



Australian Endurance Riders Association Inc.

Meeting Notes of the General Meeting of Members

Date: 21st and 22nd November 2014.

Venue: Ciloms Airport Lodge, 398 Melrose Drive, Tullamarine, Melbourne, Victoria.

MEETING NOTES

Saturday 21st November - meeting commenced at 8.30am to 7.15pm.

Sunday 22nd November - meeting commenced at 8.30am to 4.35pm.

1. **Welcome by President.**

2. **Members Present.**

Trent Huxtable (Tas), Pat Hodgetts (Tas), Ellen Prestage (Vic), Tamara Atkinson (Vic), Steve Swan (Qld), Jan Tyrrell (Qld), Liz Rutherford (WA), Ieva Peters (WA), Melanie Scott (SA), Janne Harris (SA), Brad Dillon (NSW), Roy Barsby (NSW).

2.1 Apologies. Mark Grogan.

2.2 AERA Delegate Nominations.

Nomination has been received from: Greg Moore (NSW).

Motion 2014.11.01.

That Greg Moore is accepted as an AERA delegate for 2014.

Moved: Ellen Prestage/Janne Harris. Carried unanimously.

2.3 Visitors. Gerard Bou (proxy for Mark Grogan), Greg Moore (NSW), Neil Clarkson (Saturday), Tom McCormack (Saturday & Sunday), VERA TQ16 (Sunday), Gow Gates representative (Saturday).

2.4 Proxy Votes. Gerard Bou on behalf of Mark Grogan.

3. **Live SMC Document.**

A document was created at the AERA meeting and keeps notes on what is to be distributed to the State Management Committees immediately following the meeting. Liz Rutherford to do this.

4. **Registration of Votes.**

14/11/14	Adult & Junior Riding Membership					Votes
State	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2014
New South Wales	575	524	505	478	470	5
Queensland	599	566	565	548	530	6
South Australia	79	77	71	67	62	1
Tasmania	223	224	229	204	248	3
Victoria	186	209	207	167	185	2
Western Australia	189	156	153	151	178	2
	1851	1756	1730	1615	1673	19

Steve will compile these figures in the future.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes (from Action Sheet).

- National Ride Calendar: Rides need to be into AeraSpace by the end of December. Website calendar will be sourced from AeraSpace.
- Vet, CS & TPR Register: States to ensure that their lists are up to date.
- AERA Forms: Check each State's website and ensure that we all have the updated documents. Entry forms have been updated and sent to the States.
- TQ Event Standards and TQ Manual: has been updated by Tom.
- TPR Accreditation: has been updated by Tom to use the same terminology.
- AERA Trophies: Check that the Newbridge trophy and the PS Cup are insured whilst at the AHSA offices. Original one at the AHSA to be valued, as well as the perpetual one. An additional Pat Slater Cup is at the AHSA. Newbridge Trophy needs to be valued as well, while it is at the jeweller.
- AeraSpace: Steve has entered all of the FEI numbers for horses and riders.
- Quilty Cup (HOF): Bev Rayner-Mason and Janet Bull went to Longreach. Looks OK. Has to be properly insured and boxed, and an agreement needed to be signed. Do we create a standard form for the loaning of AERA property?
- State Newsletters: Liz can do a page after each meeting for the state newsletters. Has done a basic document for the newsletter. Needs to be done by someone sitting at this table
- National Vet Panel: Pat has the "maximum" gear and consumables treatment list that she will send to Tom. To go on wip site and into TQ manual. Lidwien from SA is going to make up a minimum list.
- Non FEI Events Selection Policy: Gerard has received some documentation from Tom. Basically based on a point system. Selection committee needs to be sourced. Policy document could go on the website.
- Hendra: Tom has been in touch with John Mullins about putting his recommendations in writing. Use the AERA minutes as reference.
- National Ride Standard: Course Markers: Steve has re-designed the course markers so that the arrows are a bit thicker.
- AERA Registrar: Mel has been in touch with Jo and asked her to stop putting in the old MRS. We can merge the old data.
- Equestrian Australia: Ieva has written to EA about their Hendra Policy and By-Laws.

6. Financial Report.

6.1 Treasurer's Report.

Last years audited financial reports have been done.

