



Australian Endurance Riders Association Inc.

Notes of the General Meeting of Members held on 19th, 20th & 21st July 2013 at Ciloms Airport Lodge, Melbourne, Victoria.

MEETING NOTES

Meeting commenced:

Friday 19th July 2013: 1.30pm – 6.25pm.

Saturday 20th July 2013: 8.15am – 6.35pm.

Sunday 21st July 2013: 8.15am – 1.15pm.

1. Welcome by President, Tom McCormack.

Tom welcomed everybody to the meeting. A tentative program of events and discussion items has been done up, but it is flexible. Tom welcomed Mark to his first AERA meeting. Mel and Julie are delayed at the airport – plane trouble at Adelaide.

2. Members Present.

Tom McCormack (NSW [Chair]), Marlee Turnbull (NSW), Tom Perkins (NSW), Ieva Peters (WA), Liz Rutherford (WA), Matthew Krahn (Qld), Mark Grogan (Qld), Pat Hodgett (Tas), Trent Huxtable (Tas), Fiona Hodges (Vic) (Saturday & Sunday),

Sandy Little arrived at 2.30pm Friday.

Mel and Julie arrived at the meeting at 3.15p.m. Friday.

2.1 Visitors: Neil Carlson & Bec Hogan (3pm Friday 19th July), Linda Tanian & Meg Wade (4pm Friday 19th July), Steve Swan (1.00pm Saturday 20th July), Kerry Spratt (Saturday 20th July).

3. Apologies. Friday 19th July - Fiona Hodges (Vic).

4. Registration of Votes.

State	Adult & Junior Riding Membership			Votes
	2010	2011	2012	2013
Queensland	599	566	565	6
New South Wales	575	524	505	6
Tasmania	223	224	229	3
Victoria	186	209	207	3
Western Australia	189	156	153	2
South Australia	79	77	71	1
	1851	1756	1730	21

5. Previous Meeting Minutes.

5.1 Amendments to Minutes of the General Meeting held on 1st, 2nd & 3rd March 2013.

Nil.

Motion 2013.7.1. Moved Pat Hodgetts/Tom Perkins.

That the minutes of the AERA General Meeting held on 1st, 2nd and 3rd March 2013 are accepted. Carried unanimously.

5.2 Business Arising from the Minutes (from Action Sheet).

- TQ2011, South Australia: No audited accounts received. Very disappointing. They ran at a loss. It was suggested that the Quilty committee should be a subcommittee of the state division.
- 50th Quilty: Tom M has been in touch with the Hall of Fame. We can secure the original Cup for the 2015 Quilty, with conditions.

6. President's Report.

Youth Development person is Gerard Bou. A Trans Tasman challenge has been organised. Murrumba State Champs will be the ride. QERA members volunteer horses for the 100km event which is called the Southern Cross Challenge.

7. Financial Report.

Bookkeeper's Report 8.7.13

General Account Balance	\$15,458.30
General Investment Balance	\$47,370.01

Unpresented cheques – Office of Fair trade NSW \$137.00

Quilty: There are still a number of invoices I am waiting on to reimburse and charge ie. The treatment vet (Dr Judy Law) and most of the CS's. We have received the affiliation fees (\$20,080) but have not yet received the buckle payment (\$31,635). Costs of airfares for the Quilty were varied and when some were not booked until a week before some very expensive.

Suggestion: That a contract is sent to all nominated vets with their requirements to send to me their airfare and fees (if applicable) for reimbursement and an expense reimbursement form 3 months out from the TQ and advise that AERA will only pay up to \$XXX (applicable to their return airfares if booked early).

Action: Agreed. Cheapest airfare must be reimbursed. If they want to fly another, more expensive airline, then they can pay the balance themselves. Deb can book the airfare on the vet's behalf. It is the states responsibility to have a vet delegate there. Give Deb the option of doing it on behalf of the delegates. Check with her 6-8 weeks out from the meeting to make sure that everyone has booked their airfares. Letter to the States to include a travel policy – Mark to send leva a copy of his work policy regarding this matter.

Cups: We produced one Pat Slater Cup for this year at a silversmith cost of \$1350 and we have enough metal components to make a further 4 cups. The silversmith who did this year's PS Cup is happy to complete the next 4 at a cost of \$1600 each.

