



# TASMANIAN EQUINE ENDURANCE RIDERS ASSOCIATION INC

## STATE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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### Minutes for Newsletter GENERAL MEETING Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2014 6:30pm Furner's Hotel, Ulverstone

1. **Present:** Sonia Hodgetts, Pat Lamprey, Pat Hodgetts, Trent Huxtable, Nicole Ford, Kaye Mitchell. Guests: Tony Purton, Norm Thorley, Rick Polden
2. **Apologies:** Denise Williams, Dennis Jnr, Sheleah Astell

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Motion: *Minutes of the previous meeting are a true and correct record.* Moved Pat Lamprey, Sec. Pat Hodgetts. Carried.

### 3. **Business arising:**

- a) Form for recording and invoicing for fluid treatment: Pat H has a form and Sonia will type it up.
- b) Review of Life Membership criteria: Leave forming sub-committee to work on this until 2015. Put on agenda for AGM. Sub-committee should include at least one member who is on SMC. Nicole has done a letter. Could be used along with a certificate appreciation to recognise significant contributions each year. Give out certificates of appreciation at this year's dinner. 3 per year. Call for nominations next year but choose three for this year. Two members nominated at this stage for 2014.
- c) Strategic plan: Went in newsletter. Include it as a discussion item on the agenda for the AGM.
- d) Biosecurity statement for Tasmanian Endurance: No response to letter sent at the end of September. Kaye to resend the letter. cc Debbie Grull

Documentation to support our biosecurity statement. Pat and Debbie to create this document. Then talk to Kevin about getting it on entry form.

Will say something like "Has this horse been resident in Tas for at least 28 days?  
If no please fill out biosecurity paperwork by clicking the following link."

- e) AERA has caution road signs. Trent has sent a letter to support Jen Clingly's application to Meander Valley council for road safety signs. Meander Valley Council will provide the signs. Send a thank you letter to Jen Clingly. Trent believes that the Kentish Council also has flashing sign for hire and not for profit organisations can borrow free for weekend.
- f) Paperwork re TPR and CS from Robyn. Pat has the TPR paperwork from Robyn. One scanner is still missing.
- g) Trent asked if we need to enlist help for Kevin. Kaye has spoken to Kevin. He is going to get a quote to re-structure website so others can assist.

- h) CS report from Kentish. Denise still looking.
- i) TEERA fluid's expiry dates. (Pat H) At the State Champs we used TEERA fluids. Not sure whose fluids were used at Nietta. Pat H is doing a stock take of fluids.
- j) Cost of log books: Waiting for Deb Watson to get back to Nicole with this info.

**4. Treasurer's Report:**

Motion: *Treasurer's report be accepted and account be paid.* Moved Nicole, Sec Pat L., Carried.

Caravan money (\$16000) was ear-marked for electronic timing. For calendar year \$700 in black.

**6. Correspondence In/Out**

| IN           |  |
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| 5/11         | Megan Jensen (email: names and addresses of couple of other people in NEEEC)   |
| 6/11         | Melissa Duniam, BEER ( Ride nomination form for BEER Saturday 4/7/2015 (20,40, 80) and letter suggesting that the capping fee for the "social rides" be subsidised by TEERA to keep costs low and encourage new and young riders.) Beer request Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan a 20 and 40km, Sat 31 <sup>st</sup> 40 and 80km. TEERA is not in a financial position to covert the capping fee. AERA is adding an extra dollar to cost of all rides in 2015. TEERA could absorb this in 2015. |
| 10/11        | Tracey Wyllie (email: request for LONO for three riders to ride in UAE in Jan 2015.) Kaye to send.   |
| 13/11        | Ieva Peters (4 "catastrophe" forms to be discussed at Nov AERA meeting)  |
| 13/11, 17/11 | Ieva Peters (AERA November meeting agenda)   |
| 16/11        | Helen Bowkett (email: request for a copy of the new rule book). Kaye posted a copy.  |
| 26/11        | Ieva Peters(email: Meeting notice for 21 <sup>st</sup> and 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2015)  |
| 28/11        | Ieva Peters(email: Recommended vet fees for 2015)  |
| 26/11        | CS report from Gordon Williams Memorial Ride plus Invasive Treatment form. Notes invasive treatment for one horse, ride base not big enough and finish line not suitable for a fast finish. Denis Jr says not enough water at Gordan Williams and State Champs.  |
|              | CS report Oss Foley Memorial Ride.   |
| 29/11        | Janne Harris, SAERA (email: request for a copy of TEERA's Ride Entry form that includes a horse health declaration) Replied saying it would be forwarded when finalised.   |
| 2/12         | Debbie Grull ("Rider report for State Champs: Congratulations and the good and the slightly not as good") Denis Jr raised water shortage at state champs. Need to get CS report.   |
| OUT          |  |
| 5/11         | Jodi Smith (forwarded Amelia Napier's letter and October minutes for publication)  |