Income hasn't been going up in the same increments as the expenditure. We need to review our income sources. Quilty income is varied, some years it is a good return, other years we run at a loss. Insurance is a huge expense. Looking forward, we could increase our fees on certain items like affiliation fees, horse rego, owner transfer. Perhaps a levy on ride entry fees? All of the income ultimately goes back to the divisions. Would not have to be a large incremental cost to the members. We have a shortfall as we have a lot of cash invested ie. Buckles, which has so far cost us \$27,000. Needed to pay some in advance. We have around \$80k invested in buckle stock.

Ride levy proposed: \$3.00 per "endurance" ride (80km and over), and \$1.50 per training ride.

What's the difference between that and the affiliation fee? Rider that takes up a membership gets more value. More a user pays system instead of increasing the affiliation fee. \$17,800 went to the national ride standard.

We have a cash flow issue at the moment, but shouldn't be a major problem.

Insurance is structured on a cost recovery basis. Source of income is affiliation fees, logbook sales and horse registrations. Blucher database cost us \$1.10 per hit in the past. Introduce a \$1.00 plus GST per entry, regardless of distance. It will be called Rider Entry Levy.

Pat: ownership labels also need to be investigated. Nobody seems to do it.

Motion 2014.11.05.

that the AERA introduce a Rider Entry Levy of \$1.00 per entry (plus GST) per ride (inc. endurance, training and intro rides) commencing 1st January 2015.

Moved Steve Swan/Greg Moore.

Voting: NSW yes, Vic yes, SA yes, WA yes, Tas yes, Qld yes. Carried unanimously.

Invoices will be based on the AeraSpace entry figures and the State Divisions will be invoiced monthly and payable within 14 days.

TEERA may be able to help with some financial support with the timing system.

Motion 2014.11.06.

That the AERA investigate funding options for the short-term, and in particular, look into the viability of obtaining a short-term loan from a suitable lender.

Moved: Steve Swan/Liz Rutherford.

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

6.2 Honorariums.

Current honorariums: AERA Registrar (Jo Bailey, \$395/month), AERA Secretary (Ieva Peters, \$656/month), AERA Insurance Officer (Sonia Ruprecht, \$263/month), AERA Webmother (Elaine Williams, \$210/month), AeraSpace Administrator (Steve Swan, \$125/month), AERA Bookkeeper (Deb Watson) currently \$42/hour plus GST. To be increased a minimum 2.5% or CPI, whichever is greater.

Web person will still be needed to maintain the website. Ideally, the web person would be a member of this table.

Current CPI is 2.5%.

Motion 2014.11.07.

that the Honorariums are increased by 2.5%.

Moved: Pat Hodgett/Greg Moore.

Ieva declared a conflict of interest.

Carried.

6.3 Affiliation Fees.

Current affiliation fees are:

- Adult \$26.50
- Junior \$12.10
- Endurance Horse Lifetime \$60
- Annual Endurance Horse \$25
- Ownership Transfers \$20

Standing item on the mid-year agenda each year.

It was agreed not to increase the affiliation fees, etc. at this stage. Agenda item for July 2015.

6.4 AeraSpace Report.

AeraSpace so far has cost us \$152,935. Monthly development costs over the 4 years is about \$3,000 a month. Longevity of the timing system (hardware) is finite and will need replacing sooner or later, but not for several years yet. The cost to each state would be around \$4k presently. Our programmer is also our ISP and we pay him about

\$528 per quarter. Software maintenance is about \$1k per year. What is costing us the most is upgrading the system to include new features. The future of our sport is electronic. At the WEG, horses had GPS units on them and also swipe cards. Heart rate monitors were also used. Great future ahead.

7. Portfolio Reports.

7.1 AERA Registrar Report.

Steve to talk to Jo Bailey about entering old data. Can't find the 2004 SA Quilty Junior Master Ride Sheets. Ieva to have a chat with Ian Blucher. Tom will have a look at his old paperwork as well.

7.1.1 AERA Rider Lifetime Distance Award. (Form submitted by Jo Bailey.)

Endurance db has merged with AeraSpace with Peter and Ian's help. The data needs to be checked. We have 140 people in the combined database that are over 10,000km. Document is on the AERA website. Mel will have a chat with Jo, we don't need the form, form is already available, info is already available.

Now that we have the information in the db we should be initiating the scrolls.

Agenda item July 2015: Review this portfolio.