Action: It was suggested that the PS Cups are scrapped as they are very expensive to reproduce. We make two more, and make it a perpetual trophy by the TQ15 and TQ14 will get a PS cup. Make a box for it to live in and then give some sort of other prize/replica to the recipient. Or just do one more, and then make it a perpetual trophy?

Motion 2013.7.3. Moved Matthew Krahn/Sandy Little.

That the AERA source and fund one more Pat Slater Cup and an appropriate case to put it in for the 2014 Tom Quilty in WA. The Pat Slater Cup will now be a perpetual trophy with a suitable replica. Tas, yes, Vic yes, Qld yes, NSW yes, WA yes. SA not present. Carried.

8. Portfolio Reports.

8.1 Insurance Report.

Action: PA insurance information is available through AeraSpace. Registrars need to make sure that this years PA insurance is up to date, especially earlier in the year. We need a quarterly report. Each state needs to make sure that the PA insurance is up to date on AeraSpace for the entire year.

Reminder to the states that the national calendar needs to be updated as soon as possible when any changes are done and advise Sonja and Elaine.

8.1.1 Insurance Review.

Tom has had an email from Gow Gates. They are very keen to have a meeting with Tom ASAP.

They may come to our November meeting to make a presentation. Also we need to let Aon know that they will be quoting.

8.1.2 Insurance Registrar – Term Ends November 2013.

We are happy for Sonja to continue with this portfolio as she has done a good job. If Sonja is happy to continue, we should offer her the job first. If she's not interested, then we advertise.

Motion 2013.7.4. Moved Sandy Little/Liz Rutherford

Sonja Ruprecht is offered the AERA Insurance Registrar's position for a further two years.

Tas – yes, Vic, - yes, Qld – yes, SA – yes, NSW – yes, WA – yes.

8.2 National Veterinary Panel.

8.2.1 National Vet Panel Minutes – Kilkivan Quilty 2013.

● **Treatment Vet Register**

Action: Ieva to write to the States and ask them to supply a list of their vets who are able to be designated as a treatment vet. No criteria has been supplied from the NVP, at this stage.

● **Develop a System for Treatment Vets**

Action: Vet panel would need to supply guidelines for what is required. Provide the above list and then embark on a treatment vet training program. Need to know who wants to be involved, hence the list. NVP should be responsible for this, not AERA. FEI vet course may be available later in the year. Brian Sheahan is OK for AERA vets to go to the FEI treatment vet course. Lists from the states need to be sent to Anne Barnes by mid-August.

● **Rule A13.6**

NVP recommend to AERA that this sentence be included in Rule A13.6:

“It is the Ride Organiser's responsibility to ensure horse health and welfare are protected at the ride.”

AERA agreed it wasn't necessarily the sole responsibility of the ROs. Write back to the NVP and ask if the following sentence is acceptable:

“It is the Ride Organiser's responsibility to ensure sufficient accredited and experienced veterinarians are engaged to protect the welfare of the horse at the ride.”

- NVP will generate a list of minimum additional gear and consumables that could be carried to rides.

● **Logbooks**

BCS could be in a box on its own so that it did not take up a full column; is there anything else that is better included in the assessment that could go in that column?

Drug Policy

Presently the rule book refers to the EA/FEI Prohibited Substance List. The AERA/EA agreement will dictate the answer to this. We definitely need to re-visit the whole medication control issue once we sort out the AERA/EA situation.

● **Vet Fees 2014**

The recommended vet fees for 2014 are:

80 km ride \$600 + GST

120 km ride \$675 + GST

160 km ride \$840 + GST

Marathon \$435 + GST per day

Non accredited vets will be 75% of the accredited vet fee.

Vets may only be paid the GST providing that they supply a tax invoice.

- **Rest Orders.**

Vets are asking owners to provide evidence that a horse has recovered.

Action: NVP needs to supply proposed rule changes and what would be required for a veterinary clearance and should they be endurance vets?

- **Hendra Virus.**

Motion from the NVP:

As part of ongoing biosecurity procedures and risk management, mandatory vaccination against Hendra virus will be phased in for all horses attending endurance rides in NSW and Qld over the next six months, and for horses attending all endurance rides throughout Australia over the next twelve months. All horses from NSW and Qld attending rides in other places must be vaccinated before being allowed to attend.

