

VICTORIAN ENDURANCE RIDERS' ASSOCIATION INC.

STATE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA/MINUTES

PART 2

Date 20th June, 2024

Time 7pm

Location Teams

1. WELCOME BY PRESIDENT

2. PRESENT

Paul Nugent. Shannon Decker. Sheree Bishop. Donna Nicholas. Nicole Porter. Russell Gillingham

3. APOLOGIES

Sioux Reid. Simon Thomas. Sandy Little.

4. VISITORS

None.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Inwards Correspondence

Date	From	Details
9/5/24	Linda Tanian	Eaglehawk Extravaganza FWD - SMC
9/5/24	Kim Moir - AERA	AERA Logbooks and update to comply with FEI requirements for 1* EVENTS FWD - SMC
9/5/24	Kim Moir – AERA	Equestrian Life Boyd Exell & Matt Holtz wins
9/5/24	Kerrie Gabb	Signed Confidentiality Agreement for Bookkeeper role
10/5/24	SAERA Secretary	Dual affiliation request for Kapunda and Waikerie. FWD - SMC
10/5/24	Trish Eaglehawk Extrav.	Question re: last ride.
13/5/24	Brenda Hughes	Asking re book with Julie Woods & Douglas Woods in it FWD-SMC
13/5/24	Kerrie Gabb	Re: Eaglehawk Extravaganza review
14/5/24	Kim Moir - AERA	VERA Vet reps for past 5 years to TQ.
15/5/24	Kim Moir – AERA	Horse health declarations being current form from AERA w/site
15/5/24	Jill Bourton - SAERA	Re: VERA to sponsor BC Rug for State Champs, Not required
16/5/24	Jill Bourton - SAERA	Did not need as they found a sponsor.
17/5/24	Kim Moir – AERA	Items for Agenda. FWD - SMC
20/5/24	Linda Tanian	Eaglehawk Extravaganza
20/5/24	Mark Gabb	Next cloud Access
22/5/24	Digger Leehane	Chief Steward Ride Report Toongabbie FWD - SMC
22/5/24	Susan & Roger Gill	Bib suggestions
23/5/24	Narelle Cribb	Re: Acceptance of being the VERA vet for TQ24
29/5/24	Kim Moir - AERA	AERA to DA Secretaries Re: IDP process. FWD - SMC
31/5/24	Clare Fleming	Waiting response for Tumbarumba D/A 27/28 th July 2024
3/6/24	Clare Fleming	Dual Affiliation State Champs.
7/6/24	Mel Bright	Response re: TQ 24 Traffic control. FWD - SMC
7/6/24	Kim Moir – AERA	Correspondence highlights from AERA Meeting FWD - SMC
10/6/24	Linda Tanian	Eaglehawk Extravaganza
10/6/24	Bek Williamson	Pointscore Officer re: Glengarry Ride
11/6/24	Clare Fleming	D/A Burrumbottock Ride 28 th – 30 th March 2025 FWD - SMC

8.2 Outwards Correspondence

Date	To	Details
9/5/24	Linda Tanian	Response to Eaglehawk Extravaganza email.
9/5/24	Kerrie Gabb	Confidentiality Agreement.
19/5/24	SAERA	Dual Affiliation Yes to Kapunda. Maybe to Waikierie.
19/5/24	AERA	AERA Horse Logbook FEI. Response.
19/5/24	Martin Mizzi	Re: Book with Julie & Douglas Woods to acquire.
19/5/24	Clare Fleming	Burrumbuttock Dual Affiliation 2025
19/5/24	Linda Tanian	Eaglehawk Extravaganza
19/5/24	Narelle Cribb	TQ24
19/5/24	Helen Spencer	TQ24
19/5/24	Kim Moir – AERA	TQ24 Vet Representative.
19/5/24	Bronwyn Cuthbertson	Old Emails.
21/5/24	Linda Tanian	Re: Emails to private address
30/5/24	Jen Green/Mark Gabb	Draft Minutes for 8 th & 15 th May 2024 for posting.
4/6/24	Mel Bright SAERA	Re: sponsorship TQ24.
4/6/24	Clare Fleming	Re: Dual Affiliation of State Champs.

- Motion No (1) June 24** Motion that correspondence has been received.
Moved: Donna Nicholas
Seconded: Paul Nugent
Carried: Yes

6. REPORTS

9.1 President

9.2 Treasurer

Incoming Accounts

Name	Details	Amount
Gina Thompson	Refund	\$65.00
Hip Pocket Workwear	Reimbursement Request	\$485.12
S & S Reed Transport	Reimbursement	\$34.32
Digger Leehane	Toongabbie Chief Steward	\$150.00

MOTION No (2) June 24: That the tabled accounts be paid.