7.2 Webmaster Report.

Brad will fill in this position until such time as we can appoint someone else to this role. Need a job description. Formal letter of thanks to Elaine for her many years of service. We have approved her long service leave.

7.3 Insurance Report.

Lisa Oakley and Will McCarther from Gow Gates. Arrived at 10am Saturday.

Lisa thanked the AERA for allowing them to come to the meeting. Went through the history of Gow Gates. Proof of insurance can be used to not have to pay the liability insurance twice.

PA insurance – are claims rated which is the used rate for the policy. \$40 p/a if everybody has to have PA insurance, and \$55 for opt-in, opt-out. Sometimes people have several memberships with different associations, so it's a bit difficult to keep shelling out money for all these insurance policies. Gow Gates: you can make claims against all of the policies under certain conditions. Hendra: need to have the proper risk management in place.

7.4 National Veterinary Panel.

National Vet Panel Meeting Minutes, Wagin 2014.

From the NVP Minutes:

- **record a Treatment vet register for each state and nationally**, those who are able, prepared and equipped to treat at rides. ACTION: AERA

Action: states to ensure that their vets have been recorded as treatment vets.

- **develop a system for Treatment vets** – mentoring, encouraging, training, and run new treatment vet courses. ACTION: AERA

d) Fees: should be increased annually by the 2.5% as per the existing agreement, therefore for 2015:

80 km ride \$615 + GST

120 km ride \$690 + GST

160 km ride \$860 + GST

Marathon \$446 + GST per day

Motion 2014.11.08.

That the 2015 recommended vet fees are as follows (increased by 2.5%):

80 km ride \$615 + GST

120 km ride \$690 + GST

160 km ride \$860 + GST

Marathon \$446 + GST per day

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

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

Moved: Pat Hodetts/Liz Rutherford.

Against: Trent Huxtable and Brad Dillon.

Carried.

e) Excess entries (relative to the number of vets employed)

There are continuing issues with vet/horse ratio especially where there are multiple rides including social and training and where there are dual affiliated AERA/FEI rides – the vet/horse ratio should be calculated to ensure adequate veterinary attention for all horses in all rides at each event.

f) Intensive treatment

The IT forms still need some revision and Kathy Webb offered to re-work the forms.

g) Hendra virus

There was unanimous support for continuing to work for mandatory vaccination against Hendra virus for all horses attending endurance rides. It was noted that many other equestrian events and disciplines were adopting mandatory vaccination. Concerns were also mentioned regarding adequate insurance coverage for events and for officials working at events where the horses were not vaccinated.

7.4.1 New Business

b) Overall grading/scoring

One school of vetting scores the overall grade as a D if the horse fails any aspect of the vetting process and is eliminated; another school gives an overall grade based on how the horse appears as a “sum” of all its vetting, so that, for instance, a lame horse with excellent metabolics would not be graded a D overall. There does not appear to be any clear guideline on which is “correct” leading to differences in how this is done in different states. Proponents of both methods spoke convincingly. ACTION: Narelle to draft a motion to go to AERA on how this should be done, for consistency.

Mandatory Rest Periods for Horses.

Email received just prior to the TQ14 from Caroline Noble re: compulsory rest periods (FEI rules). AERA’s response was that the Quilty is not an FEI event, and therefore, FEI rules do not apply. Copy of the email was sent to the NVP for discussion.

7.5 Hendra Virus.

Email received from Jeffrey Wilkinson (EVA), plus forms (Notification of Veterinary Advice for Equestrian Events, Statement of Veterinary Advice for Equestrian Events, and Acknowledgement and Indemnity forms). Response from Aon also tabled.

EVA has approached a lot of sporting groups, including us. Mel sent it to Aon for advice. We need to decide our position. Aon accept that we have RM procedures in place and would have to be grossly negligent. TQ2015 won’t be signing the indemnity.

There may have been some changes in Qld with biosecurity. Need a common document to share with the states.

8. Chief Stewards and TPRs.

CS and TPR roles need to be recorded in AeraSpace. We need to ask Dorte if she is OK to continue in this role.

Replacement vests: AERA supplies the first vest. Upon reasonable request through the SMC portfolio holder, AERA can issue replacement vests.

9. Horse Welfare & Invasive Treatments.

Confidential report sent separately.