Discussion:

Some SMCs haven't discussed this amongst themselves.

State by state:

Tasmania: not interested in vaccinating horses in Tasmania. But there is a lot of concern about exporting horses. We can't decide what's best for NSW and Qld. Tasmania is remote. Qld and NSW - the risk is high and the probably do need to vaccinate.

Victoria: SMC hasn't considered the mandatory vaccination as we haven't had a meeting.

South Australia: hasn't been to the SMC yet.

WA: Would support compulsory vaccination, especially in NSW and Qld for Hendra as it is a serious disease and we need to protect our vets and other volunteers. Perhaps only in "hot spots"? It would probably be compulsory for NSW and Qld horses coming to WA for the Quilty to be Hendra vaccinated.

NSW: Spoke with the SMC. In principle if there is going to be a six month transition to mandatory vaccination, we would propose that in principle we step into the process and show a willingness to participate. It must be a joint discussion with the vets. We have to explore the process objectively and thoroughly with every possible option. It will probably end up going to the members for a vote. We need to demonstrate that we have thoroughly examined every option before we go mandatory. We expect there would be some major support from the vets and consider if our two states have to do this, then we need a lot of support from AERA.

Qld: Don't think that QERA can vote on this motion as it hasn't been discussed with the SMC. It is inevitable that mandatory vaccination is going to happen. It's just a matter of when. We've got a vaccine that is released under permit and is a long way until it gets past clinical trials. There are some issues with it. Vets are identifying the lowest category of horses to be the highest risk. Some vets are visiting sick horses in their practice. Endurance horses are basically pretty healthy. Some vets won't see horses that are sick unless they are vaccinated.

Motion 2013.7.5. Moved Qld/NSW

That the AERA appoint a sub-committee with the purpose of developing a national Hendra Management Strategy (HMS). The members of the subcommittee will be compiled of three representatives of the AERA management committee and a member of the NVP.

Tas – yes, Vic – yes, Qld – yes, SA – yes, NSW – yes, WA – yes. Carried.

Motion 2013.7.6. Moved Mel Scott/Fiona Hodges

That the AERA appoint Mark Grogan, Tom Perkins and Liz Rutherford to the HMS sub-committee.

Tas – yes, Vic – yes, Qld – yes, SA – yes, NSW – yes, WA – yes. Carried.

Unanimous.

HMS Terms of Reference:

- Explore all possible options and alternatives to manage the risks associated with the Hendra virus.
- Identify and document the concerns/issues associated with Hendra and to prepare factual responses to each concern/issue. State Members will be invited to submit their concerns/issues (a mechanism with contact details for this will be advised in a few days).
- Liaise with third parties including but not limited to, the CSIRO, State DPI's, Zoetis (vaccine manufacturer) and the Australian Veterinary Association to ensure that the responses to all concerns/issues are factually/scientifically based.

The sub-committee has a September 30th deadline to provide a written report and recommendation(s). The AERA will review the report and recommendation(s) and shortly afterwards, the report and recommendation(s) will be disseminated to State Management Committees and State members for discussion. A vote to ratify or reject the sub-committee's recommendation(s) will be conducted at the AERA November meeting. This will provide ample time for debate and discussion and for State members to advise their views to their State Management Committees.

Motion 2013.7.6. Moved Qld/SA

The motion put forward by the NVP regarding mandatory Hendra vaccination in endurance is deferred until the HMS sub-committee provides a recommendation to the AERA management Committee at the November 2013 meeting.

Tas – yes, Vic – yes, Qld – yes, SA – yes, NSW – yes, WA – yes. Carried.

Tom made a phone call to Warwick Vale prior to the commencement of the meeting. Tom updated Warwick about our stand regarding the Hendra virus. He was OK to be involved with the discussion. The AERA committee would receive a recommendation from the subcommittee and then go back to our members and communicate with the states. Decision will be made at the Nov AERA meeting. Warwick suggested that the working party should also talk with EA to see if we are doing the same thing. EA is currently collecting data to put to their membership base.

8.3 AERA Facebook page.

Minimal data was related to the FB page at the Quilty. Liz recommends a dedicated person for the AERA FB at the Quilties.

8.4 FEI/International.

8.4.1. World Young Riders Championship, Tarbes, France, 26-27 July 2013.

Nothing to add.

