



# Australian Endurance Riders Association Inc.

## Minutes of Subsidiary Agenda for 12 November 2023

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

### 1. Correspondence – late

Inwards			Action
LI-1	03/11/23	Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame – acceptance of trophy	Noted
LI-2	08/11/23	C Clancy – note typing error in AERA Rulebook, Rule 57 Horse Tack	Correction to be noted in new version
			Author
LO1	06/11/23	Agenda item for EAEC Meeting re swabbing results in FEI	DC
LO2	08/11/23	J Randle response to correspondence received on 4 July	KM

**Motion: 2023/11/Sub1 Moved: Dick Collyer / Jil Bourton**

**That the Late Correspondence Inwards is received and the Late Correspondence Outwards is endorsed. Carried unanimously,**

### 2. Business arising from Late Correspondence

#### 2.1. LI-1 Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame

They have accepted the TQ Best Conditioned Trophy showing results from 1966 to 1999. This will be transported to Longreach early in 2024 for inclusion into the TQ display.

#### 2.2. LI-2 Colleen Clancy re Rule 57 – typing error

"It is the responsibility of the rider to ensure that their riding tack is 'fit for the purpose', safe and that all tack and material placed on a horse fits appropriately and does cause harm or injury to the horse." – suggest that "not" is added to read "does not cause harm or injury"

#### Action

That this error be corrected in the next version of the AERA Rulebook.

#### 2.3. LO-1 Agenda Item for EAEC Meeting re swabbing results

This is a request to consider how AERA receives advice when an AERA member is involved in an AAF from participation in an FEI ride. This will be discussed at the next EAEC meeting.

### 3. Reports – late or addendum

#### 3.1. Biosecurity – Dick Collyer, Andrew Miles

*Sub 3.2 AERA Biosecurity Statement ed RC*

*Sub 3.2 AERA Horse Health Declaration 2023 with PIC added*

#### **Biosecurity Sub-committee report to AERA, November 2023**

I recommend that the AERA Biosecurity Statement is amended to remove the identification of Local Government Areas where Hendra Virus cases have occurred. Although Biosecurity Qld and NSW list the places where HeV cases have occurred, they do not draw any conclusions about this – because it is uncertain and probably misleading to suggest that these areas are any more likely to have a HeV case than many others. The most recent cases have included one at Mackay in Qld (no previous cases) and one in the Upper Hunter Valley in NSW.

Putting the link to the Government Biosecurity site is a much more efficient and safer option, as these sites do get updated regularly.

<https://www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/service-industries-professionals/service-industries/veterinary-surgeons/guidelines-hendra/incident-summary>

I believe that the Biosecurity for the NSWERA SCs included a HHD with a temperature log where the responsible person could decide whether to do a 3-day or a 10-day log depending if they were in a “hotspot” for HeV.

“Hotspots” were not defined. I do not think this is the best biosecurity strategy. There are no official HeV hotspots and never have been as the virus is so rare and sporadic. The HeV is carried by flying foxes and there are maps of known flying fox habitats for Australia – most of the east coast and some small areas in WA. As a minimum, if a temp log is to be relevant to identifying a pre-ride spike, then at least a 7-day log would be best, and 10 days is better, and this should be for all horses considering that no vaccine can be guaranteed 100% effective.

Also, Kim has pointed out that the current HHD that is sent with nominations does not include an address or PIC No for the event. This has been required in Qld for a long time and I think it is probably required in other states as well.

### Discussion

Recommendation from the Sub-committee that the list of Local Government Areas is removed as this list is continually changing and the occurrence of a Hendra case is noted on Queensland Biosecurity, link will be added to the document – this identifies where hendra cases have occurred in the past and most of those areas have not had a case in a very long time.

Easiest way to do this is one standard for all – that is a 10-day temp log for all horses. This is a stronger biosecurity measure and covers more than the concern about Hendra. Note there has never been a Hendra case at an endurance event with a 3-day or a 10-day temperature log.

The added statement is

With respect to Hendra Virus, it is a serious but rare zoonotic disease and occurs in isolated or very occasional clusters of cases. Flying foxes are the natural reservoir for Hendra virus and the virus appears periodically in flying fox populations across Australia.

Horse owners, responsible members and event organisers are advised to keep up to date with biosecurity issues by checking the relevant state DPI websites listed at the end of this document.

**Motion: 2023/11/Sub2            Moved: Dick Collyer / Jil Bourton**  
**That the AERA Biosecurity Statement is amended as discussed and updated on the AERA Website.**  
**Carried unanimously**

**Motion: 2023/11/Sub3            Moved: Dick Collyer / Sioux Reid**  
**That all Horse Health Declarations will include the address and PIC number of the venue.**  
**Carried unanimously.**

NOTE that WAERA has a venue that has no PIC number.

AM – suggestion that we send a reminder to DAs to remind Ride Secretaries to ensure they have a PIC number for the ride venue.

Note that the AERA Rulebook requires that –

*Every Ride Organising Committee shall complete and implement a Biosecurity Plan, based on the current AERA Biosecurity statement, available to download from: [www.aera.asn.au](http://www.aera.asn.au) and this statement says that the temperature log will be for the number of days as specified by the Ride Organiser.*

Note that a list of LGAs as “high risk areas” is no longer there, so there is no guidance for Ride Organisers to assist them to determine the number of days for temp logs.

**4. General Business**

4.1. Presentation of 2022 Junior Distance Award is left hanging at this point?? Was on hold due to dispute with Oso Endurance – after Poppy lost the VERA State Champs ride, distance should have been awarded to Neeve Whittaker (QERA).

Consensus that this award can be presented to Neeve Whittaker at the QERA AGM.

**5. Meeting Closure**

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 17.25 pm AEDT

**President: Mark Dunn**

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

**Date:** 13/2/2024