VICTORIAN ENDURANCE RIDERS ASSOCIATION INC.

MINUTES OF STATE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Date 20 June 2020
Location Web Conference

1. WELCOME BY PRESIDENT

The meeting commenced at 10.03 am.
Linda welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their contribution to endurance.

2. PRESENT

- Linda Tanian, Carol Laidlaw, Ellen Prestage, Kerrie Gabb, Mezcal Manners, Michael Milne, Paul Nugent,

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) GERZ	Personal relationship Gippsland Championships
Ellen Prestage	GERZ	Gippsland Championships
Paul Nugent	Bek Williamson Lancefield Ride	Personal Relationship Ride Organiser
Mezcal Manners	GERZ	Gippsland Championships

This list requires update if any further conflicts are identified.

5. VISITORS

The following members have indicated they will be attending the meeting:

- Nil

6. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 24 MAY 2020

6.1 Amendments

Nil

6.2 Adoption

Motion No. 01/06/2020: That the minutes of the meeting held on 24 May 2020 be adopted.
Moved: Ellen Prestage
Seconded: Carol Laidlaw
Carried.

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6.3 Business Arising

VERA Trailers

Kerrie contacted VicRoads to discuss the registration of the trailers. We need to make an appointment booking (cost of $19). The paperwork is to be filled in but there is no need to present the trailer. VicRoads needs to have a letter of authority signed by Linda and Ellen saying whoever is registering the trailer is authorised to do so on VERA's behalf. The trailer does not need a roadworthy. The costs are $60.50 registration fee and a $19 fee for a number plate. The trailer can be registered at any time. We would need to get the new plates to Julie Woods and Martin Mizzi to affix to the trailer.

The Central trailer has not been registered and we need the VIN No. The registration process is the same as for the Western trailer, but we must provide the VIN No. We do need to have the measurements of the trailer – Chris Browne will do this once the requirements for the measurements are provided.

Kerrie will organise the registration of the trailers. Ellen to write the letter of authorisation.

Motion No. 02/06/2020: That VERA authorise Kerrie Gabb to register the two VERA owned trailers and to pay the registration fees.
Moved: Carol Laidlaw
Seconded: Michael Milne
Carried

VERA Iso Ride

Ellen to do the letter of thanks and Linda will do a social media post as well.

7. RATIFICATION OF ONLINE MOTIONS

A third motion was moved and carried just prior to the meeting. The details are as follows:

Motion	Moved	Seconded	Vote	Outcome
That TD 1 #142829928 , is kept on a 12 monthly roll over, and TD 2 #144108156 is moved to a 12 monthly roll over for a better interest rate.	Kerrie Gabb	Mezcal Manners	For: 5 Against: 0 Abstained: No Vote: Michael Milne, Carol Laidlaw	Carried

Motion No. 03/06/2020: That the online motions be ratified.
Moved: Paul Nugent
Seconded: Ellen Prestage
Carried

8. CORRESPONDENCE

The actions required for the inwards and outwards correspondence:

- Respond to AERA with information on the CS exams including:
    - Need to cover the latest rules
    - Provide a greater coverage of the existing rules
    - Include questions on the EADCM process
    - Provide instruction on how to complete forms
    - More in-depth questions
    - Include rules approved since the exam was created

- Include a proforma example of completed forms
- Checklist of mandatory items that need to be done as a reminder

Motion No. 04/06/2020: That the inwards and outward correspondence be received.

Moved: Ellen Prestage
Seconded: Mezcal Manner
Carried

9. REPORTS

9.1 President

A report on the meeting to hear the appeal from Stirling's Crossing Endurance Committee (SCEC) was provided by Linda. In addition, the report written by Kim Moir on the SCEC's appeal was distributed and read. The SMC discussed this information and reviewed its previous decision on the Quilty proposal. Most of the Committee felt that the conditions, while improving for some states, were worsening for others and would be likely to result in not all states being able to attend.

Alternative approaches to the last outcome were discussed including a provisional yes with conditions attached that would result in the Quilty not proceeding as such in the event that all states could not attend without having to complete quarantine on return. It was also felt that a minimum number of 80km events needed to be conducted as part of the condition set.

If the approval is to be conditional these conditions need to be transparent and published to all members. They need to be included in the Event Standard and be measurable and must be adhered to. The conditions need to be clear so that it was easy to measure if the conditions were not met.

Another alternative approach was to run a Championship event instead of the Quilty. This approach was seen as satisfying a lot of the discussed criteria including the reinvigoration of the sport by holding a prestigious event for everyone to aim for and removing the detraction from the national status of a Quilty if states were unable to attend due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The SMC determined that the direction to be provided was:

1. No to the Quilty proposal but fully supportive of an alternative Championship event.
2. Yes to the Quilty but with very clear conditions.

The SMC would leave it to Linda to determine the most appropriate outcome at the next meeting.

9.2 Treasurer

Kerrie indicated that she had rolled over the Term Deposits as discussed via the online motion.

Motion No. 05/06/2020: That Mezcal Manners be approved to have view only access to VERA's cheque account to support the Merchandise Officer's role.

Moved: Kerrie Gabb
Seconded: Ellen Prestage
Abstained: Mezcal Manners
Carried.

Kerrie will organise the appropriate paperwork required to have Mez added to the cheque account.

