

VICTORIAN ENDURANCE RIDERS' ASSOCIATION INC.

STATE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA/MINUTES

Date 8th May, 2024

Time 7.20pm

Location Teams

1. WELCOME BY PRESIDENT

2. PRESENT

Paul Nugent, Donna Nicholas, Sheree Bishop, Simon Thomas, Russell Gillingham, Shannon Decker
Nicole Porter: 7.47pm

3. APOLOGIES

Sioux Reid. Nicole Porter

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Conflict of Interest register was confirmed

Committee Member	Point of Conflict	Reason
Paul Nugent	Bek Williamson (point score officer) Lancefield Ride	Personal Relationship Ride Organiser
Sandy Little	Bronwyn Cuthbertson, Damien Little	Personal Relationship
Sheree Bishop	Smythesdale Ride	Ride Organiser
Sioux Reid	Moyston Ride	Ride Organiser

5. VISITORS:

Kerrie Gabb 7.20pm – 7.47pm

6. MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD ON 10TH APRIL, 2024

6.1 Amendments None

6.2 Adoption

Motion No.(1) May 24: That the minutes from the meeting of 10th April be adopted.

Moved: Donna Nicholas

Seconded: Paul Nugent

Carried: Yes

6.3 Business Arising None

7. RATIFICATION OF ONLINE MOTIONS

Description	Yes	No	Abstain	Non Vote	
Motion to spend up to \$100 for bereavement flowers for Julia Wood a Legend of the Sport recipient. This motion will close on Thursday 18th April at 7.00pm.	8			1	
Passed: Yes					

RATIFICATION OF ONLINE MOTIONS

Motion No.(2): May 24 That the ratification of the online motions be adopted.

Moved: Donna Nicholas

Seconded Nicole Porter

Carried: Yes

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Inwards Correspondence

Date	From	Details
11/4/24	Kim Moir – AERA	Response to Question re: extra vet to TQ 24
11/4/24	Kim Moir - AERA	Ride & Tie FWD - SMC
12/4/24	Kim Moir - AERA	Work Plans from Sub Committee FWD - SMC
12/4/24	Julia Field SAERA	Response to our sponsorship request.
23/4/24	Linda Tanian	CS report for Eaglehawk Extravaganza
24/4/24	Kerrie Gabb	Bookkeeping role
24/4/24	Jen Green	Sponsorship position description FWD – SMC 6/5/24
24/4/24	Kim Moir - AERA	AERA Management Committee Meeting on 22 May 2024
25/4/24	Melissa Bright SAERA	TQ24 sponsorship opportunities. FWD – SMC 25/4/24
1/5/24	Sioux Reid	Complaints Policy FWD - SMC
3/5/24	Brendan Gay	Eaglehawk Endurance Ride FWD - SMC
4/5/24	Kim Moir – AERA	TQ 24 vets FWD - SMC
6/5/24	Mel Bright SAERA	TQ24 sponsorship FWD – SMC
7/5/24	Clare Fleming NSWERA	Burrumbuttock Dual Affiliation Request FWD - SMC

8.2 Outwards Correspondence

Date	To	Details
19/4/24	Julia Field – SAERA	Re: No response to our request regarding sponsorship.
19/4/24	Consumer Affairs	Re: VERA Constitution Rule following up
19/4/24	Sarah Williams	NSWERA. Re: State Champs 2022
19/4/24	Jen Green	Re: Sponsorship/Grant role advertising
19/4/24	Mark Gabb	Re: Ratified Minutes and coming in as a visitor to meetings.
30/4/24	Kim Moir AERA	Re: TQ24 answer or extension to our query re vets

- Motion No (3) May 24 That the correspondence has been received.

Moved: Donna Nicholas

Seconded: Shannon Decker

Carried: Yes

9. REPORTS

9.1 President

I have had numerous phonecalls regarding Eaglehawk Extravanga and will be following up on these.

9.2 Treasurer

Incoming Accounts

Name	Details	Amount
Vic Roads	D89516	\$64.94
Hosting Australia	Invoice No 102720	\$152.25
AERA	Endurance Lifetime x 2 Invoice No 2007	\$120.00
Australia Post	Postage	\$102.60
Computer Sashes	Annual Awards	\$1163.12
Russell Gillingham	Refund overpayment on Logbook	-\$65.00

MOTION No (4) May 24: That the tabled accounts be paid.

Moved: Sheree Bishop

Seconded: Shannon Decker

Abstained: Russell Gillingham

Carried: Yes

Motion No (5) May 24 That the Treasurer's Report be received.

Moved: Sheree Bishop

Seconded: Shannon Decker

Carried: Yes

9.3 Rides

Ride	Chief Steward	Head Vet	Ride Sec
Gerz Toongabbie 11/5/24 – 12/5/24	Digger Leehane	Judith Mulholland	Mark Gabb
Lancefield 24/5/24 – 25/5/24	Paul Nugent	Sarah Pollard Williams	Bronwyn & Damien
State Champs 6/7/24 – 8/7/24	Sandy Little	Narelle Cribb	Bronwyn & Damien
Rushworth Ride 24/8/24 – 25/8/24	Paul Nugent	Narelle Cribb	
Gerz Gatabout 7/9/24 – 8/9/24			
Ararat 10/8/24 - 11/8/24			
Smythesdale 27/9/24 – 29/9/24			
TQ Gold Cup SA 18/10/24			
Dergholm 1/11/24			

9.4 Assets Officer

Nothing to report.

