

VICTORIAN ENDURANCE RIDER'S ASSOCIATION INC.

STATE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Date 31 March 2021
Time 7.30 pm
Location Electronic Meeting

1. WELCOME BY PRESIDENT

Linda welcomed all to the meeting and thanked everyone for their ongoing commitment and contribution to VERA. Linda advised the possibility of the meeting being run over 2 nights due to the amount of content on agenda

2. PRESENT

Linda Tanian, Mezcal Manners, Kerrie Gabb, Paul Nugent, Russell Robinson, Russ Gillingham, Hans Peuker, Ellen Prestage

3. APOLOGIES

Apologies have been received from the following Committee Members:

- Nil

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest by Committee Members

Committee Member	Point of Conflict	Reason
Kerrie Gabb	Mark Gabb (Webmaster) Jen Green - Flying Circus Endurance	Personal relationship Team rider
Paul Nugent	Bek Williamson	Personal Relationship
Mezcal Manners	GERZ	Gippsland Championships

5. VISITORS

The following members attended the meeting:

- Nil

6. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 20 FEBRUARY 2021

6.1 Amendments

Nil.

6.2 Adoption

Motion 01/03/2021: That the minutes from the previous meeting held on 20 February 2021 be adopted.

Moved: Russell Robinson

Seconded: Mezcal Manners

Carried

6.3 Business Arising

The following items of business were discussed:

- Update was sent through to Tanya McDermott from the HRV Heroes program. No response has been received so far. Linda to chase her up again to see if the interest is still there in running the Hero's Endurance series again.
- Ellen and Linda still to catch up on the swabbing program – Will catch up Friday
- Mez to confirm ride application with Ararat
- Kerrie advised that the Snake Valley ROs want us to hold the Ride Application fee until 2022.
- Mez to write to AERA requesting that AERA remove Rule 62.5.2
- Confirmed with Ellen that she will provide a reconciliation on the bibs that she holds
- The changes to the Ride Application Form, to make it simpler and provide only useful information, was discussed and agreed upon. Linda to update the form
- Kerrie to follow up on the Quest Caroline Springs refund
- Russell G has heard from Clare Proudfoot although he has experienced some difficulty with the communications. She is on board for the Bunyip ride. Narelle will talk with her at the Bunyip ride. Narelle requires some clarification from AERA about how to get her re-accredited.

7. RATIFICATION OF ONLINE MOTIONS

Motion 02/03/2021: That the SMC ratify the online motions.

Moved: Paul Nugent

Seconded: Ellen Prestage

Carried.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Action items arising from the correspondence:

- Correspondence from AERA Horse Welfare Sub-committee – Notify Mark Dunn that VERA did not have any major disagreement with the Land Transport of Horses proposal
- Australian Animal Welfare – The response from AERA is sufficient and no further action is required
- Mez to thank AERA for the invitation to hold the TQ23 and VERA will notify AERA once a Quilty Committee has been formed
- Mez will contact Ashleigh and confirm arrangements for Bunyip ride. If ride secretaries are not available Kerrie and Mark will assist with date entry.
- Kerrie will organise for the medallions to be made available to Ashleigh as well
- The Non-member list is to be sent to Kerrie
- Linda to do the Quilty yearbook article
- Mez to write a letter of thanks to the SA Vets who assisted at the Dergholm ride. Russell has email address for Paul Lubbe and will send to Mez. The other vet is Louyen Henge.

Motion 03/03/2021: That the correspondence be received.

Moved: Kerrie Gabb

Seconded: Mezcal Manners

Carried

9. REPORTS

9.1 Treasurer

The Treasurer requested approval for paying the monthly Australia Post account when it is submitted to save doing a monthly motion. The Committee discussed this request and approved based on a maximum payment amount of \$150.

Motion 04/03/2021: That the Treasurer be authorised to pay any Australia Post account to a maximum of \$150.

Moved: Russell Robinson

Seconded: Mezcal Manners

Abstained: Kerrie Gabb

Carried.

Incoming Accounts

Motion 05/03/2021: That the tabled accounts be paid.

Moved: Kerrie Gabb

Seconded: Paul Nugent

Carried.

Motion 06/03/2021: That the Treasurer's Report be received.

Moved: Kerrie Gabb

Seconded: Mezcal Manners

Carried.

9.2 Ride Reports

Dergholm – The Chief Steward's report was read. We need to get back to Digger and advise what action we will take in future regarding the issue raised. Russell to follow up with Narelle about updating the list of equipment and drugs to be taken to the rides. Linda to ring David to get him to forward the vet invoice so that the \$500 offset for vet costs can be provided.

Toongabbie – Appeal by member. The appeal was reviewed by the SMC and discussed in detail. The outcomes from this discussion were:

- VERA needs to pull together a concussion policy
- No further action will be taken regarding the rider who came off the horse
- The SMC looked at the rule book and determined that the appeal was not upheld as the CS had acted in accordance with the rules
- Mez to notify the member of the decision of the SMC
- Linda to notify the CS of the outcome

The meeting was adjourned at 9.50 pm .

