

Tasmania Equine Endurance Riders Association
Minutes of Committee meeting
Wednesday 14/8/19
Latrobe



Meeting opened 6.35PM

SMC present: Blaine Astell, Raelene Smith, Roger Nichols, Tania Jago, Kelly Woodhouse, Trent Huxtable, Jill Hawks and, remotely, Tara Nicklason and Mark Dunn.

Apologies: Melissa Kelly

Visitors: Andrew Miles and Pat Hodgetts are visitors

1. **Minutes of the previous meeting 12/6/19.** Moved these be ratified: Tania, Raelene – carried.

2. Correspondence

Inward

1. 14/08 Oss Foley ride nomination for 2020
2. 1/08 Trish Smith thanking SMC for TQ Team financial support – read to SMC re state team support for TQ19
3. 24/07 Email from Yvonne Downes re transport of teams on Spirit – she spoke to premier informally
4. 23/07 - Letter from Graham Bucknell re Day Membership costs for 5k riders – much discussion re what money goes where. Blaine to reply to Graham briefly detailing TEERA's costs.
5. 22/06 and 21/06 Emails from Yvonne Downs re letters to local members re TQ19 transport issues on Spirit

Outward

1. TEERA report for AERA August meeting
2. 28/07 Email to AERA secretary re the motion for half yearly membership fees which had been left off the AERA agenda
3. 15/07 Letter to Minister of Sport J. Rockliff re the transport of team on Spirit
4. Letter to [REDACTED] re incident at Sheffield ride
5. Letter to Kaye Mitchell re TPR status
6. Letter to Kaye Mitchell re incidents at CCER Easter ride

3. Actions from previous meeting:

1. **Mark agreed to take on TPR portfolio, will develop process of tidy up** – has progressed. TPR lists in the process of being updated with input from members via Facebook and website posts.
2. **All committee members to discuss with other members about what they might like to see as an annual dinner and awards night, secondary action was Mark to**

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draft FB poll for feedback – results of Facebook poll of little use – equal votes for two main options (formal dinner or less formal BBQ or similar). SMC discussed – Trent and Kelly to progress – Pat Lamprey and possibly others to be sounded out about hosting the event. Resolved that the AGM and awards night / dinner be held concurrently in January.

3. **Blaine to get a stock take of scales for TEERA asset list and who has care of them** - in progress
 4. **Merseylea rides to be added to TEERA calendar R Nichols** – done – Jill to add to national calendar
 5. **Blaine to organise TEERA gear for TQ19** - done
 6. **Jill to send letter to Jared Pickering regarding outcome of discussion of incident at Sheffield ride - Blaine to follow with a call** - done
 7. **Blaine to talk to Pat lamprey regarding CCER Easter ride incident** - done
 8. **Mark to write to Kaye granting full TPR status** - done
 9. **Mark and Blaine to formulate response to Kaye letter re CCER ride** - done
 10. **Blaine to formulate response to Amelia letter re poor behaviour of JP at CCER ride** - done
 11. **Roger to continue to develop Child Protection Policy** – done
 12. **Roger to amend day rider forms** - done
 13. **Roger and Tara to ensure follow up correspondence to ROC on changes to day member procedure** - done
 14. **Roger to formulate SGM outcome and submit to regulatory agency** - done
 15. **Trent to keep an eye out for light tower and trailers for sale** - in progress
 16. **Jill to post on Facebook regarding undesirability of anonymous mail to SMC** - done
 17. **Proposal for letter to go to chief stewards regarding ride officials code of conduct** – in progress - Blaine to draft
 18. **Proposal for Facebook post of AERA rules regarding code of conduct for riders? Or hand out at rides? (follow up to Amelia's letter on JPs behaviour)** – Blaine to progress
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4. **Strategic Plan (Mark)** - in progress. Mark to progress and consult membership.
 5. **AERA Meeting Report (Trent)** – new AERA constitution discussed. Next draft possibly ready to circulate in 3 months. TEERA half yearly membership issue raised – AERA delegates not interested in reducing fee. Brief discussion about ownership of AERA website and AERAspace and access rights. AERA looking at AERAspace access blowout
 6. **Swabbing** - Mark and Pat to liaise and plan. SMC sympathetic to possibility of TEERA not meeting its swab target (2% or approx. 14 swabs in 2019). Info on next swabbing courses to be sought (Jill) so that those who wish to attend may do so (Andrew Miles, Trent Huxtable, others?)
 7. **Proposed Rule change motion to AERA for Rule 6.3 – follow up to CCER Easter ride incidents. Rule to show one attempt at heart rate is allowable.**

Text to go to AERA:

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“There was an incident at a recent 100 miler in Tasmania where a rider recorded a (too) high heart rate at a compulsory represent after leg 3. The vet allegedly told the rider to go around and come back for another go. The rider said she queried this with the chief steward who allegedly advised that this was correct.

