1.1 d) be amended to read:

“**Responsible member** means one or more of the rider, trainer, owner or any other connections of a horse who has responsibility for that horse at an affiliated ride. The responsible member must be a current member of a Division and have attained 18 years of age”

**Voting Unanimous- the motion was passed and will be introduced in 2005.**

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

### **Motion 1**

#### **Supervision of Children at Rides**

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 13 years should be accompanied by a responsible adult for the entire time in which the child is riding in the event
  - (b) children between the ages of 13 and 17(inclusive), should be supervised by their designated parent/guardian/caregiver or responsible adult to a level appropriate to their competence and maturity as a rider.
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.

#### **Rationale**

- There is an increasing concern by government about the need for the protection of children during recreational and sporting activities. There is new legislation (in Qld and NSW – and probably all states) which clarifies and strengthens the duty of care owed by all organisations which deal with children.
- Current AERA Rules have no references to this duty of care.
- It is important that AERA clearly identifies where the responsibility for the supervision of children at rides lies ie with parents or an adult designated by the child’s parents.
- Endurance rides are places of some risk, and this is enhanced for children. There have been instances of parents not recognising these risks and allowing their children to behave in ways which put them at greater risk than if they were adequately supervised.
- NSWERA has a “Child Protection and Intervention Policy”, and QERA would like to move that this policy be adapted and then adopted by AERA as a National Policy.

It was agreed to amend 2 (a) to read “*Children under the age of 12 should be accompanied by a **designated** responsible adult for the entire time in which the child is riding in the event*” and 2 (b) to read: “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.”

**Moved** Dick Collyer and Laurie Nicole

**That** Motion this motion be added as a guideline to the rule book for 2005, subject to compatibility with states legislation.

**Voting Unanimous- all in favour. This will be brought to the next meeting for a second vote.**

### **Motion 2**

**Moved** Dick Collyer and Anne Jones

**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- motion carried. This will be brought to the next meeting for a second vote.**

### **Motion 3**

#### **Horse Rules**

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 registered brand, the details of which will be recorded in the Endurance Horse Logbook for that horse.*

An amendment was made to remove “**registered**” from H5.2b) as not all states have the requirement to register a brand.

The amendment was put to the vote and accepted unanimously. The amended motion was then put to the vote.

**Voting Unanimous- the motion was carried. This will be brought to the next meeting for a second vote**

#### **Insurance Policies**

It was agreed that any queries from members regarding insurance should be put in writing to the SMC’s and then forwarded to AERA to send to the Insurance Company.

Kerry tabled a waiver that an Insurance Company. would not accept as it was too prescriptive. Kerry asked that the AERA write to AON and see if there is a way to get around this type of waiver

#### **Logbooks**

**Moved** Jane Radny and Graeme Gilbertson

**That** All Divisions use the alpha numeric system when issuing log books

**Voting** Vic (yes) Tas (yes) NSW (yes) SA (yes) WA (yes) Qld (no). **Motion carried**

It was agreed that serial numbers be printed on the back covers of the logbooks to stop confusion. The trial logbooks are already printed this way.

**Moved** Jane Radny and Dick Collyer

**That** the AERA adopt the single log book and that existing logbook rules be amended accordingly, and that the current stock of log books continue to be used until depleted.

**Voting** Qld (yes) Vic (Yes) SA (yes) WA (yes) Tas (no) NSW (no) **Motion carried**

The appropriate rules will be amended to reflect this decision. NSW and Tasmania are to consider purchasing the stocks of the old logbooks at a reduced price.

**Moved** Dick Collyer and Dorte Colja

**That** AERA authorise the Treasurer to deal with NSW and Tasmania concerning the purchase of existing logbook stocks for a minimum price of \$10 each +GST+ postage

**Voting Unanimous--motion carried**

**Moved** Roy Noble and Dorte Colja

**That** AERA authorise Roy to obtain a quote and purchase a suitable amount of single logbooks

**Voting** NSW against, All other states in favour, **motion carried.**

**Moved** Dick Collyer and Laurie Nicole

**That** AERA direct all Divisions to cancel the remaining pages in NHLB’s when the EHLB has been issued

**Voting NSW against All other States in favour Motion carried.**

Rest Order stickers will be used in all States and it was agreed that Rest Orders be written in weeks and not months.

