

Tasmania Equine Endurance Riders Association  
Committee meeting agenda  
Wednesday 18/9/19  
Latrobe



1. Meeting opened 6.32PM AEST

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

**Apologies:** nil

**Visitors:** Pat Hodgetts, Andrew Miles

2. Minutes of previous meeting 14/8/19 - **ratified – Roger, Jill - carried**

3. Correspondence

- a) 14/08 Email to Megan Jensen requesting that she destroy all the ride return forms in the black ride secretary folder as they are incorrect
- b) Email from Deb Grull with ride nomination form for 2020 Oss Foley
- c) 19/08 Email from Tony Perry with AERA update for timing gear to go on ride computer – software update done.
- d) Email from QERA re vetting procedures at QERA state champs in regards Hendra vax and non vax horses
- e) Emails to and from Peter Johnson asking for help to load the new update for timing gear.
- f) 20/08 Email from Dr Pat Hodgetts with the Equestrian Tas swabbing info attached
- g) Emails to and from AERA secretary Kim Moir re companion horses on ride bases.
- h) 21/08 Email from Dr Pat re member numbers - to be tabled – **Pat requests a detailed member register be established and maintained. Roger commented that AERAspace has this data and it can be extracted – issue is that the AERAspace data isn't 'sound'. Decision made to wait for database to self correct 1/1/20**
- i) Email from Kim Moir with invites to delegates for November meeting for AERA. November 16th and 17<sup>th</sup> – Mark, Trent, Pat to attend

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- j) 22/08 Further replies received by Yvonne Downes to her letters to Leonie Hiscutt, Joan Rylah and the Premier Will Hodgman. No real advance
- k) 1/09 Email to Equestrian Tas requesting notification of swabbing courses.
- l) 6/09 Email reply from Equestrian Tas re swabbing courses - to be tabled – does TEERA need to be a member?
- m) Chief stewards ride report Jolly Lette from Andrew Miles

**Correspondence noted – Mark, Roger - carried**

Issues arising above incorporated in appropriate places below.

4. Actions from previous meeting

- a. Annual dinner and awards night – in agenda later
- b. Blaine to get a stock take of scales for TEERA asset list and who has care of them – **done**
- c. Merseylea rides to be added to national calendar – Jill - **done**
- d. Child Protection Policy, junior member Forum – in agenda later
- e. Trent to keep an eye out for light tower and trailers for sale – **in progress** – Trent actively looking
- f. Proposal for letter to go to chief stewards regarding ride officials code of conduct – Blaine to draft – **letter written, Blaine to send out chief steward letter to chief stewards**
- g. 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 – **written, to be handed out at upcoming rides**
- h. Mark to look at member protection policy – **in progress** – Mark has **had a quick look – has promise**
- i. 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 - **done**
- j. Proposed Rule change motion to AERA for Rule 6.3 – follow up to CCER Easter ride incidents. Rule to show only one attempt at heart rate is allowable - **done**
- k. SMC nominations - attraction of suitable candidates – Tara and Roger to publicise need to recruit new SMC members with relevant skills – possibly in the form of position descriptions and expectations. **Draft 5 has been done – accepted as final – to be published on website and FB**
- l. Access to Endurance for those with disabilities – Mark to consider as part of member protection policy (which Mark has agreed to investigate) – **in progress**

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- m. Andrew Miles seeks clarification on the rules relating to the presence of a companion horse on a ride base. Mark, Tara, Andrew to discuss – in agenda below
  - n. Raelene queried whether the state champs will be vet gate into hold? Kelly to investigate and report back – **will be VGIH - done**
  - o. Tara suggested NEEEC be approached to add an elevator ride, possibly a 120k, to their Easter 2020 event. Blaine to discuss with Graham – **done – GB thinks this is likely to happen – GB asked for financial support from TEERA – some SMC members expressed concern about putting money up front rather than considering subsidy after the event. Others countered by noting TEERA requested the elevator. Motion – Mark, Mel - offer to pay for a vet to \$500 if a 120k ride is offered - carried**
  - p. Using the Agfest site as a ride base. Trent to speak to former Agfest Chair. Tara to write to Agfest committee (letter still to be written) – Roger - land ownership survey shows some potential. **Trent commented – costs of site hire vary depending on what you want – circa \$400 per event - \$300 for the hall – price escalates depending on what you add – Trent briefly described access issues to possible tracks – approx. 10k of road in order to get to forestry land. Tara, Trent to continue research. Tara to write to local landowners to gauge willingness to assist..**
5. Feedback on draft Child Protection Policy, Junior Member Forum – Roger, Mark - Child Protection Policy – draft published – responses sought – zero as at 1/9/19 – what next – to go on website as TEERA policy? **Noted by SMC members that TEERA does largely or completely comply with its content. To be published as TEERA policy (Roger) – Mark to circulate info to clubs.**
6. Strategic Plan – Mark – draft circulated to SMC – request for comment posted to FB – nil feedback – **discussion by SMC on what kinds of promotional opportunities exist. Themed rides? Incentives to juniors? Suggestion that TEERA sponsor juniors to a mainland ride well supported by SMC. Idea that TEERA reinstitute Qld v Tas competition that ran a few years well supported by SMC. Survey to see what other factors drive people to try endurance – Mark/Blaine to progress. Suggestion that focus should be on 20/40k rides supported by SMC - need to get ROs to put on 20k rides. 5k rides too? Noted that plenty of 20k rides are on the 2019 calendar. Better use of FB to promote endurance in adult clubs, pony clubs etc – per need to increase our reach to other parts of horse fraternity. Circulate calendar to pony (and other) clubs. Lots of good discussion - Mark to work up a further draft.**
7. Companion horses at rides – Mark

