



# TASMANIAN EQUINE ENDURANCE RIDERS ASSOCIATION INC

## STATE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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### **MINUTES-----Final** **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** **Saturday, 3 February 2018** **11am** **Uniting Church, Latrobe**

- 1. Present:** Graham Bucknell, Raelene Smith, Tony Purton, Kaye Mitchell, Jill Hawkes, Norm Thornley, Greg Henry, Andrew Miles, Jess Goulding (Junior member), Trent Huxtable, Yvonne Downes, Pat Lamprey, Pat Hodgetts, Wendy Rand, Pam Shadbolt, Tania Jago, Nicole Ford, Kellie Woodhouse, Chris Davis, Roger Nichols.  
Late arrivals – Jo Marshall, Raelene Smith, Jane Walsh, Denise Williams, Debbie Grull and Diana Carol

**Apologies:** Alan Wyllie, Tracey Wyllie, Deb Wyllie, Mark Dunn, Trish Smith, Blaine Astell and Angela Hawkes.

- 2. Minutes of 2017 AGM:** Moved minutes true and correct Pam Shadbolt, second Pat Lamprey
- 3. Business arising from minutes of previous meeting:**  
No business arising from minutes
- 4. Presidents report:** Wendy Rand presented her report.
- 5. Treasurer's report:** Nicole Ford distributed the financial Statement and Audit report for members. Moved treasurers report be accepted Nicole Ford, Second Pam Shadbolt
- 6. Appointment of Auditor**  
Use of same as for 2017 and reconsider during year if new treasurer has suggestions.
- 7. Election of Office Bearers**

Continuation of second year – Wendy Rand, Pat Lamprey, Pat Hodgetts, Diana Carol and Greg Henry. Retiring members – Alan Wyllie, Nicole Ford, Jo Marshall, Pam Shadbolt and Tania Jago. Nominations received – Jill Hawkes, Tania Jago, Trent Huxtable, Raelene Smith, Roger Nichols, Ged Nicklason and Kellie Woodhouse. Elected committee members – Jill Hawkes, Tania Jago, Raelene Smith, Roger Nichols and Kellie Woodhouse.

All nominees thanked, and congratulations extended to the new SMC members.

### **8. Notice of Motions**

- 1. Motion 1:** *'Every club be asked/ENCOURAGED to nominate a SMC representative to sit on the committee each year'* Moved Tara Nicklason, Second Pat Hodgetts.  
Rationale – Clubs will be better informed and able to contribute.

This process requires a constitutional change; hence the motion is to be amended using the word 'encourage' rather than 'nominate'.

Motion carried.

2. Motion. 2: *'That a postal or electronic voting system be introduced that enables all members to vote for SMC'* Moved Tara Nicklason, Second Pat Hodgetts  
Rationale – All endurance riders will have the opportunity to be engaged and committee will not be determined by the proximity to Latrobe.

Steve Swan has developed an electronic voting system. Constitution does not state postal votes are a requirement. Consideration needs to be given toward members who do not have access to electronic means.

Motion carried.

3. Motion 3: *'Teera SMC meetings to utilize modern technology such as group teleconferences and/or skype as an occasional or emergency means of holding meetings'* Moved Pat Hodgetts, second Wendy Rand.

Currently SMC members are emailed when a decision is required in between general meetings. The proposed motion broadens the communication options in between regular SMC meetings when immediate decisions are required.

Motion carried.

4. Motion 4: *'At regular SMC meetings where the quorum has been achieved, then individual SMC members who are unable to attend in person may participate in that meeting via electronic means such as skype, loud speaker phone'* Moved Pat Hodgetts, Second Wendy Rand

Motion carried.

## 9. General Business

- (a) Rule changes 2018: A 40km early warning system is commencing.

The treatment vet must be on site for all 120km rides. Junior riders age has changed from five to three. All new rules are on the AERA website. A slip of paper is to be included in the existing rule book stating all changes.