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The question was raised about the Half Year Membership offer and everyone agreed that the Half Yearly Membership price would remain at $95. It should also be noted that it is not 50% reduction of the full membership fee as there is a fixed component that must be paid to AERA.

Motion 06/06/2020: That the Treasurer's Report be received.
Moved: Kerrie Gabb
Seconded: Mezcal Manners
Carried

9.3 Calendar Coordinator/Insurance

Ride Applications

Paul had followed up with Renee Henry and she is proceeding with arrangements for the Snake Gully ride and it will have an 80km ride. Lancefield are trying to work out if they can run their ride in early August, which will also include an 80km event. Eldorado may proceed in October in a training ride format. The SMC will look at running a training event in July at Rosedale. Linda will contact the Wellington Shire and HVP about event permits. It looks like Naomi McGaffin will be running the Tallangatta training weekend again. Linda will follow up with David Reeves about the State Championships. Linda will do a social media post to update members on the status of rides.

Insurance

Paul has been contacted by a member about a possible insurance claim. Forms will be provided if required.

9.4 Membership Registrar

It was noted that 1 new membership application had been received recently.

9.5 Merchandise Officer

Mez provided an updated report on the activities around the merchandise, which has now been picked up. She modelled a puffer jacket that had been provided by Don from Maxx Promotions. This will be part of the second stage of items. The website is just about ready to go live and a promotion on social media will be kicked off one the last items on the website are addressed.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

10.1 Restarting the Sport

The SMC discussed what support or incentive could be provided to ROs to get some rides on the calendar this year. It was decided that the best option was to provide a grant to support the additional costs that would be imposed by the requirements of COVID-19.

Motion No. 07/06/2020: That that the SMC offer a grant of $500 for any ride that is run this year only, to assist with additional COVID-19 costs.
Moved: Committee
Seconded: Committee
Carried

Linda will write to the ROs and let them know about the grant and that they can apply without requiring any form of justification.

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The situation with the Annual Awards was discussed. At this point there is likely to be only 3 rides at which points and distance awards can be accrued. This would result in a situation where it is hard to determine the horse and rider of the year for all the awards.

It was determined that the Annual Awards for 2020 would be cancelled. We would also go to the members and ask them for their thoughts on the end of year function. If the State Champs does not proceed, we would have the recognition of the 3 x 10,000km awards to do and we could have a get together with the endurance membership.

10.2 Tom Quilty 2023 Preparations

Draft Terms of Reference for the Quilty Sub-committee has been prepared by Michael and is attached for review and comment.

The Model Rules, prepared by Michael, for the new Victorian Tom Quilty Association were reviewed and approved.

Motion No. 08/06/2020: That the proposed rules for the Victorian Tom Quilty Association Inc., as presented, be adopted.
Moved: Michael Milne
Seconded: Paul Nugent
Carried.

Motion No. 09/06/2020: That Michael Milne be authorised to submit the rules of the Victorian Tom Quilty Association Inc. and pay the associated fees to Consumer Affairs Victoria.
Moved: Paul Nugent
Seconded: Ellen Prestage
Carried.

The Terms of Reference for the new Victorian will be listed on the agenda for the next meeting. The SMC members need to review these and identify any other requirements.

11. OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

Ellen asked if the SMC were going to do a face to face meeting next month. It was agreed that the virtual meetings were good but that it was also good to have a face to face meeting as well. Ellen will book the usual meeting room at the Quest Apartments in Caroline Springs.

12. LATE ITEMS

Report from Stirling's Crossing Endurance Committee

A report from the Stirling's Crossing Endurance Committee (SCEC) was received. The purpose of this report is to detail the presentation made by the SCEC to the AERA meeting to consider the appeal lodged by SCEC following the decision by AERA not to accept the Quilty proposal.

Webmaster's Report

PROGRESS

There has been a major workover on the New Shopping cart side of the website, this has taken most of the time usually allocated to site works.

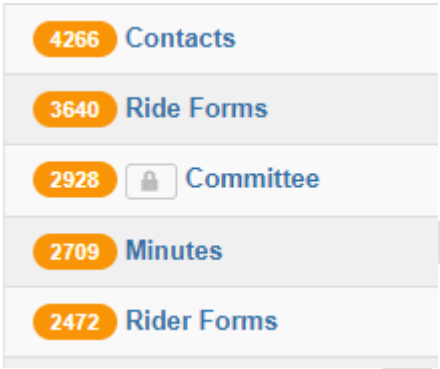
STATISTICS

Website Stats

Visitors	Count
Today	77
Yesterday	89
This week	257
This month	1586
Total	52342

There has been another minor increase in the number of website visits in the last month. Possibly related to the releasing of restrictions.

Last Month



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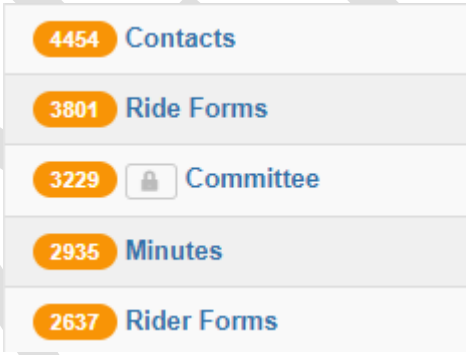

13. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 25 July 2020.

14. MEETING CLOSED

The meeting closed at 1.12 pm

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