

Tasmania Equine Endurance Riders Association
Minutes of Committee meeting
Wednesday 12/6/19
Latrobe



Meeting opened 6.31PM

SMC Committee Present: Blaine Astell, Raelene Smith, Roger Nichols, Tania Jago, Kelly Woodhouse, Trent Huxtable, Melissa Kelly, Jill Hawks and, remotely, Tara Nicklason (absent for consideration of the CCER ride incidents) and Mark Dunn.

Visitor: Pat Lamprey (until 7.30PM)

Apologies: nil

Minutes of 8/5/19 SMC meeting: Moved that these be ratified: **Mel, Roger** - carried.

1. Correspondence:

- **Inward Correspondence**

- Pat Lamprey Kentish chief steward report
- Letter sent to Blaine Anonymous
- Letter from Amelia Napier to Blaine
- Letter from [REDACTED] regarding Kentish incident
- Letter from [REDACTED] regarding [REDACTED]
- Letter from Kaye regarding Persons at CCER ride
- Letter from Kaye regarding TPRs
- Pat Lamprey Letter regarding the Pyengana Ride
- Ride return from NEEEC
- 2020 Ride nomination from NEEEC
- 2019 Ride nomination from Jill Sheean Memorial (MEER)
- Letter from NEEEC re scales supplied
- Chief Steward reports Lockhart Challenge and Jill Sheean Memorial
- Incident report Lockhart Challenge
- Applications for TEERA Quilty Team, Tara, Adrianna, Kaye Trish, Angela, Angie and Blaine
- Withdrawal from Quilty Team nominations – Tara and Kaye

- **Outward Correspondence**

- Letter to Raylene Garwood
 - Letter to [REDACTED] re Kentish
 - Letter to [REDACTED] at Kentish ride
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2. Matters arising from correspondence:

- a. Two ride nominations have been received from Mersey Equine Endurance Riders (through Jill Sheean club), for 7 September and 5 October from a ride base at Merseylea. **Moved by Tanya** that these be added to the 2019 ride calendar. Seconded by **Raelene**. **Carried**.
- b. Letter of thanks from NEEEC re new scales provided noted.
- c. (Unremarkable) CS reports from Lockhart Challenge and Jill Sheean rides briefly discussed and noted.
- d. Applications for TEERA team to TQ19 tabled and discussed. Two riders (Kaye Mitchell, Tara Nicklason) have withdrawn due to a) inability to get a spot on the ferry and b) participation in another team. The 5 members remaining (Adrianna Potts, Angela Hawks, Angela Clarke, Trish Smith, Blaine Astell) have been accepted with Blaine to be the reserve
- e. Noted that \$1850 has been donated for team costs – **Mark** moved that TEERA add up to \$650 to cover the necessary costs. Seconded by **Mel**. **Carried**. Blaine to progress acquisition of the uniforms and arrange the embroidery. \$250 will be provided to each member to assist with the costs associated with attending the event.
- f. Letter of apology to vet Michael Reilly at Kentish briefly discussed
- g. Letter from Kaye Mitchell re Kentish/[REDACTED]. Jill to reply, noting SMC considered her comments.
- h. TPR letter from Kaye discussed. Noted that Kaye has significant TPR experience but little or none at end of ride as she always rides. Consideration given as to whether she should be granted full TPR status as she had never given up a day's riding. Decision: Mark to reply, granting Kaye full TPR status
- i. Kaye Mitchell's letter re the two represent issues at the recent CCER ride. Kaye is concerned there may have been a rule breach as it appeared to her a rider was given two chances at heart rate at the compulsory represent and another rider was given two chances at heart rate at the end of the ride. For the represent incident the rider says she was told by both the vet and the CS to go around again after failing the first heart rate. Mark has looked at the relevant rule and, in his opinion, the rule is unclear as it is not explicitly stated that only one attempt at heart rate is allowed. While the practice is to only allow one attempt, whether there was a rule breach is debatable. Mark to draft a letter in reply to Kaye (to be circulated to SMC first). Blaine to ask Pat Lamprey (CS) re the end of ride incident.

3. The [REDACTED] incident at the Kentish ride

CS Pat Lamprey's incident report was read to the meeting and discussed. Letters from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were also read out and discussed. Both expressed dismay at his actions.

[REDACTED] letter of apology re his attendance at the meeting was read out.