The usual practice / precedent is that only one attempt at heart rate is allowed at represents but this is not specifically stated in the rules. Tasmania moves that this be incorporated into rule 6.3 as below with the addition of the highlighted words.

6.3 All horses must satisfy the heart rate criteria within the maximum present time as shown in Table 10. Horses have a maximum of 2 attempts to pass the heart rate criteria within the maximum present time on all legs except for the final leg **AND ANY REPRESENT**, when the horse is permitted only 1 attempt. Horses that do not satisfy the heart rate criteria within the maximum present time shall be eliminated. If the horse passes the veterinary inspection, the horse and rider shall not begin the next leg until the expiration of the hold time for that leg. A rider who begins the next leg prior to the expiration of their hold time may be eliminated by the chief steward depending upon the nature, severity and circumstances of the infringement.”

Moved Mark, Raelene – carried.

8. **Finance Report:** Roger spoke to his finance report and moved it be carried with the addition of one extra payment for \$39 to cover a recent invoice. Seconded by Tania – carried.
9. Last SMC meeting Blaine was authorised to spend \$650 of **Tassie TQ19 uniforms**. Total cost was \$806.50. Moved that Blaine be reimbursed in full. Roger, Tania – carried. R
10. Roger suggested publishing **a brief half yearly financial statement** - discussed and decided not to proceed.
11. Roger spoke briefly to his provided activity statement as below.

Finance

- 1.1 Ordered/Paid 50 log books & 20 covers
- 1.2 Emails exchanged with AERA bookkeeper
- 1.3 Examined income & expense streams
- 1.4 Examined membership & riding costs compared to other divisions
- 1.5 \$1850 donation to TQ19 team costs minuted – not yet in accounts
- 1.6 Possible notice to members re financial position and expectations
- 1.7 Possible notice re low cost to members/riders in Tas compared to elsewhere
- 1.8 Need to transfer from CBA to W/Pac account

Webmaster

- 2.1 Amended rules posted
- 2.2 Day Rider changes Posted
- 2.3 Amended TPR lists entered and posted

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- 2.4 NEEC Jolly Lette info and entry set up and posted
- 2.5 Facebook 'TEERA SMC' set up to de-personalise posts from SMC. 23 applications for "Friend". Seems to be a popular way of having notices delivered to own Facebook.
- 2.6 Now receiving Phishing emails purporting to be from host Squarespace. Another from President

Public Officer

- 3.1 Rule changes submitted 20/06/2019. Now registered.
- 3.2 10 Booklets printed

Odd Job Person

- 4.1 Day Rider
 - 4.1.1 Forms modified to suit
 - 4.2.2 Attempted to do a proper headcount- Passed to Tara to finalise. Looks like 145 members + 1 or 2. AERAspace says 171. (Tara confirmed accuracy of approx. 145)

12. SMC nominations - attraction of suitable candidates – SMC members to consider – Tara and Roger to publicise need to recruit new SMC members with relevant skills – possibly in the form of position expectations and expectations.

13. Format of AGM voting – for discussion at September meeting

14. Fees and charges for 2020 – discussion on the introduction of a commercial membership rate – decided against as the relevant people contribute plenty in other ways (sponsorship, cash support for rides etc). Brief discussion re member number decline. Roger to prepare a draft budget / projection for discussion.

15. Access to Endurance for those with disabilities – Mark to consider as part of member protection policy (which Mark has agreed to investigate)

16. Child Protection policy – to be published as a draft and comment sought from members (Roger)

17. Jill reported on requests for logbooks in unusual circumstances for horses that will not compete in Australia and have already gone offshore. Noted that logbooks were issues in accordance with the rules

18. Andrew Miles commented on a few issues. Thinks **disciplinary outcomes should be published**, possibly de-identified. Commented on need for Chief Stewards to know outcomes. Andrew also observed that **some older folk don't appear to know the current rules** – actions reflect reliance on 'that's the way it's always been'. Andrew seeks clarification on the rules relating to the presence of a **companion horse** on a ride base. Mark, Tara, Andrew to discuss.

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19. Roger noted he has added a 20k ride to the Oss Foley entry on the TEERA calendar of events. Jill to add to AERA calendar

20. Raelene queried whether the state champs will be vet gate into hold? Kelly to investigate and report back

21. Tara suggested NEEEC be approached to add **an elevator ride**, possibly a 120k, to their **Easter 2020 event**. Blaine to discuss with Graham 120.

22. Trent floated the possibility of the SMC running two rides a year to make sure 160s happen

23. Tara spoke to the possibility of **using the Agfest site as a ride base**. Trent reported on negative comments raised by those with whom the issue has been raised by him - Trent to speak to former Agfest Chair. Tara to write to Agfest committee?

Meeting closed at closed 9.19PM.

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