8.4.2 Sponsorship.

Previously, the AERA has sponsored the entry fee for the team. The fee for this event is 550€ each - \$779.37 each (x2) = \$1,558.74. Due to there being only two entries, perhaps the AERA could support the riders in some other additional way? Matthew declared a conflict of interest.

Motion 2013.7.7. Moved Trent Huxtable/Fiona Hodges

That the AERA reimburse the Team Chef for two entries for the World Youth Champs to the value of \$1,600 AUS.

Tas – yes, Vic – yes, Qld – yes, SA – yes, NSW – yes, WA – yes. Carried.

Matthew Krahn abtained.

8.5 Equestrian Australia/AERA Agreement.

Document received from Grant Baldock just prior to the meeting.

A significant addition to the original agreement is that all riders will need to be members of EA for 1* events due to the implementation of the FEI on-line database which is going on-line from 1st October. Also, ride organisers will need to be affiliated with EA.

Endurance committee membership – is the same as other non-Olympic disciplines.

Award night – can't include endurance as it's a non Olympic discipline.

EA are recognised as the national body for international endurance. FEI will only recognise one national federation in each country for all disciplines.

What are the consequences of not having an agreement? Someone could start running FEI endurance rides in AUS with prize money, no logbooks, etc.

If we don't join, others could run rides and kill horses and it gets in the media. Devastating publicity for the sport would follow. By paying the \$8k we are protecting our sport. As we are not getting the one star concession for membership, perhaps we can ask to pay less. Don't feel the agreement is worth \$8k - more like \$4k.

AERA to write to EA. Proposed agreement has lost the value because of the 1* membership clause and offer them \$4,000 instead.

Tom spoke with Warwick Vale last night and told him that we would accept the document as tabled from Grant, however, we would only pay the \$4,000.

Motion 2013.7.8. Moved QERA/SAERA

That the AERA accepts the agreement from EA dated 17 July 2013 with the offer as outlined, however, the AERA is only prepared to pay an annual affiliation fee amount of \$4,000.

Vic – yes, Qld – yes, Tas - SA – yes, NSW – yes, WA – yes. Carried.

8.6 Medication Control.

The National Federation (EA) can determine the length of time that an MCP is accredited. Currently it is two years? There is nothing to stop EA from extending the length of accreditation to 3-4 years. This is happening already due to the lack of courses being run by EA.

8.7 AeraSpace.

Steve Swan attended the meeting.

Registrars are going pretty well. Downloading is getting easier each time. Tasmania has had problem with the system, including the installation. Tasmania should talk to Steve instead of Peter in the future. Seems to be working OK in Tas now. Quilty worked well and the db did exactly what it had to do. New version will be available shortly.

Need to create a history for each person regarding personal accident insurance and a history of membership.

Early Warning System is still ongoing.

Need more access for the Insurance Officer and the AERA bookkeeper to know who is covered for PA insurance.

8.7.1 AeraSpace – ownership.

AERA owns the programme called AeraSpace, but doesn't necessarily own the IP that went into making it. AERA had paid for Peter Johnson to construct the program based on the specifications that were written for him by Steve & Madelaine, and it's the IP in those plans that doesn't belong to AERA. End result belongs to AERA. IP is a product of Madeline and Steve's work. Steve and Madeline are more than happy for AERA to use the IP behind this program at no cost.

If some other organisation wanted to buy it, this table would direct them to Steve and Madeline and they would have a commercial arrangement with them. Agreement would have to be drawn up legally. AERA would have to have a perpetual licence.

8.7.2 AeraSpace Honorarium.

Honorarium for the AeraSpace Co-ordinator and ex-gratia payments for Steve Swan and Madeline Fischer was discussed. Development is still happening and is ongoing. At the moment a lot of time is spent on administration. Steve would like to continue for a couple of years to make sure that things are done properly. AERA needs to have an "as built" document available for contingency when Steve, Peter and Madeline are no longer involved.

Steve and Kerry left the meeting for the following discussion.

Ex-gratia payment would be miniscule compared to the time and effort that has been put in. Steve will probably be out of pocket when it comes to designing an agreement that would be required for the next meeting. There are costs involved. It was agreed to pay for half of the legal fees required for Steve and Madeline to design an agreement.

Motion 2013.7.9. Moved Pat Hodgetts/Liz Rutherford.