[REDACTED] letter in response to the charges against him was read out to the meeting. This letter contained a significant amount of commentary on [REDACTED] competence, impartiality and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] apologised for his actions at the Kentish ride, noting that his comments [REDACTED] were no justification of his actions.

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The committee discussed at length the powers of TEERA to sanction [REDACTED] and what an appropriate sanction might be, including considering the possibility of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

A decision was made to write to [REDACTED] telling him he is not welcome (in any capacity) at the next three TEERA rides. SMC noted this sanction is in accord with precedent. Blaine agreed to call [REDACTED] to inform him of the decision.

4. **Dinner poll on Facebook:** Mark to progress
5. **Child protection policy:** Roger's previously circulated draft was discussed – Some concerns were expressed about the explicit terminology contained in it. Roger noted that, in his opinion, a 'responsible adult' needs to be attending to any child at a ride and that this person needs to be named somewhere. **Roger** to progress development of policy.
6. **Logbook, membership reminders:** applications for logbooks and day memberships continue to arrive at the last minute despite numerous reminders to members to avoid this.
7. **Facebook advertising policy:** **Mark** has updated the published policy noting that advertising is not allowed without prior SMC permission.
8. Noted that **two new laptops** and accessories have been obtained. Old laptops are to be sold.
9. **Letter from Pat Lamprey** noting an apparent error in Brooke McKenna's logbook from the Pyengana ride noted.
10. **Day members:** as extensively previously discussed by SMC members by email, TEERA's historic method of handling day memberships has resulted in TEERA overpaying AERA for memberships. Blaine thanked Roger for his extensive forensic work on this issue. Agreed that Roger would pay the unpaid April and May AERA invoices, adjusted to align with TEERA day membership records. Past 'losses' due to overpayments are to be written off. A new process for managing 'day riders' is to be implemented. The day rider fee will be \$20 (Moved **Tara**, seconded **Melissa**, carried) and people will be able to register as day riders on ride day. The relevant forms will be amended (**Roger**) and ride organising committees will also be notified of the changes (**Tara**). Also moved (**Tara**, seconded **Kelly**, carried) that, from now on (ie those day riders paying \$20), day riders will not be able to count the \$20 paid towards full TEERA membership.
11. **Finance:** Roger spoke to his previously circulated finance and activity reports and moved they be accepted. **Seconded** by **Raelene**, carried. Moved also that the accounts needing authorisation to be paid, be paid. **Seconded** by **Raelene**, carried.
12. **Special General Meeting at Sassafras ride.** Resolved the minutes (as recorded by Jill) be accepted. **Roger** to progress the formalities re lodgement of rule changes with the relevant regulatory agencies.
13. **Proposal to purchase a ride trailer / light tower:** Discussion initiated on Facebook by Rebecca Ainslie generated some comment on Facebook. SMC discussed at length – no resolution. Trent to obtain quotes on light tower to enable further assessment.
14. **Anonymous mail to SMC:** Members to be reminded to include their name and member number when writing to SMC. **Jill** to post accordingly to Facebook.
15. Mark's activity report noted:
 - a. **TPRs:** Little progress so far except to have a think about how to progress it. To my mind, there's no hurry. It's been confused for a while now and if it remains so for a

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while longer, that won't cause any great problems. And, rides continue to happen even with the limited HR resources some attract.

- b. **Strategic plan:** Couple of prelim emails exchanged between Mark and Blaine. Given the difficulty of arranging face to face meetings to progress this, I'd be happy to start a process using the Facebook page.
 - c. **Horse welfare:** Nothing to report from Tassie. For the information of SMC members there was a horse death subsequent to a ride in NSW (Mudgee) in May. Possible cause was untreatable colic. Currently being investigated by AERA.
 - d. **Chief Steward liaison:** The new CS report form was used in Tassie for the first time at the Lockhart Challenge. A third draft of the new form is being developed. Another Tassie person has expressed an interest in becoming a Chief Steward. I am progressing this.
 - e. **AERA activity:** TQ19 appears to be coming together well. As previously advised, it's likely we'll need a concussion protocol shortly.
16. **Brief discussion re status of Tasmania's model rules for Associations** with respect to how they relate to TEERA's rules.
17. Noted that a **dog** came to the Kentish ride despite there being a 'no dog' rule. Noted that it is the role of the CS / ROC to enforce ride rules.
18. **Public officer:** Roger has resigned. SMC members asked to consider taking on the role.

Meeting closed 9.50PM.