

TEERA SMC Special committee meeting

Monday 23rd Oct 2023 7:00 pm

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Meeting opened 7:00 pm

SMC present: Deb Wylie, Jess Goulding, Grace Huxtable, Andrew Miles, Carolyn Foley-Jones (online), Trenton Huxtable (online).

Apologies: Mark Dunn, Angie Clark, Alison Lockhart, Kirstie Lockhart.

1. Brief welcome from the chair and thanks for attending on short notice.

2. Discussion of SC budget:

Deb presented a summary of how things are going at this stage.

Most expenses are covered, with a small number of pledged sponsorships yet to be received.

There are a significant number of other donated items suitable for prizes.

Some costs yet to be finalised ie; completion prizes for the 160 and 95.

Carolyn expects the total income from the raffle to be \$3 to \$3.5k

3. Discussion of entry fees:

Deb- comfortable with the proposed entry fees, feels that applying a user pays principle may be appropriate, other sports are typically more expensive.

Carolyn- believes we should keep fees as low as possible. The higher the fees the harder for multiple horses from one family.

Grace- lower is good, multiple entries are often family groups which can be a financial burden.

Trent- low is good, may not have much impact on entry numbers but the perception of the membership that TEERA are looking after members as well as we can has value, need to provide the best return we can for peoples membership.

Andrew- comfortable with the proposed fees but wonder if lowering fees on the short rides may have more impact on entry numbers.

Jess- noted that some mainland rides have a discount rate for junior riders, suggested maybe a \$120 junior rate for the 160k ride.

Further group discussion resulted in the following motion:

“The SMC accept the proposed budget but set the entry fees at:

\$150 for adult 160k riders,\$120 for junior 160k riders,\$90 for all 95k riders and \$60 for all 55k riders”

Moved Carolyn Foley-Jones, seconded Jess Goulding, passed unanimously.

4. Discussion of start times:

To start the 95k ride in the dark or not?

To schedule the 55k start time to minimise as much as possible the intersection of 55k riders with the front runner 95K riders.

The committee ask the SC coordinator and track designer to set the start time for the 95k as early as possible but in daylight and to set the 55k start time with the above considerations in mind.

5. Other SC business:

All permits in order at this point, one track issue due to the proximity of an eagles nest, a diversion not likely to be difficult.

Meeting closed 8:24 pm