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|       | in the newsletter.)   |
| 10/11 | Member (Letter indicating that future poor behaviour of their horses in the vet ring will result in a life ban for the horse.)  |
| 19/11 | Pam Shadbolt (email attachment: Notice of Motions for AGM to be mailed out to all members)  |
| 24/11 | Chris Clark, Community Development and Youth Officer, Kentish Council (email: informing of a video focusing on the safety of horse riders and motorists, with link attached.) |
| 3/12  | Portland Endurance Riders(letter in response to request for financial assistance to all clubs)  |

## 7. Reports

- a) Membership: total = 263
- b) AERA report:
- c) Rule/items for newsletter: Expressions of interest for 2018 Quilty to go in the newsletter.

## 8. General Business:

- a) One set of scales still needs a steel box. *Motion: Pat L purchase metal box for second set of scales.* Moved Nicole, Sec Plat H. Carried.
- b) Communications: On course tracking system. Norm Thorley, Rick Polden from amateur radio club.  
Approached by Sandy Little to trial at State Champs. Researched possible systems. Looked at RFID for timing at checkpoint. A "reader" was donated. The radio club bought a reader and wrist bands. System worked well at state champs.

Need a reader for each check point location. Need to eliminate need for a PC at check points and transmit data straight back to base. Need to scatter mini repeaters around. With digital need technology to send data to base. Also looking at different technology for readers.

Active readers are not known for reliability. Passive reader cards last for years but are more expensive. Need a range of 15m maximum. Cards are cheaper for passive reads (\$5 vs \$20 for active). Meetings with Tom at Scottsdale. Get RFID readers that suit their requirements. Competitors have one card. Readers can handle 200 simultaneous reads at 200km/hour.

Pat H. asked if this system is just for endurance riding. No, any endurance sport. This is for looking after safety not looking at absolute timing. Could potentially put in remote checkpoint with buttons and key pad. E.g. rider presses red button means "I need help".

Tony asked "What happened when things went offline?" Could have been operator problem. Could have been internet connection.

Trackers are \$200 each plus a subscription. Unlimited uploads for \$200. Trent: How does weather effect? Haven't had really heavy rain to test yet.

Parameters: has to be internet and mobile phone independent and work for 300 plus riders. Not been used on the mainland. AERA are backing trials but not in a financial way.

Radio club received \$1600 in fees for rides and have spent \$1400 of that. Asking for some funding from TEERA to continue working on this. Trent: What sort of money? Need Commitment from TEERA will support us and AERA come on line. TEERA are not paying

any labour. The club can't man every ride every fortnight. Southern Ride is problematic. Inviting Norm to attend the AGM and present a rough cost of funding and the return to the members. Put this on the AGM agenda.

Clubs usually pay 200-250 for 80km and \$700 for 100miler. Can use friends and relatives as volunteers on checkpoints. Need two people on check points. Could use one radio operator and one non-operator.

c) Agenda for AGM

Motion: That TEERA consider the introduction of half yearly membership for 2015. Mov Pam, sec Pat L.

Motion received from John Shoobridge

Discussion Item: On course tracking and communications.

Review of life membership. Call for three people to be on a subcommittee one of whom must be on 2015 SMC.

Biosecurity paperwork

Discussion of next quilty

Competitive finishes.

Request for loan from AERA. Short term loan to be repaid after TQ15.

Cost of Quilty and Quilty buckles.

- d) 2015 Membership form. Samples looked at. Last page is a price list and can be torn off. AERA haven't committed to an insurer as yet. Decided to leave TEERA fees as for 2014.
- e) Outgoing Alf, Robyn, Sonia, Pat H., Sheleah was a casual vacancy. Five nominations received. Letter of thanks to be sent to Alf.
- f) AERA funds: AERA need a loan of \$50 000 to tide them over. Need to pay insurance bill at the beginning of 2015. Hopefully NSW will be able to cover this but TEERA may be asked to contribute. Kaye asked about Q'land helping. Trent indicated that they are not in a financial position to do so. Sonia and Tony both expressed the opinion that this should go to the members to vote on. Trent said that if it were needed before AGM then TEERA executive could make a decision. Kaye uncomfortable with this.
- g) Kyle and Colleen Stewart have been accredited as head vets. Tom Morgan has also done the course but needs to wait two years to become fully accredited.
- h) RSVP for dinner 2<sup>nd</sup> January. Flyer to go out  
h) Need an estimate of Pam's hours.

9. **Date of next meeting:** 10<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2015.

10. **Meeting closure:** 10:00pm