Discussed by Tara, Mark, Andrew by email after last SMC meeting. Andrew suggested the addition of **another category of horse to the ride entry – ‘companion horse’**. This ensures all horses at an event meet all horse health and biosecurity requirements. This was run past AERA, who raised no objections. Thanks Andrew. **Motion we proceed with this. Mark, Jill – carried. Roger, Mark to progress.**

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8. Format of AGM voting – Roger - proposal using web site form trialled. Appears to be OK. Decision re. who is Returning Officer and fact that Roger will have access as webmaster – **SMC does not support the fact that the webmaster has access to the votes in this format so this option will not be used. Pat H, as a trusted life member, offered to be returning officer. For further discussion October meeting.**
9. Finance report - **Roger spoke to his circulated report, including the first draft proposed 2020 budget, and moved that the payments noted (\$1594) be authorised - Roger, Jill – carried. 2020 budget to be refined – Roger.**
10. Annual dinner and awards night (see attachment) - Roger's options sheet circulated.

**Roger suggested the Kindred Hall option be followed up. Trent suggested the Sheffield Footy Clubrooms and provided details re costing and logistics – Sheffield chosen as the venue – Trent to progress with football club. Date set at 1 Feb 2020. Mel to check on camping logistics. Raelene, Mel to collaborate on the generation of a Spotify playlist for the night.**

**Awards – good discussion about what awards to offer. The usual points and distance for horse and rider as usual and horse and rider combinations will be offered. Strong support for volunteers to be recognised. Also support for best ROC with a \$500 prize to go to it. A pool of riders + a Chief Steward to be chosen to decide the winner of this award. Tara to progress and report back next SMC meeting.**

**The idea of establishing a 40k competition with end of year awards to be considered for next year – for further discussion next SMC meeting.**

11. AERA activity – Mark

- a) Recently, there was an extensive debate amongst AERA members about the vetting arrangements for last weekend's Qld state championships in which crook non Hendra vaxxed horses may not be treated if referred to a clinic until a Hendra exclusion test is done. Vigorous debate followed about 'timely' treatment being available for all horses. Motion passed that AERA 'concerned' and believes all horses should to be treated when treatment required. Ongoing debate - issue still live. **Mark added that AERA had recently received a letter from RSPCA expressing similar concerns. Mark noted that AERA has replied and awaits further contact from RSPCA.**
- b) National online nomination facility progressing – completely manages ride entry including generating all documentation needed and interfaces directly with AERAspace removing the need for double data entry - possibly available for next year

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12. 2020 calendar – **discussion on rides nominated – no obvious issues identified – website to be changed to say 'TEERA Events Calendar 2020'. MEER and others to be contacted re intentions – Blaine to follow up**
13. Motion that TEERA recommend to AERA that Isobel Collier be approved as an accredited endurance vet. **Moved Mark, Raelene – carried - Mark to progress**
14. State Championships – **nothing to report yet**
15. Scottsdale ride – **Blaine noted all went well including Andrew in his first ride as Chief Steward**
16. MEER ride – **Blaine noted this was an excellent first event for the new club**
17. Chief Steward Liaison – Mark
18. Horse welfare – Mark – no issues in Tassie that I am aware of – no EWS issues
19. Swabbing – Mark – have discussed since last SMC meeting with Pat H – in hand.
20. **Discussion about membership category of SMC members. Associate members cannot be on SMC. Are Roger and Jill associates or 'non riding with voting rights'? If the latter does this include the ability to sit on SMC? For further discussion next SMC meeting**
21. End of meeting 'around the table'

**Trent floated the idea of a permanent home base for TEERA, possibly on the NW coast somewhere. Might provide an additional revenue stream through being able to hire out? Noted that setup costs would be significant. Trent encouraged to prepare a proposal for further consideration by SMC.**

**Andrew – expressed the desire that ROCs should appoint officials in a timely fashion – not at the last minute.**

**Pat H commented that it is desirable for the Tassie Chief Stewards to share the load better than at present**

**Roger – noted that the next meeting is Wednesday 9/10/19**

Meeting closed – 9.26PM.