9.5 Horse Welfare Officer

No report received.

9.6 Logbook Registrar

No report received.

9.7 Merchandise Officer

Vests for riders (I have the samples)

Change the bib order form template to include the new style vest

Are we happy as the committee to donate 1 jacket 1 hoodie and 1 vest for a raffle. Tickets at \$5 ticket or 5 tickets for \$20.

Motion No (6) May 24

That VERA run a raffle with the VERA merchandise consisting of a jacket, a hoodie and a vest as prizes. Proceeds to go to the TQ seeding fund.

Moved: Shannon Decker

Seconded: Sheree Bishop

Carried: Yes

9.8 Point Score Officer

Nothing to report.

9.9 TPR Coordinator

Have followed up on request from GERZ Ride RO to support them in attaining 2 more TPR's for their ride.

9.10 Veterinary Coordinator

Megan Appleby to be added to the VERA Vet List.

9.11 Grievance Officer

Nothing to report.

9.12 Governance Sub-committee

No report received.

9.13 Webmaster

No report received.

9.14 Social Media

Our Facebook group is going along nicely. We continue to add around 60 to 70 new members per month.

The Admin Assist feature that handles join requests that fit the prerequisites is very helpful! It's only let 2 sneaky spammers join but they were picked up quickly and escorted from the building!

Declined requests more often than not are declined because they didn't answer the membership questions, but most of these come back soon after and answer the questions once they realise they missed doing it.

The ones that don't come back are usually not very genuine looking accounts.

The group has been quite active, in fact over 75 % of our group members 'engage' with content each month.

That is a fantastic percentage in Facebook land!

Many groups struggle to have 10% engagement.

I believe this is partly due to our fairly strict moderation, very few advertisements and people's experiences in having questions and queries answered promptly by helpful, experienced, knowledgeable members.

People know they can ask a simple or complex question and get really helpful responses – such a great resource for our new – and not so new – members.

Posts are on point and relevant, and there is no drivel that strays away from endurance.

A couple of topics had some good debate and I'm pleased to say people played nicely and issues were discussed, resolved or explained in a comprehensive, mature way.

I expect a lot of activity as the Sth Australian Tom Quilty draws nearer.

I'm sure members not going along will be able to get a great feel for the lead-up to the event.

9.15 Membership

VERA CURRENT MEMBERSHIPS 31/3/2024

Membership Type	2023 EOY	2023 YTD	2024 YTD
Adult rider	112	110	104
Junior rider	7	5	4
Associate	2	2	2
Intermediate	6	5	9
Junior Intermediate	0	0	3
Life	3	3	4
TOTAL	130	125	126

9.16 Aera Delegate

No report received.

GENERAL BUSINESS

10.1 Bookkeeping role. Sent to SMC 24/4/24

Kerrie Gabb has offered to take on the Bookkeeper position for VERA and the SMC have gratefully accepted Kerries offer.

10.2 TQ24 Sponsorship Email from Melissa to SMC 25/4/24

Lots of discussion regarding this, and we are getting more information regarding what is available and what has been hard to fill. Once this information is at hand it will be discussed at next meeting.

Sheree to check with Kerrie Gabb how much VERA have sponsored in previous years.

LATE ITEMS

11.1 Narelle Cribb. I have two things that I would like to mention this month.

1. Great to see so many new rides on the calendar! This does raise a critical issue - and that is that we are currently very short on Head Vets. It will be really important for the ROs to liaise with a head vet ASAP or they may have a lot of trouble getting one at all. Don't want to see the hard work done, and then the ride fail due to no vet availability.

I have been talking with students at Werribee to try to drum up some interest - and will also check the names on the VERA vet list to see if I can convince anyone else to complete the full HV qualifications to help with this.

2. A small suggestion that I would like VERA to consider when sending out expressions of interest to the vets for TQ. Last year I (along with others) was asked for an expression of interest - and then told that my application was unsuccessful. It may seem petty, but there is a big difference between an expression of interest and an application. Maybe an application would be more appropriate - as then the applicant has the opportunity to make VERA aware of any particular personal reason that the event may be special to them. 2023 was my thirtieth year of vetting at Endurance rides - as I vetted my first ride in 1993. It would have been very special to me to have been able to vet at TQ that year!

So I'll put it out there early that I vetted my first TQ at Myrtleford in 1996 (still have the jumper). 2026 will be 30 years since my first TQ!

Look forward to seeing everyone at rides!!

12.0 NEXT MEETING: 15th May 2024. Part 2.
12th June, 2024 at 7.00pm via Teams
24th July, 2024 at 7.00pm via Teams

13.0 MEETING CLOSURE: 9.29pm