10. AeraSpace.

Version 2.15 has been uploaded. Test version includes the old Omni data. Turned out to be reasonably cheap to get the data from endurancedb onto AeraSpace. There are a lot of errors in some of the data that is to be corrected. Because of the electronic timing system and the updating of the old information we must continue to ensure accuracy of data.

The next test is an actual test of horse and riders to be done at Tom's place. Then take it to 3 rides in NSW (with Tom) and actually test it at an event, preferably start with a trainer event. And the others to be endurance events. Review budget for 2016 and either have one unit go to important rides, or sponsor each state or have them available for purchase. Non active cards are \$1 each, active ones are \$20 each.

AERA supports the concept of the test weekend and then onto a ride. By March would have been tested at a ride and will also have further costings.

Tom organised a demonstration of how the timing system works and was shown to the delegates on Saturday night 21st November 2014.

11. AERA Handbook/Rulebook.

Existing rule book is poorly worded and worded slightly different on numerous occasions, etc. Will take until 2016 to get things sorted. Tom has made a few additions to get the discussion going.

Tom has been able to speak with a NSWERA member that is a lawyer for the Federal Government, who has been happy to help him with some of the wording. Draft 2 would come to the March 2015 meeting, after the subcommittee has made up a version 2. Would be called the Rule Book, not the Hand Book.

Tom has also revisited the novice horse ID in the logbook to include more details. Appeals and complaints – two different things.

VGIH AERA & FEI rides. Can synchronise the official event. Intro and training rides remain as AERA rules.

Regumate – EA/FEI events require a declaration and filling in a form.

Rule book says that heart rates should be taken over 60 seconds. This isn't always the case with some vets – 30 seconds and then double the heart rate counted. To vet a horse out on heart rate, the heart rate should be taken over the full minute.

Novice riders waiting at the finish line whilst they are waiting for novice time. Should be disqualified.

12. Tom Quilty Gold Cup.**12.1 2014, Wagin, Western Australia.**

This table needs to write to the TQ Committee – Mel/Ellen to put together a thank you letter to WAERA/TQ Committee. Table records an official vote of thanks to Event Director, Ieva Peters, for a well organised and run event. Comment from Victoria is that WAERA have "raised the bar".

12.1.2 TQ2014 Chief Steward's Report.

Deb Symington did an awesome job. Sincere thanks to Tom and Sandy, as well. An excellent CS team.

12.1.3 TQ2014 Head Veterinarian's Report.

Sincere thanks to Anne Barnes and her team of vets.

12.2 2015, Hawkesbury, New South Wales.

Neil Clarkson attended the meeting 11.00am on Saturday 21st November.

The course is a fair bit easier than the last course and there have been changes. Some sections cannot be accessed with a vehicle and float, single vehicle is OK, but not with a float. Some sections are two way traffic.

We are OK with the entry forms. Rider resume sheets will also be sent out. Clarify that if you need two sites for large vehicles, you will need to pay for them. Spare horse situation/Aon: separate form needs to be filled in by the Person Responsible for any horses left at the ride base (not entered). Pat would like to see all horses (including those that aren't ridden) have a health inspection. Approx. 330 campsites/entries so will have to cap the entries. We will not have a "winner" buckle.

Motion 2014.11.09.

that the AERA order one buckle for first place in each riding division only for the 2015 Quilty.

Moved: Steve Swan/Greg Moore.

Carried unanimously.

Tied finish – they will have to purchase their own buckles.

We need to let Neil know which AERA delegates will be attending the event on behalf of the AERA to help the ride organisers. List available after March next year.

12.2.1 TQ2015 Entry Fee.

Motion 2014.11.10.

That the entry fee for the Tom Quilty Gold Cup 2015 is:

Senior: \$400 inc. GST

Junior: \$350 inc. GST

Vet levy: \$20 inc. GST

Moved: Pat Hodgetts/Liz Rutherford.

Carried unanimously.

12.2.2 Hendra Biosecurity Plan for TQ15.

Don't need to review the Hendra situation until the landscape changes.

At the Qld State Champs, the vaccinated horses had a green ribbon in their mane or on their halter.

Sometimes the horse comes to the vet hospital without the logbook, so putting a sticker in the logbook is not much use. Should be identified at pre-ride vetting.

12.2.3 TQ50th Buckles.

Buckle comes from AERA and it's our decision. Buckles have been ordered three months ago.

