



TASMANIAN EQUINE ENDURANCE RIDERS ASSOCIATION INC

STATE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes

AGM

Saturday 18th January, 2014

2:00pm

Cherry Shed, Gilbert St., Latrobe

Present: Alf Barnes, Pat L, Trent Huxtable, Pat H, Kaye Mitchell, Tania Jago, Tony Purton, Denis Foley Jnr., Sonia Hodgetts, Trish Smith, Jodi Smith, Denise Williams (left 4:40), Nicole Ford, Robyn Nibbs, Pam Shadbolt

Apologies: Penny Barnes, Tracey Nutting, Ruth Butler, Helen Bowkett

Minutes of 2013 AGM:

Motion: *Minutes of the previous meeting are a true and correct record.* Moved Trish, Sec Pat L. Carried

Matters arising from the minutes: TEERA van has been sold for \$16000 and money into general account then term deposit. All matters in 2013 AGM addressed in SMC meetings throughout 2013 and documented in SMC minutes.

President's Report: Tabled and read by Trent.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report Tabled and Auditor's report tabled.

Trent explained: Money previously held in various account by various groups, for example the Quilty fund, has now been consolidated into one bank account. Up until now the money belonged to other groups. A big thank you to all previous committees who have supplied this money. These groups were consulted and their ideas about how it should be used gathered. The money in this account is not money that TEERA makes every year from members. It allows TEERA to maintain a healthy bank balance in case of a "rainy day".

Tony asked what a "rainy day" might be. This was discussed. Examples included donation to a Tas. Quilty committee with TEERA a major sponsor. This would provide funds for the committee to access up front to kick start the process.

Motion: *Treasurers report be accepted* Moved Nicole, Sec Denise

Motion: *Audit report be accepted* Moved Nicole, Sec Pat L.

Appointment of auditor: Paragon bds

Election of Office Bearers: Nominations for SMC: Denis Foley, Kaye Mitchell, Denise Williams, Trent Huxtable, Nicole Ford. Five positions vacant so no election required.

Resignation of Tracy Wyllie.

Pat L, Pat H, Alf and Robyn have a year to go.

Notice of Motions:

Motion: *TEERA pay a state database registrar to enter and update membership, logbook and horse registrations and ride results on a contractual basis or with an honorarium.* Moved Trish, Sec Denise

The motion was discussed. Pat H confirmed that this was acceptable under the constitution.

Tony asked: "What sort of money? What do other states do." Q'land registrar works approx. 30 hours/week. Trent suggested about 6 hours/week for TEERA registrar. Carried unanimously.

Appointment of database registrar: Deferred to SMC meeting, general business.

General Business

Discussion of the inclusion of points obtained from the Tom Quilty in Tasmanian points tally: Tony argued that counting points from interstate rides would allow those who could afford it to travel to mainland rides other than the Quilty and disadvantage other members. Trish questioned whether distances from mainland rides would be included.

General consensus that Points and distance from Tasmanian rides will be the only ones that go towards that Tasmanian totals. Aeraspace will give totals that include interstate rides. i.e. Aeraspace gives a national points and distance tally. Teera will recognise points and distances accrued by members doing Tasmanian rides.

Jodi Smith brought up putting newsletter and minutes on website. Kaye has asked Kevin about this and he could set it up with a passcode so that minutes were only accessible to members. Denise noted that many members prefer to have a printed copy of the newsletter. There is now a box to tick if members want newsletter electronically. Jodi will send email the newsletter to those that elect to have it sent this way.

Discussion about Kevin's workload: Kaye attempted to explain that at present the way the website operates means that it can only be done from Kevin's computer. Kevin intends to set it up differently at some stage but over the course of last year he did not have time. Kaye to ask Kevin to get a quote for doing this so other people could have authority to put material on and hence spread the work load.

Tony asked. "On financial statement, what is the swabbing and capping fee?" Capping fee: AERA gets \$8 in for each rider and \$2 is the swab fee. Swabbing funds are now in general revenue. 10 to 12 swabs per year could be paid for by the swabbing fees collected.

At beginning of year Pat puts the rides and the combinations in a hat and draws out envelopes. Kaye asked if this included "vet outs" and novice horses. Pat confirmed it does. A horse can be swabbed anytime if there is suspicion that this should be done. Medication control officers in Tas. include Laurie Smith, an eventing person. Usually someone who lives in Tas doesn't charge travelling.

Denis: Hussain offered to buy helmet cameras to assist us to advertise Tasmanian riding around the world. Use them to get footage on track. Cameras could be swapped from leg to leg. Trish: Has he thought past the camera to creating video clips? Trent: 'opportunity to promote the sport'. Up to individual ride committees to use them. TEERA supports their use in principal.

Pat H: Tas Rules. SMC Intended to put a motion to abolish last 5 rules on the agenda. Pony club riders are covered if we site their membership card. General agreement that Tassie rules be eliminated as they are now covered by AERA rules.

Beer suggestions (Sonia H)

1. Burnie Equine Endurance Riders would like to put forward a Motion that TEERA provide a financial subsidy to each calendar ride date to help clubs fund their rides. The rationale behind this is to help clubs keep their entry fees down and lessen the financial burden on members.
2. In accordance with the Equestrian Australia and AERA agreement signed this year, Australia is to hold at least seven FEI events. BEER believes that one of these rides should definitely be held in Tasmania. Burnie Equine Endurance Riders would like to put forward a motion that TEERA apply to AERA for funding in order to hold one FEI ride in Tasmania.
3. BEER would like to put forward a motion that TEERA provide a 5 year strategic plan for the management of funds which members pay TEERA each year.

These were too late to be included under “Notice of Motions” but were tabled and discussed.

- Trent said if we give to all clubs it is not sustainable. Tony asked what sort of figure are we talking about? Sonia, not saying large sum but something to help them. Trish commented that the Fonhill ride ran at a loss if the raffle had not been included. Denise expressed the view that if the rides weren't financially viable then they should not run. Denis drew a comparison with his Polocrosse experience where prices went up making them similar to the mainland. The result has been an increased bank balance but participation has dramatically dropped. Kaye noted that rides at a greater distance from the north west and considered to be more challenging struggled to get rider numbers but were worth supporting because they provided variety and challenge for members. While it is difficult to discriminate between different clubs, perhaps TEERA should develop some criteria which would allow some clubs to receive financial support for some rides. Alternatively, clubs could put in a submission to justify their requests for support.
- With regard to TEERA applying to AERA for funding to hold an FEI ride, it was noted that AERA doesn't actually have funds. It was asked that “ if AERA has no money how will they meet their contract with EA to hold seven FEI per year.” Trent replied that if they don't do seven rides they are in breach of contract. However if a club holds a 1star and 2 star that counts as two rides. Up to clubs to hold these rides.
- Jodi: asked about 5 member committee. This group constitute the “endurance council’ on EA. AERA are now the only body that can run FEI rides in Australia.
- 5 year strategic plan. Sonia to pursue this.

Jodi: Expressed concern over recent runouts where horses were wacked with the rope as they turn around to run back. Trent: Under AERA rules a horse can be encouraged at the start of the run. Reminder to go in the newsletter. Robyn suggested a whiteboard with reminders about run outs to be put at the vet ring.

Pat L. New riders need a rule book. Available on website. Print copy done in March. Tom MacCormack will put rules in a more user friendly way.

Meeting Closed 4:57pm