

# Tasmanian Equine Endurance Riders Association

## MINUTES

### Annual General Meeting

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Meeting commenced: 4pm

Venue: TAILRACE CENTRE LAUNCESTON

1. Present: Wendy Rand, Jill Hawks, Pat Hodgetts, Kelly Woodhouse, Tara Nicklason, Andrew Miles, Celine Lee, Melissa Kelly, Angela Hawks, Blaine Astell, Trenton Huxtable, Greg Henry, Graham Bucknell, Kaye Mitchell, Tony Purton, Jared Pickering, Lynette Walker, Bella Pickering, Bayden Farrell, Janine Parr, Trish Smith, Raelene Smith, Roger Nichols,

Late comers: Pat Lamprey, Tanya Jago, Greg Johnson, Heather Johnson, Noel Lockhart, Alison Lockhart, Mark Dunn, Debbie Gull, Jo Marshall

Guests: Ray Hawks

Apologies: Shayne Williams, Greg Cowen

2. 2018 TEERA President Wendy Rand welcomed all to the meeting.

3. Minutes of 2018 AGM:

A correction is required in the new rules. Incorrectly written as Junior rider age has changed from minimum of 5 to 3. It should read the new minimum age for a junior rider is 5.

Minutes moved to be correct: Roger Nichols

Second : Raelene Smith

4. No business arising from minutes of previous AGM

5. President's Report:

As Attached

6. Treasurers Report: Roger distributed the TEERA balance Sheet, Income and Expenditure and the auditors report.

Roger moved that they were true and correct. Pat Lamprey seconded

7. Auditor: Roger used our previous auditor now called Paragon BDS, He was happy with their efficiency and as they no longer send the audit to their head office and do it at Ulverstone that saved time. It was voted that we reappoint them for the 2019 audit

8. Election of New SMC members:

The 5 office bearers continuing their second year are Roger Nichols, Jill Hawks, Tanya Jago, Kelly Woodhouse and Raelene Smith

Wendy announced the results of the postal /Email ballot for which Pam Shadbolt was returning Officer.

Newly elected members, who will sit for a 2-year term are:

Blaine Astell, Debra Grull, Tara Nicklason, Mark Dunn and Melissa Kelly.

#### 9. Notice of Motions:

Motion 1. That" the upper weight limit for LWT riders be re-instated as 72.9KG. However, if a LWT rider weighs in under this at pre-ride weighing with all their gear, then is over at ride end, no penalty will ensue"

Moved: Jill Hawks. Second: Blaine Astell

Rationale: This is the only weight division which has no weight limitations. Anyone can ride as a LWT if they choose.

It was pointed out that this is a rule that AERA has to change and that we can only present our wishes to them. It was discussed as to why someone would ride as a LWT when they can't win a ride. However, it is happening, and the SMC have been getting complaints about it.

The motion was passed by a majority to go before an AERA meeting

Motion 2. That "SMC members can only sit on TEERA SMC for a maximum period of three consecutive terms (6 years), then must have at least one term (2 years) away from the SMC. Once the 2-year period has elapsed the member is eligible for re-nomination and re-election"

Moved: Trenton Huxtable Second: Danielle Taylor

Rationale: To encourage more people to be involved at the management level and to continually bring through fresh minds and new ideas.

It was pointed out that 21.5 in the constitution would need to be changed if this was passed. Discussion agreed that getting anyone to nominate for State Management was hard enough without putting restrictions on those willing to put their hand up.

The motion was defeated by a majority.

10. The AERA new constitution was briefly discussed. Pat Hodgetts was available to answer questions but there were none. Although the Constitution was on the website it seemed that **only a small number of people** at the meeting had taken the time to read it. **Some concern was expressed that under the proposed 2 tier system of governance, Queensland and NSW could combine to outvote all the other states, this would favour them over the remaining states. There was also some confusion as to exactly how the 2 tier system would operate. Is the number of delegates to remain as two or change to one.**

11. Quilty Age /Weight. A discussion was had as to whether the Tom Quilty winner's age /weight restrictions should be removed. SMC had many emails /phone calls from members upset that our junior rider was first over the line but was not named as the Quilty winner. After much discussion it appears that both Juniors and Lightweights go into the Ride knowing they cannot be the winner and are resigned to the fact, those that are upset are the adults and other members who feel sorry for them. **If the rule was changed to allow juniors to ride as middleweight , it would also detract from the number of competitors in the junior section .**Members voted to leave it as it is.

12. Mentioned that there are NO 160klm rides prior to the Tom Quilty in July. Pat Lamprey suggested that TEERA should put a query on social media asking who needed to do a 160 k in order to qualify.

Jared Pickering suggested that a club should run an elevator. Pat Lamprey said that would get more riders. Agreed that the SMC should look into it and offer some incentive to a club to run – maybe at Easter, as, so far no ride is on the calendar for then.

13. Child Safety. In line with AERA policy on Blue Cards and retrieval of children. TEERA will ask that at least 1 member of each club hold a blue card and that they will be responsible for retrieval of children on course UNLESS a parent can go with the retrieval float.

14. A gift was presented to Pat Hodgetts to thank her for the many years she has put into Tasmanian Endurance, as an AERA delegate, TEERA secretary and a ride vet. Her knowledge and professionalism have been invaluable.

15. Tony Purton asked that TEERA contact ride clubs and request that at pre-ride talks riders be reminded that prams, bikes and children playing should not be at the finishing line where they could be injured or cause a horse to spook.

New Secretary is to write to all clubs asking that this be brought up at all pre -ride talks

16. An award certificate has been made up for Pam Shadbolt to thank her for the immense workload she has undertaken for endurance over the past years. Pat Lamprey is to take it to her.

17. Kaye Mitchell asked if TEERA can [email members when an addition is made to the web site](#). Roger Nichols said members can [arrange for themselves to receive an email whenever a change occurs](#). He will [provide](#) details.

18. Members expressed concern that the voting system was not anonymous. Wendy Rand and Pat Hodgetts said that the only person who knew who voted for who was Pam Shadbolt as returning Officer. Members felt that the returning Officer should not be a TEERA member. They also wanted to know who had checked the count. Wendy and Pat said they had checked that those who voted were eligible but were not made aware of who had been voted for. They said Pam is NOT a TEERA member.

Meeting closed at 5pm