That the AERA pay 50%% of the legal costs to prepare the AeraSpace licence agreement document to a maximum of \$1,000.

Carried unanimously.

Motion 2013.7.10. Moved Qld/WAERA

That the AERA introduce an Honorarium for the AeraSpace Co-ordinator for the amount of \$1,500 per annum to be increased as per annual CPI and reviewed as required, subject to workload requirements.

Carried unanimously.

8.8. Discussion Item – Horse Ownership Policy.

When a horse is registered with AERA Inc. there are a number of details recorded:-

Irrefutable detail established by AERA Inc. in the logbook:-

1. The AERA Registration Number.
2. The logbook (serial no.)
3. The Horse, verified by Veterinary Identification (often not done until transition to yellow book).
Detail presented by the 'Owner' and is recorded by AERA Inc. in good faith.
4. The Horse's name and breeding.
5. The Owner.

Ownership Dispute Policy.

The primary purpose of the AERA Inc. horse registration and logbook is to physically identify the horse for the purposes of ensuring the horse's welfare while participating in the sport of Endurance Riding, and to record the horse's performance. All information entered in the horse's logbook for this purpose is verified and entered first hand by AERA Inc.

To go on the inside front cover of the AERA logbook:

Logbooks are issued on the basis that they are used for the sole purpose of the AERA Inc. Horse Registration and to physically identify the horse for the purposes of ensuring the horse's welfare whilst participating in AERA affiliated events and to maintain a true and correct record of the horse's performance. All information entered into the logbook for this purpose is verified and entered firsthand by AERA Inc. ride officials.

All other information declared in the logbook application, such as the owner's name, and the horse's name and breeding that is secondary to the above purpose is accepted in good faith as being accurate in the balance of probability, and shall be held as true by AERA Inc. unless and until proven otherwise. The AERA Inc. horse registration and logbook contain no definitive detail regarding legal ownership and can, therefore, play no part in the resolution of any ownership dispute. And further, it is policy that AERA Inc. shall not become involved in ownership disputes; ownership disputes are civil matters and must be resolved privately by the individuals concerned.

This logbook is not legal proof of ownership.

Motion 2013.7.11. Moved Liz Rutherford/Fiona Hodges

That the AERA adopt the Horse Ownership Policy as tabled.

Carried unanimously.

8.9 Tom Quilty Gold Cup.

8.9.1 2013, Kilkivan, Queensland.

8.9.1.1 Event Director's Report.

Ieva to write a letter of thanks to the Kilkivan Club.

Start list – were not made available because the entry forms were incomplete. This took hours of work to fix and the result was a late start list.

Event agreement – must use the AERA format for entry forms. Have someone at the point of entry to help with the paperwork.

If there are paperwork problems at the Quilty, is this happening all over Australia? Should we send the ROs info about what has to be done?

8.9.1.2 Chief Steward's Report.

Steve Barlow is of the opinion that there were too many Chief Stewards. The AERA invites CS from interstate – this is done to give the CS from other states the experience required to be involved with a Quilty. Riders feel confident when there is a CS around to help them, and to also sort out any issues quickly as they arise.

8.9.1.3 Financial Report.

Some figures in the report need clarification. We don't want the QERA State Championships included in the profit and loss – Quilty 2014 only. Ieva to write to Vern and Anne Barlow and ask for a more accurate report. TQ12 sent them a sponsorship cheque for \$1,000 – cheque wasn't banked and had to be reissued. TQ committees should be a subcommittee of a state division – 2016 onwards to go into the Quilty manual.

8.9.1.4 Rider Refund Request.

The rider had been weighed, issued with a riding bib, entry fee was paid, logbook filled in, but did not proceed to vetting. In NSW if a rider wishes to withdraw prior to vetting the RO has no obligation to refund, it is a private negotiation between the rider and the organiser. Organisers have given some or a portion of the money back. If you haven't entered, then there should be a refund minus the non-refundable deposit. Generally the same process in all states. According to Rule A3.3 the horse was formally entered. Qld has in the past allowed a withdrawal and refund prior to vetting. In SA it is at the discretion of the ride committee, but they usually get some money back. Ieva was approached late on Thursday evening to withdraw the horse. There was nobody around. Ieva told him to see the ride organisers at the time of the discussion regarding a refund, and wrote in the book that the horse was withdrawn prior to vetting. Write to person that this is between the ride organisers and the person with the horse. Also refer to the nomination form which mentions refunds and time frames.