- (b) Biosecurity and temperature logs: There needs to be consistency across all rides regarding protocols on receiving biosecurity forms. A volunteer is required to be at the gate receiving biosecurity forms prior to horses being permitted entry onto the ride base. The gate needs to be manned, ride committees need to inform competitors of the proposed times when the ride base is open for access. Horses are not to enter the gate until their biosecurity forms have been checked. Early and late arrivals need to contact the ride committee to arrange entry. The role of the person receiving the biosecurity form is to check the paperwork and if there are any concerns regarding anomalies the head vet is to be contacted to make an assessment. Some ride committees may need to have a cordoned quarantine section. SMC to provide information to members.

- (c) TPR course

Sunday 18 February 2018, 10.00am Staverton. Debbie Grull is running the course. It is a theory based day.

- (d) Ride Calendar: Traditional dates – Some clubs have the same ride date every year. This is often due to environmental and seasonal requirements of the ride base and location. This can disadvantage other clubs. It was suggested each club nominates two dates and the SMC committee has a role in ensuring equity.

- (e) 160km Qualifying rides: A 160km ride is proposed for June 2018. An EOI will be sent to see if any ride committees are interested in running an additional 160km event and

- to determine how many members are wanting to qualify for the up and coming Quilty. The NEEEC do not have the personnel or time to run one at their marathon event.
- (f) The State Championship will be held in June 2018 at Sassafras. EOI will be sent out to see if other clubs would like to run the event after the Quilty.
  - (g) Points for Tom Quilty and divisional awards: Points and distance will be accrued for Tasmanian rides. The rationale for this is not all competitors are able to compete interstate.
  - (h) Rest Orders, compulsory and individual: Consideration was given toward the addition of compulsory rest orders for horses after an accumulation of 80km events, 160km time frames. Members felt the current Early Warning System and the individual rest orders were sufficient to cater for horse welfare.
  - (i) Electronic Timing: Teera are still seeking a suitable person to monitor, store and set up the system at each ride. Consideration needs to be given toward which rides are suitable to use the system. An EOI will be sent out to members, training will be provided. NTARC are planning to provide radio operations at the NEEEC, State Championship and Quilty events for 2018. There are currently three communication clubs assisting at various rides.
  - (j) Child Safety: Teera to make a list of members who have a 'Working with vulnerable peoples' blue card'. Risk management requires two people for retrieval of junior riders unless a family member, or someone attends with a current blue card.
  - (k) AHSA Quilty sponsorship: May be worth applying for sponsorship TQ18. AHSA have an endurance horse of the year award. Members to consider applying for 2018. The criteria are on their website.
  - (l) First aid at rides: Every committee should have a first aid kit. This can be accessed through the Chief Steward. A reminder to members and committees will be put on the website.
  - (m) Direct Debit: This is currently being considered with future to have this as an available payment option.
  - (n) Respect toward volunteers: There has been incidents where volunteers and committee members have been treated disrespectfully. This has resulted in conflict and elements of bullying. People feeling victimised need to lodge a formal complaint with the committee alternatively if this behaviour is observed it could result in disciplinary action. Confidentiality surrounding sensitive matters need to be adhered to by committee members and general members.
  - (o) Anti rear bits: Permission is sought through the head vet as to whether these are permitted in the vet ring.
  - (p) Quilty entry: Exploration of entry fees being lowered if recipients choose to have a cheaper buckle. Current cost of buckle is \$315. This could be posed as a survey to members. It will be taken to AERA for further discussion.
  - (q) Decrease in membership for 2017 in comparison to previous years. In 2016 there were one hundred and eight novice logbook applications compared to sixty-one applications in 2017. It is believed this is due to several factors, endurance receiving negative publicity, Hendra virus, economics. Association to brainstorm an array of ideas to promote the sport and support members. Possible discounts for TPRs, volunteers.
  - (r) Record Management: Teera to seek advice around the long-term storage or disposal of membership forms, log book applications and other records.

Meeting closed 1.40pm.