SMC's are to discuss whether logbooks should be issued to non-members.

### **VGIH Rules**

Novice horse times at VGIH rides. There was a general agreement that novice horse times are set too fast, just because the max is 14kms/hr does not mean that every ride has to be at that pace. It was also noted that the time for novice horses in VGIH rides should finish at the start/ finish line and not take any strapping time into consideration.

Discussion on 3 leg VGIH rides of less than 119kkm

**Moved** Dick Collyer and Graeme Gilbertson

**That** RO Guidelines for VGIH 12.2 be amended to read "rides of 119 kkm or less *should* have a minimum of 3 legs etc..."

**Voting Unanimous- all in favour. This will be brought back to the next meeting for a second vote.**

### **EWS Review**

Consecutive points for lameness. It was agreed that the rule was never intended to penalise riders, vetting out consecutively on different horses but only to highlight horses that are vetting out lame consecutively. Therefore, if a horse vets out for the second time with a different rider, the horse attracts 12 points but the rider 6. If however, the horse is ridden by the same rider, both horse and rider attract 12 points. If a rider rides different horses that vet out lame consecutively, then the rider only attracts 6 points per vet out. It was resolved that Anne write to the Divisions and explain that this is AERA's interpretation of the system.

QERA believes that rides of over 80kkm should attract more completion points.

**Moved** Kerry Spratt and Jane Radny **first vote**

**That** The EWS completion points will be:

Up to 90kkm – 6 points

91 – 159kkm – 10 points

160kkm and above – 12 points

The appropriate rules will be amended to reflect these amendments.

**Voting Unanimous- all in favour. This will be returned to the next meeting for a second vote.**

**Moved** Kerry Spratt and Dick Collyer **First vote**

**That** That Rule H 17.2 be amended to read:

"...will maintain records of each rider and horse successful and non completions at all affiliated *endurance* rides within their state."

H 17.4 be amended to read:

"Non completion penalty points are reduced by 6 points for each successful *endurance ride* completion.

And R13.8 be amended to read:

"Non-completion points are reduced by 6 points for each successful *endurance ride* completion."

**Voting Unanimous- all in favour. This will be returned to the next meeting for a second vote.**

These rules will be amended again to take into account the new completion point structure as agreed above.

Anniversary points. A horse or rider on high EWS points have no way of reducing these points even if the horse is rested.

**Moved** Jane Radny and Graeme Gilbertson **first vote**

**That** Non- completion points are reduced by 6 points on the anniversary of each penalty and that the appropriate rules are amended accordingly."

**Voting**            **Unanimous- all in favour. This will be returned to the next meeting for a second vote.**

Rule References: Several rules refer to Rule H18.7 which does not exist. These should be amended to read "Rule 17.7". The applicable rules are: H17.8, H17.9, H17.10, H17.11, R13.1. R14.1 should be moved and become R5.6.

**New Division**

Ieva has received a request from Ron Guascoine with a view to forming a new Division in the NT. It was generally agreed that this would not be cost effective. Ron should be asked if the Club is incorporated and how many members they have. Alternatively they can become a Zone of SA.

**EFA Affiliation Agreement**

**Moved**            Dick Collyer and Dorte Colja

**That**            we accept the agreement in the amended form subject to the proposed additional amendments.

**Voting**            **Unanimous.** Dick and Denise will liaise on the amendments.

The EFA would like to bring all the drug testing of horses under one laboratory in Melbourne. This would require a National policy not a separate policy in each State. This should be taken back to the SMC's for discussion and be put on the Agenda for the next meeting.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on 12 – 14 November in Brisbane.

**Meeting Closed:**        The meeting closed at 2:45 p.m.