



# Australian Endurance Riders Association Inc.

## Minutes of Subsidiary Agenda for 24 July 2022 (postponed from 17 July)

These items were received after the cut off time for inclusion in the main agenda for the AERA Management Committee Meeting.

### 1. Reports – late or addendum

#### 1.1. WAERA Report (late) – Terry Sweeney, WAERA President

WAERA membership is growing at a steady pace. To date we have around 118 members.

The Ride Calendar is full right up to September which is good as it gives WAERA members a ride every second weekend.

The Harvey ride was very successful with a good number of riders to celebrate the memory of Anna J. Our next ride was the Collie Diggers Ride that we hold each year to celebrate the memory of the ANZAC's. The numbers were not great as we lost several riders to Covid 19 either themselves or family. The final number of riders was 33.

Then we set off to Merredin which is about 4-to-5-hour drive for many members. Merredin is one of our WERI rides in the wheat belt and it was held over a 2-day long weekend. Again, it was a well-run ride and the first ride to use the AERASpace online booking. Over the two days they had 51 entries.

Our next ride The Dwelly Dash; was at Dwellingup which is an old golf course now used by the Murray District Carriage Driving Club. It has been 3 years since we had been there, and it is a great local ride. It was cold and wet, but 52 riders were glad to get back to that course.

The WERI team hosted our next ride at a first-time location of York; which was again in the wheat belt region under the WERI umbrella. It was held at the York racecourse which was one of the most picturesque locations that you could ask for and well supported by the York Race Club Committee. Except for the 2 °C morning, all 70 riders enjoyed the ride and are looking forward to returning there next year.

WAERA is moving forward at a good steady pace. Our membership is steady growing and our rider numbers at each event is at a good level.

#### Discussion

Noted that another ride has been done since the report was submitted with only 27 entries. COVID has continued to have an impact and probably affected by fuel prices.

#### 1.2. Addendum report from TQ23 Advisor – Belinda Hopley

Further to my previous report, the ROC anticipate the venue should be able to deal with the numbers at a TQ (approx. 300 at the venue last time BUT will be impacted if the wet weather continues). There are a few units on site – some of these are for the vets at the vet hospital. This accommodation is directly across from the vet hospital allowing constant supervision of the horses and is discreetly accessible for the rescue float.

Local accommodation venues are being investigated for other officials and volunteers. While the showers and toilets appear sufficient for the SC (extra toilets may be brought in depending on numbers), there may also be showers and toilets brought in for the TQ23 if numbers are high. There may also be some lighting towers required for the strapping/muster areas.

Admin protocols and the ETS use are being investigated so that personnel are trained/experienced personnel are sought. Other officials and volunteers are being decided, and the dinner is commencing planning.

I intend to look at the course when I attend the SC in September. Of course, once again, the rain gods may have an impact.

Report noted and had been discussed in main agenda

**1.3. Insurance**

Of note, the take up of PA insurance for 2022 per DA

<b>AERA PA Numbers 2022</b>				
Jan 1 2022 to 31 Mar 2022				
	Seniors	Juniors		Total
NSWERA	94	9		103
QERA	87	20		107
SAERA				0
TEERA	16	4		20
VERA	30	5		35
WAERA	36	1		37
<b>Total</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>39</b>		<b>302</b>
Apr 1 2022 to 30 June 2022				
	Seniors	Juniors		Total
NSWERA	11	1		12
QERA	32	0		32
SAERA	0	0		0
TEERA	0	0		0
VERA	1	1		2
WAERA	5	0		5
<b>Total</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>51</b>

Jan to mar	263	39		302
Apr to June	49	2		51
July To sept				

**Total                    312                    41                    353**

Noted and these figures were commented on as part of main agenda item relating to Insurance noting that this higher take-up of PA gives more income to AERA.

**1.4. TQ22 Head Vet Report**

The Quilty ride and Quilty vetting went as I anticipated. The difficult course regulated the pace. Consequently there were less severe metabolic cases than at a faster and easier ride.

The vet hospital had the usual number of early ride tie ups. There were a few more later in the ride, as expected. They were managed by the vet hospital.

We had two colic's. One, the more serious and persistent one, the hospital team suspect arrived with underlying gut pathology, probably ulcers, that the ride exacerbated. Both were managed with fluids and pain relief.

The Iddexx machine was again useful.

After an around the fire conversation we all agreed that Plasma from Dave Nolan's work may be of use in managing complicated colic's. He will approach his employer about sponsoring one or two bags of frozen plasma for the Quilty. They are around \$500 cost price each but may be returned if not used and kept frozen.

We had just enough vets to keep the vet ring flowing. Unfortunately on top of the voluntary vet withdrawals we had leading up to the event we also lost four vets to illness and flood. However, the team we had on the day were very experienced and coped with the volume.

I think the reserve of 4 vets that we had, then lost, should probably be mandated in the future to help proof against illness and circumstance.

## Report noted

### 1.5. Other late reports – NSWERA, VERA, any portfolios

#### NSWERA – verbal report by Noni Seagrim and Belinda Hopley

NSWERA are working on membership growth drive initiatives – workshops and other things to attract new members.