Moved: Sheree Bishop
Seconded: Donna Nicholas
Abstained:
Carried: Yes

Motion No (3): June 24 That the Treasurer's Report be received.

Moved: Sheree Bishop
Seconded: Donna Nicholas
Carried: Yes

Attachments: Gina Thompson
Hip Pocket Workwear
S & S Reed Transport
Digger Leehane

9.3 Rides

Ride	Chief Steward	Head Vet	Ride Sec
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	Digger Leehane	Ash Greeves	Mark Gabb
Ararat 10/8/24 - 11/8/24			
Smythesdale 27/9/24 – 29/9/24	Paul Nugent		
TQ Gold Cup SA 18/10/24			
Dergholm 1/11/24			

The second half of this year is looking positive for rides, we have unfortunately lost one ride organiser this year and it is devastating for them, I just want to say thank you to every who was supportive towards candy it's no easy feat organising a ride for the first time. We really hope to see her in 2025.

We have another ride application for ride in November so we will look at that tonight and take a vote. Working on 2025 calendar so we can hopefully have this out asap for riders. Dual affiliation policy and other associated policies are being reviewed to ensure smoother communication and improved use of SMC time.

MOTION No (3) June 24: That the ride application from Statewide Endurance to run the Mia Mia Legendary cup on 22nd/23rd/24th November, 2024 with distances of 120 elevated, 80km/40km/20/10km.

Moved: Nicole Porter

Seconded: Donna Nicholas

Abstained:

Carried: Yes

9.4 Assets Officer

Trailers to be picked up this weekend and will be set up for State Champs.

9.5 Horse Welfare Officer

No report received.

9.6 Logbook Registrar

Nothing new for logbooks. I will finalise the updated logbook application with the change to postage and have this to the website in the next week or so.

Also, can you please investigate why the Aust Post purchase book is no longer working.

Sheree will be looking into this and we shall get back to you Bron.

9.7 Merchandise Officer

Nothing to report.

9.8 Point Score Officer

Nothing to report.

9.9 TPR Coordinator
Nothing to report.

9.10 Veterinary Coordinator
Happy to report I received interest from no less than 6 Vets seeking further info regarding Vetting at Rides 👍

9.11 Grievance Officer
Nothing to report.

9.12 Governance Sub-committee
Nothing to report.

9.13 Webmaster
No report received.

6.14 Social Media
Nothing to report.

6.15 Membership

Membership Type	2023 EOY	2023 YTD	2024 YTD
Adult rider	112	110	114
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	136

6.16 Aera Delegate

The AERA Management Committee met on 22 and 23 May 2024 and the notes below are to provide you with a snapshot of discussions from those meetings. Draft minutes of these meetings will be forwarded to you in due course.

Your representatives to the AERA Management Committee and AERA Delegates who participated in this meeting can provide further information on any of these matters.

AERA highlights

- AERA has agreed to include all Sub-committee members in the mailing list to receive agendas and minutes of meetings. This is to support inclusion of our SC members and keep them abreast of discussions at the AERA table.
- The AERA Biosecurity Statement, with particular regard to the period during which temperatures must be logged, is under review.
- Update on an ongoing matter relating to a positive swab, is that this matter is being managed through the National Sports Tribunal who will arbitrate on this matter. AERA has agreed to fund an expert witness to respond to the challenge presented by the appellants if the evidence brought forward by the appellants warrants this.
- NSWERA has requested that AERA consider supporting a national panel from which members would be selected to form an IDP in any State – separate correspondence has been sent about this as it would require a change to AERA and DA constitutions.
- Promotion of the sport has continued through an advert and article in *Studs and Stallions*. Watch out for this multi-page promotion of endurance with 10 endurance personalities profiled in the next edition.
- Reminder also that Horse Deals has a photo gallery and any photos from events can be posted there.
- Reminder to DAs to remind CSs that TPRs are **no longer required to record respiration**.

- Preparation for TQ24 is well underway – Biosecurity Plan was presented requiring 10-day temp logs for all horses attending. It is anticipated that nominations will open 3 months out.
- TQ25 test event has happened and went well. The Spirit of Tasmania provide a special event discount booking and this has been set up for TQ25 with effectively 20 – 30 spaces booked .
- TQ26 - AERA endorsed a recommendation from QERA that Stirling's Crossing Endurance Club will host TQ26.

Rulebook changes The Rulebook Sub-committee will bring back a recommendation to the next AERA Meeting to clarify how treatment of a horse after “completion” and the point at which the horse is no longer under vet care.

Appendix 1 AERA Equine Catastrophe Protocol passed for first vote.