The meeting was reconvened on 7 April commencing at 7.32 pm.

9.3 Calendar Coordinator/Insurance

Ride Applications

Paul advised that the Lancefield ride would be run on 18 & 19 September (2 weeks after the Waterloo Ride and 2 weeks prior to the GERZ Emu Cup). Ride distances will be 20, 40 and 80km and will be run on the Sunday. The ride will be run under the NCER Inc. Association.

Motion 07/03/2021: That the ride application from NCER Inc. for the Lancefield ride which will run on the 18 & 19 September 2021 with ride distances of 20, 40, 80 to be run on the Sunday, be accepted.

Moved: Mezcal Manners

Seconded: Ellen Prestage

Abstained: Paul Nugent

Carried.

A message has been received from Mel Bright (SAERA President) requesting that VERA remove the dual affiliation for Brimpaen and VERA State Champs on AERASpace calendar as these have not been applied for at this stage.

Insurance

Paul reported that there was nothing from an insurance perspective.

9.4 AERA Delegates

A verbal report was provided by Linda and Kerrie on the last AERA meeting.

9.5 Assets Officer

Kerrie reported that she is working on getting the GERZ trailer ownership organised.

9.6 Honorary Vet

Russell G reported that Clare and Narelle are catching up at Bunyip and will talk about re-accreditation. Michelle Pap will be the other vet at Bunyip.

9.7 Merchandise Officer

Mez will do a pre-ride post for Bunyip to encourage sales. She advised that she will only be taking the merchandise that had been ordered to the rides as there was a lot of stuff to take to the rides and it was hard to fit it into the vehicle.

9.8 TPR Coordinator

Ellen is still working on a few phone calls. There are enough TPRs for Bunyip.

9.9 Veterinary Coordinator

Russell has been in touch with Melbourne University and has talked with a couple of students there who are keen to come along to rides and help. He has also been in touch with Narelle about Clare and Michelle Pap. Russ has also confirmed that Ash Greeves is still on board for vetting.

9.10 Webmaster

The SMC advised that they were impressed with what has been done and are happy for this to go live. They thanked Paul for his efforts.

The SMC adopted Mark's recommendation and agreed to go with the quote from Scorptech for the Point Score Registrar's laptop.

Motion 08/2021: That the quote from Scorptech for the replacement of the Pointscore Registrar's laptop, at a cost of \$1,139.00, be accepted.

Moved: Ellen Prestage

Seconded: Russell Robinson

Carried.

9.11 Social Media

It was agreed that an online forum for training your horse be held to help out newcomers to the sport. We need to get in touch with a few people be part of this forum and provide a presentation.

10. OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

The following items of general business were raised

- Paul – Chatting with Robyn Player at Mil-Lel. Was wondering if Robyn Aalbers who could put up some rules again as a reminder to people. Also, could something be put up about the TPRs role.
- Russell Gillingham – From the CS Report at Toongabbie we need to determine if we want to do something about Amanda and Lyn's barney. It was agreed at this point that nothing would be pursued. Put up a post about treating our CS and TPRs and any volunteers with respect.
- Kerrie to follow up with the vets from Dergholm to get an invoice

11. LATE ITEMS

11.1 Late Inwards Correspondence:

- Sports Community – March Newsletter
- AERA – Agenda for next MC meeting, to be held on 11 April 2021

11.2 Late Online Motions

That the ride application from Moorabool Plains Endurance Riders Inc to run the Mia Mia endurance ride on the 26 th and 27 th June, with distances of 40km and 80km to be run on the Sunday, be accepted.	Paul Nugent	Mezcal Manners	For: 5 Against: 0 Abstained: 0 No Vote: Linda Tanian, Kerrie Gabb, Russell Robinson	Carried
That the ride application from Moorabool Plains Endurance Riders Inc to run the Mia Mia endurance ride on the 10 th and 11 th July, with distances of 40km and 80km to be run on the Sunday, be accepted.	Paul Nugent	Mezcal Manners	For: 5 Against: 0 Abstained: 0 No Vote: Linda Tanian, Kerrie Gabb, Russell Robinson	Carried
That the application from Moorabool Plains Endurance Riders Inc. to run the Del's Waterloo Challenge ride on the 4 th and 5 th September with distances of 20, 40, 80 and 120km all on Sunday, be approved.	Paul Nugent	Mezcal Manners	For: 7 Against: 1 Abstained: 0 No Vote:	Carried

Motion 09/03/2021: That the late Online motions be ratified

Moved: Kerrie Gabb

Seconded: Paul Nugent

Carried.

12. NEXT MEETING

The next SMC meeting will be held on 15 May as a face-to-face meeting at Caroline Springs Quest with a start time of 10 am.

13. MEETING CLOSED

The meeting closed at 9.04 pm

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