TQ done and not too badly done.

Lot of ride cancellations in the last 6 months due to weather with impact on finances and frustrating for riders and Ride Organisers.

Rides still being proposed for rest of this year and looking forward to a good year for next year.

Annette Bailey is working on sponsorship and promotion of the sport and possibly worth talking to Annette to assist with sponsorship across the nation.

#### VERA – verbal report from Sandy

Apology at being under-prepared for this.

TQ23 bubbling along and the committee seems to be aware of what they need to do.

Membership generally less than we would like – good to see rides back on calendar. This is the strongest year we have had in a long time with a lot of entries from NSW that has helped RO be sustainable.

#### Social Media – Natasha Ellery

Removing the AERA Group was more complicated than expected as every member had to be individually removed or blocked. This has now happened, and the group should be hidden in 3 days' time. AERA is still an admin along with Tash so can't completely be removed. Noni to remove AERA as "AERA" and will shut down page as the last standing admin.

## 2. Correspondence – late

Inwards			
L1	05/07/22	G Andrew re Online Nominations – fwd to AS Sc	Resolved
L2	07/07/22	Introduction to .au Domain	Noted
L3	08/07/22	NSW Shadow Minister for Sport	Fwd to NSWERA
L4	08/07/22	ATO re late lodgement of BAS	Noted
L5	09/07/22	FEI Update	Fwd to MC
L6	10/07/22	A Kettlewell – formal complaint – acknowledged	Agenda
L7	11/07/22	B Hew – swabbing information from TQ22	Noted
L8	12/07/22	G Downes re TQ22 merchandise – fwd to TQ22	Resolved
L8	12/07/22	Member re Insurance Claim – fwd to SUREWiSE	Resolved

L9	13/07/22	Dr M Walker re DRNZ	Agenda
L10	14/07/22	D Somerville re TQ22 Photographer	Agenda
L11	17/07/22	K Gooding re online nominations – fwd to AS Sc	Resolved
L12	18/07/22	Dr D Kruger re DRNZ	Agenda
L13	19/07/22	L Tanian – resignation from AERA Management Committee	Agenda
L14	19/07/22	WAERA – accreditation of vet Marc Dalton	Agenda
L15	21/07/22	SAERA proxy Vote for meeting 17/07/22	Noted
Outwards			Author
L1	15/07/22	SUREWiSE re claim for volunteer	KM
L2	20/07/22	SUREWiSE re PA claim	KM
L3	20/07/22	VERA re AERA MC Vacancy	KM
L4	20/07/22	DA Secretaries re 2023 Ride Calendar	KM

### 3. Business arising from Late Correspondence

#### 3.1. Inwards L6 – Amanda Kettlewell complaint re TQ22

Letter received from Amanda Kettlewell appealing the final placings for the Lightweight Division at TQ22, based on the number of trot outs allowed to the first placegetter. Amanda reported on how she believed the horse had been presented and that an appeal had been allowed that was not in line with AERA Rule 67.5 with specific reference to the horse leaving the vet ring.

##### Discussion

This matter was discussed as part of the main agenda as relevant to TQ22 CS Report.

#### 3.2. Inwards L9 and L11 – Drs Matt Walker and Dave Kruger re DRNZ

Correspondence received from both parties requesting that AERA recognize DRNZ kilometres, with support from both that the vetting process are in line with the AERA processes. This would support their riders in qualifying to participate in AERA events such as the Quilty.

##### Discussion

Suggestion that AERA can't recognise another Association that is not recognised by EA, but if it is about DRNZ riders using their qualifications to enter rides in Australia, that already happens.

There are two groups in NZ and if one is not recognised by EA then we can't recognise as an association but can accept the kilometres done to qualify to enter rides in Australia. Also need to be aware of the possibility of a "breakaway" group in Australia asking for the same recognition of qualifications.

Noted that there had been further correspondence from Mark Tylee, and we should clarify exactly what is being requested.

To progress by email to get an understanding of what exactly the request is and what we need to do.

#### 3.3. Inwards L10 – David Somerville re TQ22 Photographer

Concern raised by David Somerville that Sue Crockett had attended TQ22 and that she may not have received adequate support to attend the event. Concerns included lack of information about the tracks and support to access these, lack of financial support for travel expenses to attend.

It was noted that this was not a complaint about event management but a suggestion that photographers should be supported and provided a great tool for publicity of the event. It was suggested that AERA should ask Sue to submit her costs for reimbursement.

##### Discussion

The TQ Manual states that the TQ Committee appoint an “experienced equine photographer” for AERA Awards, Sunday morning workouts and the presentations, acknowledging that it was difficult to prevent others from taking their own photographs. It was also noted that there has been not concern raised by Sue.

Action

Kim Moir to write re what is in manual and that Sue has not raised a concern

### 3.4. Inwards L13 – Linda Tanian resignation from AERA Management Committee

Discussed on main agenda.

A draft statement has been circulated for comment and this will be posted this evening if everyone is happy with this.

