

Tasmania Equine Endurance Riders Association
Committee meeting agenda
Wednesday 9/10/19
Latrobe



1. Meeting opened 6.35PM

SMC present: Blaine Astell, Raelene Smith, Melissa Kelly, Tania Jago, Kelly Woodhouse and, remotely, Tara Nicklason and Mark Dunn.

Apologies: Jill Hawks, Trent Huxtable

Visitors: nil

2. Minutes of previous meeting 18/09/19 ratified – **Tania, Roger - carried**

3. Correspondence

Deferred due to apology received from secretary. Important correspondence considers elsewhere in agenda.

4. Actions from previous meeting

- a. Proposal for letter to go to chief stewards regarding ride officials code of conduct – Blaine to draft – letter written, still to be sent out – **done, letter sent to CSs.**
- b. Facebook post of AERA rules regarding code of conduct for riders? Or hand out at rides? – Blaine – written, still to be handed out / posted to FB (who?) – **to be handed out at CCER and future rides**
- c. Mark to look at member protection policy – **in progress**
- d. SMC nominations – promotional / info flyer to be published on website and linked to on FB – **done – Blaine talked to Amelia Napier – some interest expressed. Roger spoke to Megan Jensen - some interest expressed.**
- e. Access to Endurance for those with disabilities – Mark to consider as part of member protection policy – **in progress**
- f. NEEEC 120k ride – Easter 2020 – TEERA to offer to pay for a vet to \$500 if a 120k ride is offered – **Graeme Bucknell wants this in writing and has verbally committed – Blaine to write letter**
- g. Using the Agfest site as a ride base – Trent, Tara to continue research – **in progress, Tara to write to landowners**
- h. Child Protection Policy – to be published on website, linked to on FB, and info circulated direct to clubs – **done. Oss Foley committee confirmed received and shared with committee members**
- i. TEERA to recommend to AERA that Isobel Collier be approved as an accredited endurance vet - Mark to progress – **finalised 8/10/19 – Isobel now accredited – Mark to write to her to confirm.**
- j. 2020 calendar – MEER and others to be contacted re intentions – **Blaine to progress and has had positive feedback from MEER and CCER**

5. Strategic Plan – Mark to work up and circulate second draft – done – for discussion – **to be published as a work in progress and comment invited from members.**

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- a. Member survey – prepared by Blaine, with Mark for comment – **in progress**

6. Companion horses at rides

Technical difficulties arose when implementing the solution agreed at the last meeting. New approach discussed by email - **Provision for 'companion' horses now included in on-line entry form (starting CCER ride)**

7. Membership category of SMC members

Jill, Roger currently may not be eligible for SMC membership as they are not 'ordinary' TEERA members. **Solution agreed by SMC is that the membership category of Jill, Roger be changed retrospectively to 'ordinary' to allow them to sit on SMC for 2018/2019.**

8. Format of AGM voting – **held over for discussion next meeting**

9. 2020 FEES AND FORMS – Roger

Discussed – fee decision on hold until next meeting pending advice from AERA on its fees. Forms need to wait on this. No changes pending for membership classes.

10. Finance report

Moved Roger's report accepted and payments therein authorised – **Roger, Mark - carried**

- a. Term deposit matures 13 October – Roger recommends it be reinvested in its entirety for another quarter – **Roger, Mel - carried**
- b. Info statement prepared for discussion at 2020 AGM – **for discussion in November – needs a little more work**
- c. Meeting room charges liability – **noted that TEERA's liability is uncertain. Blaine to speak to Pat – for further discussion next meeting.**

11. 2020 budget

Draft circulated – need to wait for AERA fees to finalise – great work from Roger acknowledged. For review next meeting. Mark to talk to Donna Venn re sponsorship. Are there others who might help? Acquire Donna's work from TQ18? Perhaps she might mentor someone else? Mark to put something up on Facebook, need to target specific events

12. Annual dinner

For discussion next meeting – **Mel to check Pony Club rooms are available for AGM. Trent to check camping and availability of footy club rooms.**

13. Awards – Tara provided the following report.

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I have put together an estimate based on last year, last meeting discussion and using the current Aeraspace results which may well change after the State Champs, especially the HW division in which there is currently 4 runner up horses.

The other point to keep in mind is that whilst we recognise the runner up in each category, each person and horse will receive only one trophy or rug representing the season. eg Angela Hawks is currently Distance winner and runner up points both would be engraved on her trophy. Similarly for the horse rugs.

Currently the order would be:

TROPHY

5 medium trophies for riders
1 medium trophy for volunteer of the year winner to keep?
1 medium trophy for 40km rider of the year?
SUB TOTAL 7 @ \$124 = \$868
(last year we gave out 6 large trophies @ \$188ea for this category)

4 small trophies for runner up riders
1 for 40km runner up?
possible 3-5 for volunteers??? (My personal opinion is that we just hand out one volunteer award only to the person who receives the shield, I think that makes the award more special)
SUB TOTAL 8 @ \$88 = \$704

RUGS

6 Woollen @ \$120 = \$720
up to 7 fleece @ \$60 = \$420
Embroidery 13 @ \$50 = \$650

SUB TOTAL 13 = \$1790

Postage rugs and trophies = \$200

estimate 20 100% completion badges = \$200

Purchase a Shield for Volunteer of the year, est.\$200?? Plus three certificates

\$500 for ROC of the year.

GRAND TOTAL \$4462

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Several extra items, including volunteer shield and trophies, 2 /40km awards, ROC award which have added \$1176.

Good news is we have enough of the gold embossed certificates on-hand.

Tara's report noted, Tara thanked for her work and her proposals authorised – budget of \$4500 agreed – Robbie Walsh to be approached to MC dinner and awards. Blaine to assist.

ROC award to apply to a single event (Ride of the year) to be decided by Wendy Rand. Blaine to progress.

Volunteer awards to be chosen by Tania Jago.

14. 2020 calendar – **in progress**

15. AERA activity – Mark

There has been a lot of AERA activity involving me in the last month.

I am the chair of the AERA panel reviewing the euthanising of a horse at a ride in Qld in June. There is some controversy surrounding this event and the review is taking a considerable amount of my time. It is still a work in progress.

I am also on the AERA panel that reviews positive swabs in order to ensure the process leading up to the finding is 'sound'. Pat H is also a member of that panel and her experience in dealing with these issues has been invaluable to AERA. **Mark to publicise importance of declaration and compliance.**

The all encompassing AERA insurance policy (which covers TEERA's activities and those of its members) is currently being renegotiated. Outcome is unknown at this stage.

16. State Championships - **progressing – all in hand**

17. Chief Steward Liaison - nil to report, all good.

18. Horse welfare – body scores – letter from member expressing confusion on how horses are assessed and at the 'skinny' horses presenting. **Mark to publicize relevant rules and liaise with member.**

19. EWS – horse Pye Park Cygnet has 34 points (has had since May). Has any action been taken?
- for consideration next meeting

No other (current) horse or rider issues

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20. Swabbing

Swabs were conducted at the last MEER ride. TEERA is on track to meet its AERA recommended swab target.

21. End of meeting 'around the table'

Tania – can Roger set up a slide show of photos for dinner and award night? Roger says yes – Kelly to liaise with Robyn Nibbs re her pics. Blaine to liaise with Trent re technology. TQ may have suitable screen.

Roger – piece for TQ20 piece required. 400-500 words + pics, deadline early Jan possibly including state champs, Blaine to ask Amelia to write in the first instance

Resolved Roger authorised to pay AERA invoices (if he's happy with them) – to be ratified next meeting.

22. Next meeting Nov 13

Meeting closed 8.28PM