8.9.1.5 Tabards.

Do we want to purchase these for the Quilty kit? Could we get them as part payment for the buckles? Some people don't like the bibs and there has been lots of different feedback. Tom and Ieva liked them as they were high vis and reflective – safe. Price on the TQ13 financial report is \$2,178.

Motion 2013.7.12. Moved Trent Huxtable/Melanie Scott

That the AERA purchase the bibs as offered by the Kilkivan TQ13 committee.

Tas – no, Vic – no, Qld – no, SA – no, NSW – no, WA – yes. Motion lost.

8.9.2 2014, Wagin, Western Australia.

We now have five separate legs for the upcoming WAERA State Championships and the TQ14. Biosecurity and transport arrangements will be on the website. Highly likely that horses coming from NSW and Queensland will need to be Hendra vaccinated.

8.9.3 2015, Hawkesbury, New South Wales.

Tom welcomed Neil Clarkson, Bec Hogan, Meg Wade and Linda Tanian to the meeting.

It is noted that the NSWERA committee have asked for clarification regarding the appointment of officials. We are now to the point where the major issue is stemming around sponsorship and funding.

Tom Perkins re: letter from NSWERA. Sponsorship and officials need to be finalised. TQ15 would like to do the sponsorship for the ride (as per previous rides) but acknowledge it is a major event. AERA will approve a naming sponsor. Acknowledge that there are three different bodies seeking sponsorship partners: TQ15, celebration committee and the AERA.

We need to create a shopping list of sponsors i.e. vet area, etc. Could be in-kind or cash sponsorship. Both committees have the list and also a list of what we can offer i.e. marketing opportunities.

Linda and Bec will be the two conduits. TQ15 is the primary conduit and control.

Single Sponsorship Director. All sponsorship requirements from both committees to go into a single document with budget attached to each line item and prioritised.

Ride base is flood-friendly. 2007 State ride was held there when other areas were flooded. Course itself includes some of the Colo course. There could be issues with strappers vehicles and horses on the same road. We are looking at an away checkpoint. There will be some parts of the original Quilty course included, but the percentage depends on how much access we can get to the original venue. There are some black spots with the mobile phone coverage.

Tom welcomed Linda and Meg to the meeting and was very pleased with the progress that they have made.

Had some fantastic ideas come from the Australian membership. Large list of activities to be considered, and will probably be added to over time.

Coffee table book: could be launched prior to the event and include all of the old photos. Incorporate the book into the merchandise program. Excellent idea.

Memorabilia would need to be kept in a secure area and carefully watched as it needs to go back to the people who allowed it to go on display.

AERA is happy with the suggestions from the TQ15 Celebration committee to go ahead with their proposed activities. Next stage is to get a budget together. AERA should cover the costs of some things.

Robyn Mather has been nominated to take the position of Head Vet. Robyn will also be the head vet for the NSWERA state champs. We (AERA) need to ensure that the right people are nominated in the key roles.

Motion 2013.7.13. Moved Marlee Turnbull/Liz Rutherford.

That Robyn Mather is appointed as the Head Veterinarian for the Tom Quilty 2015.

Tas – no, Vic – yes, Qld – yes, SA – no, NSW – yes, WA – yes. Motion carried.

Motion 2013.7.14. Moved Marlee Turnbull/Liz Rutherford

That Sandy Little is appointed as the Chief Steward for the Tom Quilty 2015.

Tas – yes, Vic – abstain, Qld – yes, SA – yes, NSW – yes, WA – yes. Motion carried.

Motion 2013.7.15. Moved Marlee Turnbull/Liz Rutherford

That David Brown is appointed as the Treatment Veterinarian for the Tom Quilty 2015.

Tas – yes, Vic – yes, Qld – yes, SA – yes, NSW – yes, WA – yes. Motion carried.

Motion 2013.7.16. Moved Marlee Turnbull/Liz Rutherford

That Kym Hagon is appointed as the On Course Veterinarian for the Tom Quilty 2015.

Tas – yes, Vic – yes, Qld – yes, SA – yes, NSW – yes, WA – no. Motion carried.

TQ15 subcommittee minutes to be sent to the AERA secretary, including previous minutes. AERA delegate to be included in the subcommittee.

