

Tasmania Equine Endurance Riders Association  
Committee meeting minutes  
Wednesday 10/6/20 6.30PM  
Latrobe



1. **Present-** Blaine Astell, Andrew Miles, Melissa Kelly, Trenton Huxtable, Amelia Napier, Tony Perry, Felicity Perry remotely- Mark Dunn, Trish Smith & Tara Nicklason
2. **Apologies-** Nil
3. **Meeting Opened** at 6.31pm
4. **Previous minutes**  
March minutes be accepted- moved Melissa 2<sup>nd</sup> Tony  
May minutes were deferred until the July meeting
5. **Correspondence**

April 27<sup>th</sup> – Roger sent the finance report

May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jill emailed letting us know she has a \$30 cheque to be banked for a replacement logbook for Heather Johnson.

- Amelia emailed Lyn Nicolle asking for the Black Bluff Ride Return form.
- Roger received and noticed \$40 missing, I followed up with Lyn as did Mark. Awaiting on the rest of the Black Bluff forms.

May 6<sup>th</sup> – Linda Tanian emailed with regards to an update to the AERA calendar and displaying if rides have been cancelled because of Covid-19

- Amelia Napier passed onto Trish Smith (TEERA Aeraspace Registrar).

May 7<sup>th</sup> – Mark emailed a draft biosecurity policy.

- Kim Moir emailed the AERA meeting minutes.

May 13<sup>th</sup> – Amelia emailed the CCER ride forms to Trish Smith.

- Amelia emailed Kim Moir confirming TEERA have nominated Mark Dunn to continue as the rep on the AERA management committee.

May 28<sup>th</sup> – Blaine applied for a grant opportunity on behalf of TEERA.

- Mark sent the new AERA constitution.
- Amelia sent the article to the Stirling Crossings magazine

May 30<sup>th</sup> – Amelia is still in conversation with Lyn trying to track down all of the Black Bluff Forms.

June 1<sup>st</sup> – Amelia emailed AERA with regards to the proposing of how rules are changed.

- Kim responded letting us know they will discuss at their next meeting.
- Lyn Nicole emailed some of the ride return forms and she is going to post the rest.

June 5<sup>th</sup> – Debbie Grull emailed with confidence to run her Oss Foley ride, she also attached some useful links and Covid plans.

6. **Treasurers Report**  
Nothing to report

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7. **Actions from previous meetings**

- a. Blaine to approach Sarah Parker as sponsorship manager- Not Feasible Blaine to approach Tracy Smee- **Blaine to follow up**
- b. Blaine to follow up with Tony regarding Roberts trailer – **Deferred until after covid-19**
- c. Trish to send all ride secretaries the new info update – **Resolved**
- d. Blaine to draft a letter to send to clubs about calendar ideas and suggestions- **No response**
- e. Andrew to check where the replacement fluids from Castra ride ended up- **Still chasing**
- f. Black Bluff ride return form with the deficit of \$40- **Resolved**

8. **Facebook**

Blaine suggested we have a new policy that only allows 1 commercial post per fortnight on Facebook. Amelia moved we adopt the policy 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew  
The policy will be put on the website with a FB link to it.

9. **Covid-19**

Blaine sent letters out the ride organisers that still have rides scheduled from August onwards and at this stage those rides will continue to go ahead.

Mark sent out a 'return to ride' document that is excessive but most would only apply if we was to run a ride in the next week or 2. There will be extra signage required and possibly some extra forms to be signed. Mark is prepared to chief steward these rides and handle any government requirements.

It will be required to enforce social distancing & have hand sanitiser stations where required. TEERA might have to help clubs out by supplying hand sanitiser and possibly get clubs onboard with electronic entries via the 'Main Hub' to eliminate the handling of money and line ups.

Some thoughts on Main Hub are that the older people might get disgruntled about paying online as it requires payment when you enter not on the day. Mel says its just the way of the world now and people need to get on board. What if people enter and then don't come, could refunding their money become an issue? Andrew suggested that if they do enter and then don't show up that maybe they don't get their money back unless they can provide with a doctor certificate or vet certificate otherwise there is the option of a non refundable deposit. If we are restricted to how many people can attend and we turn people away but then people don't show up we have some missing out when they really didn't have to. The money that is taken would go straight to the organising committee. Does TEERA look at buying a credit card machine? Main Hub has been set up by endurance people and is easy to use just need to get clubs on board with it. Blaine will speak to Graham about the possibility of it being used at the Scottsdale ride. Mark will speak to Mindy about progressing this further.

There is an iPad system for log books that has been tested but not resolved yet . Hopefully by the time August comes around with the first ride the nitty gritty stuff might not be required. We will sit on preventative actions until closer and will download the required signage closer in case it changes. Andrew has an A3 laminator and printer.

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**10. Ride calender**

The remaining ride calender will remain the same and the rides scheduled will hopefully still go ahead as planned. TEERA has decided to run a ride on the 1<sup>st</sup> August to show the clubs the required protocols and get the season back off and running. Could be held at Sassafras or Natone and be run under CCER or Jill Sheahan. Mark is happy to do relevant paperwork and covid-19 prep. It will be a basic no frills 20km, 40km and 80km.

Trent will check with Pat regarding grounds and going under the 'Jill Sheahan'. If at Sassy Trent will sort out the track and the required permits. Andrew will sort out the vets and Mark to chief steward. If its run under the Jill Sheahan incorporation and profit is donated back to TEERA and any loss will be covered by TEERA. Trent to confirm by Monday once he has spoken to Pat. Trish will put on ride calendar once we get confirmation from Trent regarding ride base. The checkpoints will be manned by volunteers nit CBers, Tony to organise the timing gear. A canteen might be difficult so could be BYO. If we need a meeting before the scheduled July one we will hold one.

**11. State Champs**

Do we still run a state champs or postpone? Tara has proposed we consider moving SC to a different weekend, possibly Easter. Andrew suggested running our year from September though until Easter then have a break over winter. We could still have a Christmas break and Maybe SC in may so we could still have an Easter long weekend event. The point score cant change as that has to stay as a calender year. Mark thinks we should delve into it and ask some of the members what they think. It has been decided to finish off the year with a SC but it is undecided as to whether it will be a 160km or 120km and should we include a 60km ride. Blaine will speak to Graham and see what he thinks. Mark would like to send a letter to other SMC's to tell them how enthused TEERA is about getting rides back going.

**12. Memberships**

It has been raised should we be offering any sort of refunds for memberships. The national insurance and AERA do not offer refunds. TEERA have decided since at this point we are only actually missing 1 ride if all others go ahead we will not be giving refunds. The half yearly membership is there for people who don't have membership yet but will not be advertised. Melissa suggested while things are quiet now could be the time to offer a training day.

**13. Around the table**

Blaine- Tony didn't have membership but it is sorted now. It was an oversight and has been corrected.

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Trent- Just mentioned about EA going into voluntary administration. AERA hasn't paid the EA affiliation fee yet which is possibly a good thing. Some aren't aware it costs AERA \$8500 per annum to be part of EA.

Tara- Would like everyone to look through the discussion idea for the new season and it to be discussed next meeting.

Mark- TQ20 negotiations were agonising, votes were close but it was voted down. QLD & NSW supported it but other states didn't. Stirling will possibly still run a big ride in October but it won't be a national event. There has been a bit of unpleasantness on FB regarding the decision.

**14. Next meeting**

8<sup>th</sup> July 2020

**Meeting closed**

8.35pm