Celebration committee is a subcommittee of the AERA and actually brought up by them.

Neil went to the Think Tank weekend, which was well worth it. Tamara should be on 4 Buckles.

12.3 2015, TQ50th Celebration Committee.

Mel to talk to Linda re the commemorative pin after Brad sends Mel email. AERA will fund the pins and keep the rest to fund own activities. We have underwritten this committee activity to tune \$15000, committee understands they should self fund as much as possible. Agreed at AERA they if itemised invoices sent in we will pay from loan if necessary.

12.4 2016, Victoria.

Representatives of the VERA TQ16 committee will be attending the meeting on Sunday afternoon: Sandy Little, Bronwyn Cuthbertson, Cheryl Herbert, Damien Little, Jane Bridie (land owner). Arrived at 1pm to 2.15pm.

Documentation received late Thursday night and has been distributed. Venue: Lexton.

We have a site that has immense amount of potential and used every year to host a festival of up to 15,000 people. Property owners are on board and we have confidence in them. Riding country is exceptional. Venue: 16,000 people stay for 6 days (without horses), site water available, several generators to powered sites, gravelled roads, showers

and toilets on site, office sites, internet is available, accommodation available in caravans. Ticketing area could be used as a quarantine spot. (Google map shown.) No bitumen if we want to do it that way and would be road crossings. 7-8-9-10 October 2016 is the proposed date. State Champs in 2015 in August to test the course. 1st leg 45km and then reduce each leg. Head Vet: Narelle Cribb. Chief Steward: Deb Symington (is thinking about it), or perhaps Tom McCormack, Dick Collyer or Michael Coombe. CFA is on board for checkpoints.

Chief Steward: ?
 Head Vet: Narelle Cribb.
 On course vet: Nicky Stone.
 Treatment Vet: TBA (possibly Emily Streckfuss)
 AERA Delegate to the OC: ?

The committee is a subcommittee of VERA.

12.5 AHSA Rug Sponsorship.

AHSA have changed their rug sponsorship. For the WA Quilty 2014, they organised ten embroidered woollen rugs for the Top 10 Middleweight division. These rugs were presented by Ron Males.

12.6 AERA Awards.

Liz Rutherford organised the AERA awards at this year's Quilty. She did a fabulous job, and all of the awards were well received. Arrangements are being made to send the unclaimed awards to the state delegates so that they may be presented at your AGMs.

12.6.1 2015 Awards – Jan Tyrrell.

Realities Bronzes – magnificent quality and design. Also there are some terrific one-of things on eBay. Jan has approached some people that do bronze castings. They can do a batch of something we designed. Crystal beer mugs have been done in the past and are always popular. Spoken to a couple of artists in Qld that do sketches and paintings. Jan will need a budget and is OK to continue to do this as a non-committee person. Should be something more than a certificate. The certificates these days are very good quality and can be jazzed up considerably. Should be consistent.

Motion 2014.11.10.

That the AERA introduce a new award for riders achieving 20,000kms of successful completions at affiliated endurance events (and increments of 10,000km thereafter) to be presented at the annual AERA awards at the Tom Quilty Gold Cup.

Moved: Jan Harris/Brad Dillon.

Carried unanimously.

Can be included in the Quilty year book and on the website.

14 riders presently over 20,000kms. Under 20,000 is at 126. Liz, Jan and Janne to work on a category description.

12.7 Vet Fees.

Suggested fees:

Head Vet	\$2,000 – AERA
Assistant Head Vet	Current recommended fee - AERA
Treatment Vet	\$2,000 – AERA
On-Course Vet	\$1,500 – AERA
All other vets	Current recommended fee - TQC

The Head Vet **must** attend Quilty meetings on a regular basis as they are an integral part of the event. The issuing of dinner tickets to the vets should be at the discretion of the organising committee.

Motion 2014.11.11.

That the above fees and recommendations are accepted (above).

Motion. Moved: Ieva Peters/Steve Swan.

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

13. National Ride Standard.

At the Tom Quilty 2014 in Wagin, one member was concerned that he would not be able to see the course markers as he is colour-blind. He could see the dark coloured markers on the white background, but when it comes to the lighter colours (yellow and red), he could not see them at all. There must be others out there with this problem. Perhaps AERA should consider making all of the course markers black print on a white background with black numbers and/or dots, thereby making the course markers visible to all. Would be cheaper, as well.