Do we want to do a commemorative buckle? AERA to absorb the costs. Each AERA meeting needs to have the TQ15 reports. Ieva to send the reports and a section of the minutes to the TQ15 and TQ15 Celebration committees.

AERA Quilty website is available for the TQ15 committee to use. AERA Facebook page is also available.

8.9.4 AHSA Rug Sponsorship.

Quality of the AHSA sponsored rugs presented at Kilkivan was disappointing. They were jute rugs with stick-on lettering. The lettering was already peeling off. Do we tell them that we will order the rugs and go halves with them? Tom will speak to Virginia Dodson. We must have a minimum standard. Agenda item for November meeting.

8.9.5 AERA Awards.

Tom thanked Kerry for all of her hard work organising the awards. Fantastic effort and well received. Should we incorporate the awards into the dinner/dance or during the buckle presentations. Ieva will try to incorporate it into the buckle presentations at the TQ14 as it won't be a huge ride. TQ15 will be a different story.

Discussion Item:

Pat Slater Cup finalists. Ieva suggested that we get some proper (generic – no year) satin ribbons/sashes printed that can be presented to the finalists in the event prior to the workouts. This would be a lovely keep-sake for those horse/rider combinations that are invited to participate, as well as distinguishing them during the BC horse workouts.

Motion 2013.7.17. Moved Sandy Little/Pat Hodgetts

That the AERA purchase some Pat Slate Cup commemorative sashes.

Tas – yes, Vic – yes, Qld – yes, SA – yes, NSW – yes, WA – yes. Carried.

8.9.6 Tom Quilty Manual.

From the July 2012 AERA meeting: The AERA wrote to write to each SMC and asked them to provide a list of veterinarians who would be capable of being a head vet at a Quilty, and CS who would be capable of being the head CS at a Quilty. They will go on a national selection register and that they are requested to supply the numbers of each category per state.

From WA: Anne Barnes (HV), Deb Symington (CS), Ian Symington (CS), Lyn Summerfield (CS).

From NSW: Kym Hagon (HV), Robyn Mather (HV), Rochelle Joyce (HV), Tom McCormack (CS), Jeff Bonham (CS), Neil Clarkson (CS).

Tasmania: Pat Hodgetts (HV), Helen Bowkett (CS).

Victoria: Sandy Little (CS), Narelle Cribb (HV), Fiona Thompson (HV).

South Australia: James Vowles (HV).

Queensland: Kathy Webb (HV), Brian Sheahan (HV), Michael Coombe (CS), Dorte Colje (CS), Matthew Krahen (CS), Steve Barlow (CS), Celia Dodd (HV), Steve Atley (CS).

8.9.7 Tom Quilty Gold Cup, Hall of Fame, Longreach.

Dick and Erica are having discussions about the original TQ cup. Tom spoke with Erica at the TQ13 and asked if there was documentation when the cup was originally sent to the HOF. Erica has spoken with Tom and Cameron Mace CEO of the HOF. Tom also rang Cameron Mace who advised that he believes that the Cup belongs to the Nation. He also advised that nothing would happen to the Cup that the Endurance community wouldn't approve of. It is OK to get the Cup for the 50th Quilty as long as it is insured (valued at around \$35,000), and it needs to be secure. They are OK for it to go to the National Gallery for the nationwide exhibit.

We have been invited to update our display at the HOF. QERA will discuss this at their next meeting and see if they can find someone to visit the HOF and inspect the display and suggest any improvements.

If the HOF goes bankrupt, we don't want the Cup to be lost. We need to ensure that it's safe. Perhaps the Cup should be in a national museum and not out in the outback.

HOF opened in 1988-1989, we need to find out the story behind how the cup got to the HOF.

Mel will take on the project to establish ownership. Matt will talk to Louise Lewis. Pat will talk to Laurie Nicolle. Mel to talk to Kerry Spratt and see if there is any old documentation that she has from Lyn Bailey.

8.10 Constitution.

Kerry Spratt attended the meeting. Tom thanked Kerry for all of her hard work and making the time to attend the meeting. A teleconference with the subcommittee was held last Tuesday which was productive.

Updated draft has been sent around. Another teleconference is booked for two weeks time with a view to preparing a final draft which will be reviewed by the AERA prior to going anywhere else.

