

Tasmania Equine Endurance Riders Association
Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday 04/11/20 6.30PM
Sassafras



Present- Andrew Miles, Melissa Kelly, Tony Perry, Trenton Huxtable and Felicity Perry, Amelia Napier, Blaine Astell

Remotely Present- Trish Smith, Mark Dunn, Tara Nicklason

Apologies-NIL

Meeting Opened- 6.31pm

1. Previous Minutes

October minutes be accepted- Mark moved Tony 2nd – carried

2. Correspondence

1st – Roger emailed the TEERA accounts list.

6th – Letters of thanks were sent to land owners in Smith and Others.

12th- Wattlewood Park chief steward report received.

Ian Simms sent in his chief steward application forms

15th – CCER have nominated for some ride dates in 2021

16th – Discussion amongst SMC members regarding ride arrows and what everyone prefers.

21st – Jacob Tammens emailed nominating Kentish for March 2020

24th – Trish emailed out the early warning letters

26th – Amelia received a letter from Jane Cutts nominating Black Bluff for a ride in March.

The month of March is already filled so talking to Jane she decided early February.

29th – Mark emailed the TEERA report to AERA.

3. Treasurers Report

Mark moved the following motion and Andrew 2nd - carried

‘That the finance report be received, the receipts therein noted and the payments therein approved.’

Also

The treasurer reported that the term of the most recent TEERA term investment had ended and \$100k that was reinvested @ 0.8% for 10 months, to mature on 13/8/21.

4. Actions from previous meeting:

- a. **Blaine to send out a position description for sponsorship manager**
- b. **Waiting on invoice for Roberts trailer-** still waiting, have been assured \$5k + GST
- c. **Microchip scanner whereabouts-** Blaine to chase up with Denise and Greg
- d. **Letter to be sent out regarding the incident at Jolly Lette-** Blaine to take to State Champs and give to receiver personally
- e. **Letter to be drafted to AERA regarding rule change proposals-** Trent to do this

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5. Matters Arising

Letters were sent out to property owners that allowed use of their land for the Wattlewood Park ride.

Need to work out where to store relevant paperwork as there is a lot that has to be kept. Amelia has been chasing up ROC for 2021 ride dates and distance.

6 early warning letters went out to riders.

6. Pyengana chief steward report

Tara feels lots of things went wrong at Pyengana. As far as the actually ride there was no major issues expect the horse that needed fluids. TEERA fluids didn't make it to the ride however Kyle and Colleen sorted this. The horse was ok to travel after a few days. Tara didn't feel Trent communicated to her enough as cs. Trent felt she had enough going on and apologised. Tara said the Portland club aren't experienced and it showed. Andrew now has the fluids and will keep them up to date. Tara mentioned that Colleen had offered a stitch up kit to add to our box, however Andrew feels the treatment vet on the day should be equipped with all gear. Andrew will make sure we have enough fluids for SC.

7. Oss Foley Chief Stewart Report

No major issues from this ride. Phoebe was a new / green vet, - she was there on time Saturday morning & all went well. Ian did a good job as assistant CS. There was 1 retrieval on track but horse vetted through fine when back. John Shoebridge's horse went out on a high heart rate. Vets said his horse was fine to travel and he had clearance.

8. SMC membership

We need to start suggesting to people to maybe think about nominating. 5 spots to be filled. Mark will re nominate and possibly Felicity. Tara might if we don't get enough. Melissa & Blaine aren't. Amelia will put a post on FB. Mark and Trish will work on emailing something out to everyone.

9. State Championships

Everything is in hand and on track. Andrew & Mark will share the role of CS. If someone could take numbers at midnight so Andrew can get a few hrs sleep that would be great but will be there if needed. He has to be up for the first lot of vetting. Andrew will share the post when entries are up.

10. Bookkeeping/accounting software

How do we manage the jobs Roger does? What is the best way to do book keeping? Some say an excel spread sheet. Do we keep going with that and simplify Rogers version? Do we keep Roger on as bookkeeper? Trish will speak to Roger and find out what his plans for the next year or 2 are. Tara feels he could be looking to move on. In the past we have spoke about the Zero program. Trent thinks we should look into this as we could pay a bookkeeper. Its very universal and might make it easier in the future. Tara doesn't think our finances warrant it and TEERA doesn't need it as we only have 2 main income streams. Zero is \$50 per month. Trent feels that because each new treasurer we get in changes it at least this would keep it the same. Trish will speak to Roger and go from there.

11. Website

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Do we keep Roger on as webmaster? Mark & Trish are confident they can do it but they feel Roger will be happy to help still. Trish will talk to Roger regarding this.

12. Ride Nominations

The current program we have has a lot of fields that aren't necessary. We need a new system in place for the 1st ride for 2021. People will download what they need to bring along to the ride with them. Nominate costs minimal and has all sorts of payment options. It will ease the work load of the ride secretary as all details should be on the system already as Trish would have time to upload this to AERAspace. Ride nominations would be on AERA space days out from the ride. It makes the rider more responsible. We would still need to have a cash float for on the day though. Trish to speak to Roger about this.

13. Ride calendar

Jill Sheehan need preference for a date in March, possibly the 6th. Amelia to approach Black Bluff to see if they would be happy with a February date. Kentish 20th March & Pyengana 25th September. Tara mentioned again about the possibility of changing state champs to may/June and run twilight rides though summer.

14. AERA meeting 8th November

The insurance company that AERA use still require payment even though the rides were stopped due to covid. If this happens again they will bill divisions to recoup some money. TEERA will support this. Trent would like to see more clarity to what they can charge for. All AERA revenue comes from the member states.

AERA pay their honorariums but there are other divisions that feel this is not necessary. TEERA agrees they should get paid.

AERA makes a profit on quilty buckles. Blaine says income has to come from somewhere. If they don't get this income it could come back to the divisions. Tara feels AERA is profiteering on this as it's a substantial amount of money. She feels this is targeting quilty committees. If they drop the price but the quilty entry doesn't go down then they pocket the profits. Mark to pass on to AERA that there was some concerns expressed about this.

Trent says every rule change has to go before the SMC for discussion & to be voted on & the delegate to act on SMC behalf. There is a rule change that is up for 2nd vote that didn't come before the SMC.

Trent has an issue with the electronic timing rule change. Your ride time starts as you go out the gate on each leg. Trent feels it is a rule change just to change a rule, Novice time is actually 2hrs 51minutes. The rider has to manage their own times. Tara feels the rule needs to be changed to suit the electronic timing. Official time is when your hold time finishes. This rule vote is not urgent.

TEERA agrees on the trot out rule change. TEERA also agrees that hoods should not be worn in the vet ring. The blood rule needs amendment and TEERA does not support in current format.

15. Ride bibs

Debbie Grull would like a new ride bib. Where do we order them from? Tara will do a FB post to see if anyone else needs one so we can do a bulk order.

16. Around the table

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Amelia- Should we do something for Pat at the dinner, maybe a video with people's stories for her.
Amelia to chase this up.

Felicity- 40km bibs were a disgrace after the last ride. Should people be buying their own bibs?
Something to look into for next year.

Andrew- Horses are turning up with microchip numbers in log books but not yet in the horse.
Andrew will speak to Jill regarding this. Need to order new vet & chief steward vests. Andrew & Tara to look into this. Also just a FYI Celine and Roger did colic surgery on a horse in Deloraine vet carpark and it was a success.

Trent- Has an issue with double standards. CS can not be making up their own rules on the day. Its double standards that AERA allow this. Rules are rules. They can't tell a state they cant do something then the cs allow it to happen.

Meeting Closed at 9.21pm
Next meeting 2nd December