### 3.5. Inwards L14 – Accreditation of AERA Vet, Marc Dalton

Motion to accredit Marc Dalton as an AERA Veterinarian as recommended by WAERA and Dr Anne Barnes. Application form is included in the google drive folder for late agenda items.

**Motion: 2022/Sub/01      Moved: Dick Collyer / Sandy Little**  
**That Marc Dalton is accredited as an AERA Endurance Veterinarian.**  
**Carried unanimously**

Action

Kim to write to Marc Dalton and cc to WAERA.

## 4. Online Motions

### 4.1. Purchase of logbooks

**Motion: That AERA purchase 1000 logbooks at cost of \$3100.90.**  
**Moved Kim Moir, seconded Mark Dunn**  
**Voting: For- 7 votes; Against - 0 votes; Non-vote - 1**

### 4.2. Late Payments

Late payments					
L1	Peter Johnson	869	30/06/22	\$2,747.25	
<a href="#">L2</a>	Chris Nichols	Payment	30/06/22	\$103.00	Webmaster Honorarium
<a href="#">L3</a>	Kim Moir	Payment	30/06/22	\$649.00	Secretary Honorarium
<a href="#">L4</a>	Australia Post	1011658286	3/07/22	\$26.40	Postage
L5	Deb Edwards	178	30/06/22	\$1,120.00	Bookkeeper 28 hours
L6	Australia Wide Badges	103899	05/07/22	\$1656.75	AERA Awards
L7	Kim Moir	Reimbursement	23/06/22	\$77.95	Megaphone
L8	Kerry Fowler-Smith	Reimbursement	6/07/22	\$245.23	Various awards
L9	Kerry Fowler-Smith	Reimbursement	6/07/22	\$140.09	Fuel
L10	Tom McCormack	Reimbursement	14/07/22	\$19.20	Postage of ETS cards
L11	Narelle Crib	Invoice	17/07/22	\$2,215.86	TQ22 2IC Vet fee plus travel expenses
L12	Olaf Lochtenberg	Reimbursement	12/07/22	\$1,095.29	TQ22 QERA Rep CS travel expenses
L13	Lyn Taylor	Reimbursement	12/07/22	\$786.32	TQ22 VERA Rep CS travel expenses
L14	Lachlan Cameron	Reimbursement	12/07/22	\$697.85	TQ22 SAERA Rep Vet travel expenses

## 5. General Business

### 5.1. AERA Awards – National Intermediate Ride Pointscore

A member sought information at TQ22 on the presentation of this award which AERASpace recorded her as having won for 2021. It was noted that this award was first approved in 2012 for presentation in 2013 but no one could recall a presentation being made.

#### Discussion

Kerry Fowler-Smith stated that this award has never been presented and she believed that it had been left to the states to present as they saw fit. Pat agreed with this comment that it was to be an individual DA presentation.

Secretary Kim had provided information that the motion for this award, including the criteria as noted in the rulebook now, was passed at the AERA meeting in November 2012. This is as in the AERA Rulebook states that this is an AERA Award as per Rule 21. It was noted that the rider must be a member and the horse must have a logbook.

At the AERA Q&A meeting at TQ22 the issue focussing on a body of people participating in non-endurance rides (only doing 20 and 40 km rides) might be useful in maintaining participation and building membership. An award could be a good incentive for these people to also become members as required to be considered for this award. Question is if we acknowledge this year's achievement what to do about previous years.

Concern was raised that intermediate rides should not be considered competitive, but it was also noted that the criteria for calculation of this award would support horse welfare with a focus on low heart rate and points allocated based on vet parameters. There was no recognition of time taken.

Consensus that the current process to have this managed by the DAs is appropriate and to consider again when we discuss annual awards later this year.

#### Action

Mark Dunn to discuss with the TEERA members who achieved this award in 2021.

### 5.2. AERA Awards – Decade Teams Award

Query from a member who had sent an application for this award, but it was not presented at TQ22. It transpired that it has been sent to an invalid email.

Do we want to do a second round of Decade Teams Awards to be presented at DA AGMs?

#### Discussion

Noted that the process to confirm eligibility for this award is robust and that the AERA Registrar is thorough in checking that all rides listed are confirmed.

Consensus that the award should be presented as part of the AERA Awards at a TQ event or may be forwarded for presentation at a DA AGM if the individual is not in attendance at the relevant Quilty.

#### Action

Kim Moir to amend the information on the AERA Website and on the form so these are aligned and to advise Jo that there will be no second run of Decade Teams Awards.

Mark Dunn to advise Karen Winkel that her Decade Teams Award will be presented next year in line with current procedure.

### 5.3. AERA Awards

Kerry Fowler-Smith noted that awards that had not been collected at TQ22 were to be posted to the individuals concerned but that Richard Summerfield, WA, had asked that his be forwarded to WAERA for presentation at their AGM.

**6. Meeting Closure**

Mark Dunn thanked everyone for their considered and thoughtful contributions.  
Meeting closed at 5.46 pm

**President: Mark Dunn**

**Signature:**  \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** 12/9/2022