Notable changes are the changing of references to various different formats of events. Definition has been put into the front of the draft to include all aspects of endurance events. Functions have been included in the draft.

National council retains proportionality. One bum, one vote. No block voting. Retain whatever issues we want it to retain from the current structure. One thing that jumped out was rule changes – would be a responsibility to do the rule changes. Council members would be appointed in whatever fashion their SMC wishes to choose. The states may be required to update their constitutions. This group could put out some guidelines if we want to. OK with the title “National Council”. Maximum of three per state as a member of the National Council. One bum per every 200 voting members.

Mark suggested that the Board is made up from one person from each state = 6. We agree that ten is too many. Members of the Board should be a member of a state division.

President of the Board will be elected by the Council. Secretary and the Bookkeeper could be an outside appointment.

9. Rule Changes.

9.1 Rule Changes – Motions for Second Vote.

From the NSWERA AGM:

That rule 27.4 which currently states;

27.4 Only Division Riding Members who have previously completed at least two affiliated Training Rides are eligible to enter. Day Members are not eligible.

Be amended to read:

27.4 Only Division Riding, Intermediate / Training Members who have previously completed at least two affiliated Training Rides are eligible to enter. Day Members are not eligible.

Rationale: It is a natural progression that the Intermediate / Training Members are permitted to enter a Mini Marathon event. They would still be subject to all the other Mini Marathon rules. Permitting the Intermediate / Training members to participate in Mini Marathon events will further enhance the new membership category.

Voting: Tas – yes, Vic – yes, Qld – yes, SA – yes, NSW – yes, WA – yes. Carried. New Rule 2014.

9.2 Rule Changes – Motions for Discussion and First Vote.

9.2.1 NSWERA.

From the NSWERA SMC for discussion and the first vote, that rule A5.3 which currently states;

A5.3 - 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 event. 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.

Be amended to read:-

A5.3 - 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 event. This ‘cut-off’ time will be calculated so as to allow the rider to ride all legs at a pace of not more than 10 kph.

Rationale Rule A5.3 which was added in 2012 inadvertently allows a minimum speed of more than 10kph

to be set for the legs before the 'cut-off', which is contrary to the original fundamental standard that allowable times set shall not require a speed of greater than 10kph.

NSW – we can't set speeds of greater than 10km/h. Changing those three words from "last leg" to "all legs" re-establishes the basic tenet. Have to consider the whole ride being done at 10km/h. The wording is "may" have a cut off time. CS must state the cut off time at the pre-ride.

Voting: Tas – yes, Vic – yes, Qld – yes, SA – yes, NSW – yes, WA – yes. Passed vote. To come back to the next meeting.

10. Correspondence.

10.1 Correspondence Inwards.

Discussion item:

Correspondence from QERA re: South African event.

The South Africans sent us an invitation for their Fauresmith event. AERA does not have a selection policy or selectors. However, we do have international/EA selection panel and we asked them to do it. It wasn't an FEI ride. Called for E of I and received applications. Selectors came back and didn't select a team as there wasn't a team manager. Team manager was never advertised. There had been issued in the past whilst at Fauresmith. Ieva wrote back to the applicants and the South Africans and encouraged them to attend as individuals. What do we do in the future with international events that are not FEI events? Do we create our own internal selection committee? Matthew and Mark will discuss this at QERA. Ieva doesn't need to write to them. Next Agenda – AERA selection committee and Policy.

10.2 Correspondence Outward.

Motion 2013.7.18. Moved/Tas/WA

That the AERA write a letter of thanks to Krysha Vernon for sponsoring the Hidez suits for the horses attending the WYC 2013.

Tas – yes, Vic – yes, Qld abstain, SA – no, NSW – yes, WA – yes. Carried.

11. Late Correspondence.

11.1 Late Correspondence Inwards.

Dick Collyer re: AERC letter. Would have to go through the national federation (EA). We would have to draft the letter and ask them to send it. AERC sites some unsubstantiated claims. We should do it as expressing our concern about the speed of the events and the anecdotal evidence of injuries due to speed, the use of illegal substances, and requesting that there be an Open Forum Endurance so that we can have a future direction and common vision for the sport. Express our concern regarding horse welfare. Julie is very happy that countries are starting to voice and unite about this issue.

Meeting close. 1.15pm.

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