Proposed rule change to 47.3 passed for first vote

S2 Complementary Rules Ride and Tie passed for a first vote

47.3 A novice horse may only enter (proposed change in red)

- a) one *ride* on any particular day, **one or more *rides* on any particular day up to a total distance of 120 kms**
- b) a maximum of 2 *endurance or mini-marathon rides* in any 22-day period
- c) a maximum of 4 *endurance or mini-marathon rides* in any 90-day period

Rationale

With multi-event programs offered including short rides to support the concept of a family sport we have often seen parents ride in the morning and then do a 5km or 10 km in the afternoon with a child.

A novice horse can ride up to 120 km in any one day. The horse will be assessed by vets to determine fitness to enter the second ride regardless of distance.

Para to be inserted:

The management of equine catastrophes at an event can be and usually is a stressful and challenging event for all involved, including the treating vet(s). Members of the AERA National Vet Panel are available to support vets who are involved in equine catastrophes. Where a DA believes this would be appropriate, a DA official should make contact with the AERA National Vet Panel Liaison to arrange such support.

Discussion regarding these rules have been on the AERA agenda. With significant changes to the draft rule changes already presented the new version was voted on for a first vote and should come back to the next meeting for a final vote. **The revised rules are provided as an appendix to this correspondence.**

Reminders for your comment on previously advised AERA work - no comment on these topics will be accepted as consent and they will be progressed at the next AERA meeting.

- AERA has been working with the EAEC to consider how our logbook could be modified to accommodate entry of horses into FEI 1* events. The mock-up of this has been circulated again for feedback from DAs. AERA has approved in principle the adoption of the new format of logbooks from 1 July 2024 subject to feedback from EA and our members.
- A proposal that if horses are not registered their breeding should not be entered in the database. It was noted that there are many horses listed on the database with no evidence to support the listed breeding. One of the objects of the AERA Constitution is to promote the genetics of endurance horses and much of the data currently available in the database is unconfirmed.

Next AERA meeting is scheduled for 9 /10 July 2024 and correspondence, reports and items to be included on the agenda for this meeting should be with the AERA Secretary by Monday 29 June 2024. Reminders and agendas will be sent out to all DAs and AERA Members, MC and SC Members.

6.17 TQ29 Sub Committee

Nothing to report.

6.18 Honorary Vet Co-Ordinator

I've had a bit of a chat lately with Ash, and Helen S.

We would all really appreciate if ride organisers could provide more information when asking if we are available to vet at rides.

And we would like to have the information in writing, to avoid any misunderstanding or confusion.

Just to help us be as organised as possible, be able to give any leave notice required to our places of work, and fit in everything else people do around attending events, and to try to help ensure the ride runs as smoothly as possible.

Something like the attached form would be useful - obviously happy for it to be tweaked as needed.

VERA VET BOOKING FORM

Ride Name:			
Ride Base Address:			
Ride Start Date:			
Ride Finish Date:			
Ride Organiser:		Phone Number:	
Ride Base Address:			
Ride Distances Being Offered:			
Pre Ride Vetting Start Time(s):			
Is ride VGIH or Normal Vetting?:			
Chief Steward:		Phone Number:	
Head Veterinarian		Phone Number:	
Line Veterinarian		Phone Number:	
Line Veterinarian		Phone Number:	
Line Veterinarian		Phone Number:	
Designated Treatment Vet (Any ride 120km or over		Phone Number:	
If no official TV, who is bringing Treatment Gear ?			
Is power available for the Treatment Vet if needed?			
Nearest Equine Hospital			

Is Accommodation Available? If yes, what?	
Is there somewhere sheltered to Camp?	
Will food be provided?	
Are Showers Available?	
Are dogs allowed?	

This has been emailed to VERAs Vet Co-Ordinator Russell Gillingham.

GENERAL BUSINESS

10.1 Sheree Bishop

I think we need to look at the number of day members we had at Lancefield.

19 day memberships - imagine if 10 converted to riding members.

This will be followed up on. The SMC are also looking into Membership Packs.

Also I think we need to market via Facebook such as welcoming new members and acknowledging riders achievements as well any special mentions for our regular volunteers. I think also we should perhaps give out vouchers to our regular TPR's to cover fuel etc.

This has been tabled for the next meeting.

10.2 Nicole Porter – Bib suggestions from Susan Gill

This was discussed and the SMC are looking into putting and 'L' and 'P' on back of the old bibs to enable other riders to see that these riders are doing the smaller distances on green horses or are new to the sport. etc.

10.3 Sheree - Review of Volunteer Incentive Form.

New form under review and to be updated.

LATE ITEMS

11.1 AERA: Feedback required for Independent Disciplinary Panel FWD – SMC 30/5/24 & 13/6/24

**12.0 NEXT TWO MEETINGS: 24th July 2024 via Teams @ 7.00pm
28th August 2024 via Teams @ 7.00pm.**

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