14. Rule Changes.**14.1 Rule Changes – Motions for Second Vote.**

Page 50 – Guidelines for Supervision of Children at Rides.

2 c) All children are encouraged to wear a helmet when handling horses, especially in the vet ring.

It is not a rule, it's a guideline.

Voting: NSW no, Vic yes, SA yes, WA yes, Tas yes, Qld yes. **Carried. New guidelines for 2015.**

14.2 Rule Changes – Motions for Discussion and First Vote.**14.2.1 Submitted by QERA:**

Motion - That rule H3 3.3 be changed from "A horse must be six years of age before it can start in a 160 kilometre AERA endurance event" to "A horse must be seven years of age before it can start in a 160 kilometre AERA endurance event".

Going to AGMs. March 2015 agenda item.

14.2.2 Submitted by NSWERA.

Motion: That any resident living in the Northern Rivers Zone has the option to join either QERA or NSWERA.

From the March 2014 AERA meeting:

Motion 2014.03.17. Moved: Steve Swan/Marlee Turnbull.

That we form another constitution subcommittee to discuss and make a recommendation to the AERA constitution subcommittee for the new AERA constitution regarding the NRZ.

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

Terms of Reference for AERA Northern Rivers Sub-Committee.

Preamble: this subcommittee has been established to explore options for membership and ride affiliation of endurance events in the Northern Rivers Zone in relation to the new AERA constitution.

Guidelines: To be comprised of two members from QERA and two members from NSWERA with an independent chair appointed by the AERA.

1. To be comprised of two members from QERA and two members from NSWERA with a chair appointed by AERA.
2. Determine the traditional geographical boundaries.
3. Establish the position of each of the states involved.

4. Research the preference of the Northern Rivers Zone Committee.
5. Research the preference of the members who reside within the geographical area.
6. Formulate some recommendations as to the future of the Northern Rivers area with a preferred option.
7. Communicate these findings with the AERA in time for the AERA July 2014 meeting agenda deadline.

14.2.3. Rule Change.

M2 MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Riding members pay their membership fee to the ~~Division~~ or zone State in which they are resident.

14.2.4 Ride and Tie Rules into the AERA Member's Handbook – Submitted by NSWERA.

Rule A2, 2.1

Be amended to include the following:

F) A **Ride and Tie** (including an elevated ride and tie) which is a competitive horse ride Consisting of 2 riders and one horse, with riders taking turns in riding. Rules specifically for affiliated Ride and Tie events are contained in the **RIDE AND TIE RULES** section.

And then the following section added where needed:

Ride and Tie

- GENERAL RULES

1. All AERA Inc. rules and procedures apply, except as provided within these Ride and Tie Rules.
2. All Novice horses and or Riders including day Members competing in Ride and Ties shall comply with a minimum riding time determined by the ride committee in consultation with the Chief Steward and Head Veterinarian. The minimum riding time shall be calculated by dividing the distance of the ride or leg by 14 kms per hour or less.
3. All horses competing in Ride and Ties will comply with a maximum heart rate criterion of 55 beats per minute or below on all legs of the ride.
4. A Horse may enter only one Ride and Tie event per day.
5. At all affiliated Ride and Tie events, horses must comply with Rule H 3.2 (Horse age).
6. If a horse has been issued with a Logbook, that Logbook must be used when that horse is entered in an affiliated Ride and Tie event.
7. Horse Welfare Rules, H2, must be observed.
8. Each team will consist of two persons who are members of a Division of the AERA Inc. and one horse.
 - 8.1 Day members are permitted in events up to 40km in total distance.
9. All horses must be submitted for a pre and post examination.
10. Each team must tie its horse and switch from rider to runner and runner to rider at least two (2) times during an event. Teams may tie as many times as they desire anywhere along the trail as long as the ties do not obstruct the trail or are not made in designated "No Tie Areas." A required tie will occur at each vet check. If a runner on a team has not been overtaken by his partner before the next vet check, then the runner must

wait at the vet check for his/her partner to arrive in order to meet the required vet check tie.

11. With the exception of securing a loose horse, no person other than the team members and designated race officials may handle a team's horse on the trail during the race. Designated team crew may work with the horse at any vet check specified by race officials to be open to crews. Race officials may require crew to obtain a pass. Only contestants may take a horse through the vet checks during the race.

