

VICTORIAN ENDURANCE RIDERS' ASSOCIATION INC.

MINUTES OF STATE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Date 30 March 2022
Time 7.35 pm

1. WELCOME BY PRESIDENT

Linda welcomed all to the meeting and thanked the SMC for attending the meeting.

2. PRESENT

The following SMC members were present:

Linda Tanian, Lyn Taylor, Ellen Prestage, Damien Little, Paul Bryson, Hans Peuker

3. APOLOGIES

Apologies have been received from the following Committee Members:

- Mezcal Manners (Leave of Absence)

No apologies were received from Russell Gillingham, Sheree Bishop, Sandy Little, Russell Robinson, .

4. AGENDA

The meeting will discuss the Chief Steward Assessment Forms received to date for Paul Nugent. Three CS Assessment Forms have been received for the following rides at which Paul officiated as a Provision Chief Steward:

- Mia Mia under Digger Leehane as the CS
- Moyston under Digger Leehane as the CS
- Snake Valley under Sandy Little as the CS

5. PROVISIONAL CHIEF STEWARD

The SMC reviewed the requirements for completing the Chief Steward accreditation according to the AERA's Chief Steward Accreditation Procedure. It was noted that the requirement for at least one ride being outside the normal area of operation for the candidate CS had not been met. It was also noted the original requirement placed by the VERA SMC that Paul should complete his CS accreditation under 3 separate Chief Stewards, which had also not been met.

The SMC considered the previous advice provided by Sandy Little, arising from the Snake Valley ride, that Paul had not been afforded the opportunity to act as the Head CS at any of the 3 rides and that this was an oversight on his part as he should have stepped back and allowed Paul to run the ride with his support.

Almost all of the SMC agreed that Paul should be afforded the opportunity to manage a ride totally, with the support of a Chief Steward to round out his training. This would allow Paul to understand the requirements of the position more thoroughly while still having an experienced CS to call on and confirm decisions being made before having to do this on his own.

It was also thought that it would be very beneficial for Paul to do a ride that was not within Victoria, if at all possible, and one in which large numbers of riders would be present. Going to a ride in NSW where there are

routinely over 100 riders would expose Paul to more disputes and the full requirements of managing a ride in a more competitive atmosphere. It would also be good for Paul to be exposed to different CS and to get outside his comfort zone.

It was pointed out that the demands being placed on a Chief Steward are far greater these days than it was originally, and the role is much broader than it used to be.

It was agreed that Paul should try to get an opportunity to officiate at an NSW ride. If this was not possible, given the number of ride cancellations due to weather at the moment, then he could do Eldorado where they are usually larger numbers.

We would need to talk with the NSW CS Liaison person to organise this.

Linda to ring Paul and advise the outcome of the meeting.

Meeting finished at 8.55 pm.

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