

Tasmania Equine Endurance Riders Association
Committee meeting minutes
Wednesday 20/11/19
Latrobe



1. Meeting opened 6.35PM

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

Apologies: Raelene Smith

Visitors: Andrew Miles

2. Minutes of previous meeting 9/10/19 ratified – Tania, Mel – **carried subject to correction EWS ref to Pye Park - done**
3. Correspondence

Correspondence TEERA Sept and October 2019

Email

18/09 **Out- Kim Moir AERA -TEERA August minutes/financials**

In- Kim Moir answer to query re issue of log books

Kim Moir receipt of August Minutes

19/09 In Pat Hodgetts re membership classes

20/09 **Out- Email to QERA, NSWERA & VICERA re SMC memberships and physical attendance at SMC meetings**

In-VICERA response to query

21/09 In – Pat Hodgetts requesting TEERA sends a thank you to Dave Nolan for his contributions to Endurance. Personal letter, Facebook and website – **in progress – Jill to write**

23/09 In – Response from NSWERA to query, email

back and further response from Kerry

1/10 In – Pam Shadbolt with MEER ride 1 and 2 returns

8/10 In- Julie Carter with query on Body scoring rules

9/10 In- Kim Moir AERA with schedule for November AERA meeting

13/10 In- Kim Moir with AERA draft constitution

14/10 In – Kim Moir with corrections to AERA rule book

15/10 In – Kim Moir with query on insurance for timing system as TEERA holds

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Out- response with details

16/10 In – Kim Moir minutes of AERA meeting ¾ August

23/10 In – TQ20 sponsorship request and package for our attention

David Sommerville- copy of letter sent to AERA re anomalies in their accounting and financial reporting

Out- response to David including what Roger has been finding re memberships

29/10 **Out- September minutes and financials sent to AERA**

Letters sent to Oss Foley committee re provision of weighing scales and safety of children at rides

30/10 **Out- TEERA report for November AERA meeting sent to Kim Moir**

1/11 In- TQ18 financials final with payment to TEERA of \$65.29

2/11 **Out – Forward TQ18 final financials to AERA**

In -from Kim Moir receipt of TQ18 financials

5/11 In - 6 emails from Deb Grull containing scanned copies of all paperwork from Oss Foley ride

6/11 **Out – response to Deb – thanking her for lack of paper – saved paperwork direct to external hard drive**

In – from Kim Moir with agenda for AERA November meeting.

NSWERA secretary complaining that it has been sent too soon as not all is on agenda which requires delegates to keep changing /reprinting additions

Matters arising discussed in relevant part of the agenda below.

4. **Discussion regarding whether Tara Nicklason's TQ19 horse Wongawol Legend was a withdrawal or vetout at TQ19 – ongoing - not SMC business**
5. **Andrew Miles spoke to his Oss Foley Chief Steward report regarding perceived inappropriate comments by a vet at the ride – sexist, misogynist and/or other inappropriate comments were allegedly made. Discussed. Letter to go out to all vets detailing what behaviour is expected in the 21st century.**
6. Actions from previous meetings
 - a. Mark to look at member protection policy – **in progress**
 - b. SMC nominations – Blaine talked to Amelia Napier – some interest expressed. Roger spoke to Megan Jensen - some interest expressed – **Andrew Miles encouraged to nominate**

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- c. 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 – **done – 120k to proceed**
 - d. Using the Agfest site as a ride base – Trent, Tara to continue research – in progress, Tara to write to landowners – **letter written – Tara authorised to send**
 - e. 2020 calendar – MEER and others to be contacted re intentions – Blaine to progress and has had positive feedback from MEER and CCER. - **Pyengana and Black Bluff in discussion re a date swap – motorbike event scheduled for the date of the Black Bluff ride – Jill to progress**
 - f. Meeting room charges liability – noted that TEERA's liability is uncertain. Blaine to speak to Pat L - **done - about 3 years owing, \$15/meeting, 30 meetings by \$15, liability about \$450 – agreed to leave on books as a liability**
 - g. TQ20 piece for TQ20 handbook – **Amelia Napier has agreed to write**
7. Strategic Plan – has been published as a work in progress and comment invited from members – **no comment from members**
- a. Member survey – prepared by Blaine, with Mark for comment – **on hold. Perhaps send a survey with membership renewal, perhaps with an incentive – TBC next meeting**
8. Format of AGM voting
- Trent to contact Mike Gaffney as returning officer to receive email and hard copy votes. Mike to be provided with list of eligible members (Tara to compile).**
9. SMC nominations
- a. Timeline - **to open on 22/11, close 16/12 - Voting to open 20/12, close 24/1**
 - b. Nomination form – discussion re desirability of including optional info – decide later how or whether to use the info – **draft nomination form approved – resolved – to go on website/Facebook (Roger) – hard copies at SCs this weekend**
10. Rule change proposals
- i. Member classes
 - a) Non riding with voting
 - b) Day Member
 - ii. Junior age
 - iii. Committee
 - a) Quorum can include remote attendees
 - b) To include 6 ordinary members (i.e. riding)

Refer attached Rule Change Proposal doc, previously circulated.