12. It is not permissible for both members of a team to use their horse at the same time for forward movement. "Tailing" (meaning the rider dismounts, grips the horse's tail and allows the horse to pull him/her) is allowed but it is not permissible for one team member to ride while another tails.

13. No pacing by an un-entered horse, vehicle or runner is allowed for any contestant.

14. Teams must pass and report to any trail marshals who are positioned along the course. Competitors inadvertently off course must return to the point at which they left the marked trail and complete the course correctly. Teams must stay on the marked trail.

15. A team has not completed the event until both human teammates and their horse have reached the finish line.

RIDE AND TIE RIDERS

1. Ride and Tie events are open to both novice and endurance riders.

1.1 Day Members are permitted in events under 40km.

2. There are no riding divisions for Ride and Ties. Riders do not need to weigh.

3. All riders must attend the pre-ride briefing or risk disqualification.

4. All riders entering Ride and Ties must be identified as Ride and Tie riders.

5. All riders must conduct themselves in accordance with the Member Conduct Rules M1 (Code of Conduct), M2 (Membership Rights and Responsibilities) and M3 (Guidelines for Right of Appeal against a Ride Decision).

6. All riders must wear an equestrian standard helmet that complies with the Equestrian Standards in Australia, the U.S.A. or Europe, current at the time of manufacture.

RIDE AND TIE DISTANCE

1. The ride distance will usually be between 5 kms and 80 kms per day. State Management Committees must sanction proposed rides over or under this distance..

2. Events longer than 40kms must comply with rule A6.

RIDE AND TIE AWARDS

1. All successful ride and tie teams must receive a completion award.

2. Placing awards are allowed

3. Awards must not contradict rules A2.2, 2.3 and 2.4

First vote:

Voting: NSW yes, Vic abstain, SA yes, WA abstain, Tas yes, Qld yes.

Passed first vote. Agenda item for March 2015.

15. General Business.

15.1 National Magazine.

Whatever happened to having a joint National newsletter with QERA?

From Jan Tyrrell:

Our first magazine with a new editor and an ad manager is due out in January 2015.

If we take the above figure of Total Expenses \$27,000 and raise that to \$30,000, as a figure, to incorporate additional

postage and printing, the below is just an estimate of what each state would have to find to publish a truly national magazine. Each state may need to find an editor or an ad person to work with our existing editor so that everybody could feel they would be achieving a good result for their state.

Ride results would mainly be published on AERASPACE a day or so after the ride, not months later in the magazine, but special rides results would still be published in the magazine. Ride reviews and great stories after the rides would be a part of the magazine as would informative and educational articles and wonderful photos from all over, making everyone feel part for our national sport.

	Membership	% of Total	\$ cost per year
NSWERA :	512	27.76 %	8,328
QERA :	609	33 %	9,900
SAERA :	63	4.5 %	1,350
TEERA	261	14.2 %	4,260
VERA : 199		10.8 %	3,240
WAERA :	191	10.4 %	3,120
TOTAL :	1845		\$30,198

My question to you all now, is how much do you spend on your publication?

QERA have been losing money on their QERA newsletter. Need to bring up the ad revenue. National would be better for advertisers. Would need someone from each state to be responsible to send in the stuff to the magazine editor. Take to AGMs and come back in March 2015 with indication in or out.

15.2 Horse Age – Introductory Rides.

Rule currently reads:

A44 INTRODUCTORY RIDE HORSES

44.2 All Introductory Ride horses must be at least 3 years or over on the day of the ride.

I am concerned that we are getting more entries in intro and training rides.

I would like to see 60km rides on the calendar, either as elevators from a 40k or stand alone.

I think we need to look at our rules to see if this is not going to cause a problem with young horses.

Jan Tyrrell.

QERA are working on the wording for a proposed rule change. Motion for first vote at next meeting. Jan T newly acquired horse dental knowledge (thanks Pat H) may amend our approach to this. G re rule book talks about horse welfare as primary.

16. Equestrian Australia Endurance Committee.

Nothing to add.

Tamara mentioned that interschools are being brought to VERA by Kim Noble.

17. Meeting Dates 2015.

March 21-22 March 2015

18-19 July 2015.

21-22 November 2015.