



## Victorian Endurance Riders Association Inc.

### AGM – AGENDA

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2017: 3.30pm

TabCorp Park – Ferris Rd, Melton

1. Meeting opened: 1538
2. Welcome
3. Apologies David & Trish Reeves, Vanessa Smith, Caroline Noble, Brittnee Smith, Digger Leehane, Jennifer Green, Sharee Court,

3.1. Motion: That the apologies be accepted.

M: Carl Adamson S: Eric Thomas carried.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of 2015 Annual General Meeting minutes held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

4.1. Motion: That the minutes of 2015 AGM are correct and be accepted.

M: Sioux Reid S: Tamara Atkinson. carried

5. Tabling and adoption of President's report.

With the last ride of 2016 now done its time to reflect on the Year, Victoria had 11 rides run for the year and also the National Championship, The Tom Quilty Gold Cup. We held a TPR training ride and upskilled people to perform this role. Victoria also welcomed 3 new ride organising committees who all ran rides and are looking to add to next year's calendar.

Some terrific work has already been done on next years calendar and we have 9 rides locked in with a few still finalising details.

A Huge thank you to all the volunteers who gave their time and effort throughout the year it was a massive year with a lot of resources being put into the Tom Quilty and then 11 other events also went ahead.

Some great plans are in place for 2017-18 and I look forward to an exciting future for VERA. *Visual Presentation of achievements and 2 year plan.*

5.1. Motion: That the presidents report be accepted.

M: Simon Thomas S: Paul Bryson. Carried.

6. Tabling and adoption of Treasurer's report.- attached

The current book keeper has presented a profit and loss for the 2016 financial year and the balance sheets for 2015 and 2016. This has been audited by Patison Partners and found to meet all standards required of the organisation.

Question re volunteer training costs not visibly included. Explanation is that the VERA financial year is from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 30<sup>th</sup> September

6.1. Motion: That the Treasurers report be accepted.

M: Rebecca Williamson S: Karen Alderton. Carried

7. Stand down of 2016 State Management Committee members at end of their term (Simon Thomas, Sandy Little, Bronwyn Cuthbertson, Kasey Thomas, Fiona Passarin, Sioux Reid) and election of members to vacant positions.

7.1 Nominations received for positions

#### 7.1.1 President



Nominee	Nominated by	Seconded by
Simon Thomas	Kasey Thomas	Sioux Reid

### 7.1.2 Vice President

Nominee	Nominated by	Seconded by
Sandy Little	Simon Thomas	Bronwyn Cuthbertson

### 7.1.3 Treasurer

No nominations received. This position will have ongoing support of a book keeper.

Call from the floor for nominations for the position of treasurer.

Nomination from the floor

Rebekah Williamson nominated by Eric Thomas seconded Kerry Alderton Accepted.

### 7.1.4 Secretary

Nominee	Nominated by	Seconded by
Bronwyn Cuthbertson	Sandy Little	Vanessa Smith

### 7.1.5 Committee Positions x 5 available

Nominee	Nominated by	Seconded by
Kasey Thomas	Simon Thomas	Bronwyn Cuthbertson
Fiona Passarin	Tamara Atkinson	Bronwyn Cuthbertson
Eric Thomas	Martin Mizzi	Karen Alderton
Sioux Reid	Kasey Thomas	Simon Thomas

No nominations from the floor – the 5<sup>th</sup> committee position available not filled.

## 7.2 Other positions to be filled

7.2.1 Disputes Panel – 5 positions to be elected at the AGM from those present. Should a dispute arise - three will be chosen by ballot to create panel.

1. Carl Adamson.
2. Kim Noble
3. Marty Bryson
4. Hans Peuker
5. Linda Tanian

7.2.1a Motion: that these five people be accepted as members of the Disputes panel.  
M:Sandy Little S:Tamara Atkinson. carried

7.2.2 Grievance Officer – Paul Bryson offered to fill this role.

7.2.2a Motion: That Paul Bryson be accepted as the Grievance officer for 2017



*M:Bronwyn Cuthbertson S: Sioux Reid carried*

8. Items for discussion

8.1 AERA request for discussion re changes to the TQ buckles – should these read 100miles in 1 day or 160k in 1 day? Plan to change the horseman to include helmet, plan to include wattle around the corners of the buckles.

Discussion –

- importance of tradition
- riders refer to competing in 100miler not 160km
- history of RM Williams and Tom Quilty was a challenge to complete 100mile in one day.
- There has been numerous versions and sizes of the buckle over the years as the buckles have been purchased from different sources.
- Discussion re the helmet inclusion
- Request for mock ups for states to view.
- Comment re the size of the buckle, making comparison with quarter horse prize buckles. Source these from Mexico
- Wording of 160k confusion re what this means could be 160 thousand or kilograms, if this is to change should have km
- Re helmet change – OHS representation a good idea, all competitors now wear helmet, rider is stylized not actually representing individual rider.

Guidance for AERA rep advise the AERA representatives to

1. vote to keep the wording 100mile - two members not supporting
2. vote not to add the helmet to the rider on the buckle – four members not supporting, 5 members unsure.

8.2 Annual awards policy – a number of discussions to consider.

- Discussion – anyone competing should be eligible, however, as in this year, 160 TQ completions may now qualify for placings in points
- Dual affiliation discussion that this may be expanded further into other states.
- Consideration of members ability to compete, not everyone can go to a TQ. The Tq is a national ride and should be considered in the VERA
- Should the TQ be considered with a separate ruling.

8.2.1. Should interstate riders/horses be included in the VERA Inc. annual awards if they have competed in VERA Inc. affiliated rides?

Yes: 6                                      No: 22                                      undecided: 0

If interstate riders/horse included should there be a qualifying element of 240km ?

yes 17                                      no: 13                                      undecided 0

8.2.2. Should there be a qualifying distance for VERA Inc. members annual awards? For example minimum 240km or 3 endurance rides?

Yes: 8                                      no: 21                                      undecided 1

8.2.3. Should all Tom Quilty events be dual affiliated with VERA Inc. to enable all VERA Inc. members competing to achieve points & distance towards VERA Inc. annual awards?

Yes: 22                                      no: 9                                      undecided 0



ACTION: SMC to make changes to annual awards policy and ride calendar policy to reflect membership voting.

8.3 Early Warning System – horse points accumulation. That the general membership does not understand the EWS points allocation and accumulation and an explanation is needed.

7.3.1 Motion: That VERA Inc. adopts a system where a sticker is placed in the horse logbook to indicate the HEWS points allocated per vet out.

Moved: Carl Adamson. Seconded: Rohan Stanes. Yes 29 carried

ACTION: 1.Rohan and Carl will work on the means to deliver this during 2017.

2.Consider presenting this system to AERA for national inclusion.

7 Meeting Closure 1721

To be followed by short meeting of new committee