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Clarification required for 'junior' change proposal

Discussion re non-riding, voting members - \$ are a factor for some – should people who wish to be involved as non-riders pay less? Perhaps not? People have different motivations. Some CSs, others (TPRs) pay full membership fees and don't ride.

Delete final point – at least 6 ordinary members

Vote on quorum change proposal issue – defeated 6/4 – change proposal doc to go forward with that proposal removed.

Roger to redraft 'final' version to be supported by SMC for consideration at next SMC meeting.

11. 2020 FEES AND FORMS

Already known that ride levies, affiliations not to rise. Insurances may rise slightly – dependent on finalisation of AERA insurance - final fee list to be circulated for approval. TEERA to keep paying PL and volunteer PA insurance? Discussion. Decided against. TEERA has significant cash reserves but has a projected deficit for 2020. Clubs have got \$ from TQ18. Discussion on desirability of keeping intermediate membership – to be kept for the few who use it – 20k/40k riders to be encouraged. Discussion and agreement re the list of individual fees. Day membership discount offer no longer to be offered as it is complicated and difficult to administer. Final fee list version to be circulated for sign off (Roger).

Further discussion about TEERA's cash reserve, its origin and its purpose. Resolved that, if challenged about any financial decisions SMC makes to respond that SMC acted in what they thought was TEERA's best interests, this particularly in light of the lack of feedback SMC receives from members on many issues.

12. TQ20 sponsorship

Discussion – resolved to seek highest junior award available

13. Finance report

Moved Roger's report be accepted and payments therein authorised – **Mel, Tania - resolved.**

- a. TEERA financial position Info statement prepared for discussion at and / or before 2020 AGM - **done and circulated – nil feedback from members**

14. 2020 budget

Current projected deficit for 2020 is approximately \$8,000

- a) Sponsorship - Mark to seek expressions of interest from members to assist with sponsorship management – **done – nil feedback from members**

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15. Annual dinner

Mel to check Pony Club rooms are available for AGM. Trent to check camping and availability of footy club rooms – **clubrooms are OK (Trent). Blaine to arrange screen and projector, slideshow (Blaine to have a go). Tara to contact Robyn and get USB with photos. Vid of TQ18 – Blaine to contact Graeme Bucknell.**

Food / catering – Trent to liaise with footy club – RSVP necessary to footy club by 15/1/19 or as otherwise advised by club

Payment – Tara to manage (\$35/head)

FB post and website – Tara to do

16. Annual Awards

Robbie Walsh to be approached to MC dinner and awards. Blaine to assist. – **agreed – Tara to make running sheet**

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

Volunteer awards to be chosen by Tania Jago – **in hand – one shield, three certificates, deadline 4 December**

17. 2020 calendar – **in progress, coming together well**

18. Responses from members to notices via Facebook and web site.

- a. Sponsorship assistance
- b. Financial
- c. Awards Dinner “slide show”
- d. AERA Constitution
- e. Strategic Plan
- f. SMC Positions
- g. Child Protection Policy

Nil feedback received.

19. AERA

Trent, Mark spoke briefly re the new AERA constitution. Logistics of meetings discussed – refer written report from Mark, previously circulated (18/11).

20. State Championships

Preparations in hand - Tania

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21. Chief Steward Liaison

Nil to report.

22. 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. – **brief discussion, skinny horses are the issue - response issued to member and publicised on FB after discussion with Celine Lee, Horse Welfare liaison vet**

Discussion re checking of horse age at rides.

23. EWS

John Shoobridge – 33 – recent history is good – success previous 7 rides – **discussion – standard letter to go to John**

24. Swabbing

TEERA will meet its 2019 target, one of only one or two states to do this

25.

Included for interest

National Ride Entry Statistics 2019. (Source: AeraSpace.)

Data as at 2 November 2019 vs 2018 with 6 rides on the calendar for 2019

Division	Endurance		Intermediate		Introductory		FEI		Total	
	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018
NSWERA	1099	1015	638	699	638	949	16	32	2391	2695
QERA	1617	1277	1063	1063	563	572	54	26	3297	2938
SAERA	161	190	70	142	71	213	-		302	545
TEERA	324	657	249	259	86	60	-		659	976
VERA	309	531	256	302	159	127	-		724	960
WAERA	446	378	285	302	261	384	6	8	998	1072
Totals	3956	4048	2561	2767	1778	2305	76	66	8371	9186

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Numbers are down in Tas but not as much as it appears as TQ numbers need to be taken into account – ie interstate horses count in TQ events in the state of the TQ

26. End of meeting 'around the table' –

Nil

27. Next meeting: **December 11**

Meeting closed 9.35PM

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