

TEERA SMC Meeting - Minutes
Tuesday 19 September 2023, 6.30PM.
Wivenhoe

Meeting opened:

SMC Present: Andrew Miles, Mark Dunn (online), Deb Wylie, Angie Clark, Grace Huxtable, Carolyn Foley-Jones, Kirstie Lockhart (online), Alison Lockhart (online), Trenton 8PM – 8.20PM.

Visitors: Pat Hodgetts

Apologies: Jess Goulding

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1. Brief welcome from chair

Andrew thanked those present for their attendance.

2. Ratification of minutes of 15 August SMC meeting – previously circulated:

Motion: *'that the minutes of the SMC meeting on 15 August, as circulated, be accepted as a true record of that meeting.'*

Moved, seconded: Deb, Angie. Carried.

3. Matters arising

Nil not elsewhere on agenda.

4. Actions from previous meetings:

- a) Mark to inform ROCs, CSs that defib need checking at each ride – done 9/9
- b) Mark to affix defib signs to ride trailer – done at JL ride
- c) Mark to finalise change of banking permissions with Wpac – form submitted 29/8 – still a work in progress – wrong form lodged with Wpac
- d) Mark to remind ROCs re 2024 ride nominations – done 9/9
- e) Progress of TT Line special event status for TQ25 – Alison suggests we can ask for sponsorship adding that they need to know how many are wanting to go (vehicles / people) before they can offer a special deal. Alison to continue discussions with TT line.
- f) Mark to send reminder to ROCs re ride scales – done 9/9
- g) Andrew to arrange account for Dave Evelyn for treatment of horse at Lebrina ride – Done 19/9. Noted TEERA fluids need to be replaced – Andrew to manage
- h) Andrew to progress closing of CBA account – in progress.
- i) Reinvest TEERA term deposit – full amount re-invested 25/8 for 6/12 – estimated return \$2000.
- j) Mark to write follow up to 40km time limit discussion on FB – draft sent to SMC for comment 9/9 – posted 16/9 – good responses – people happy.
- k) Deb to write FB post re ride calendar options – two or three week break between rides? Winter break? – in hand

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- l) Andrew to write grant application for lights – done. \$5k requested.
- m) Deb to follow up buckle issue for SCs – done 10/9. In hand - Amelia progressing.
- n) Angie to manage ordering of awards for SCs – in hand.
- o) Angie to report on life membership criteria work – agenda below
- p) SC land access permits – Andrew – in hand, too early. Grace assisting.

5. Matters arising

All as noted above.

6. Correspondence

In

8/08/2023	Email from Felicity Perry - 2024 ride nomination for WW - acknowledged.
8/08/2023	Email from Roger cc Carolyn re bank reconciliation
10/08/2023	Email from Mark Dunn - STER ride nomination 10 October 2024
15/08/2023	Trailer insurance account - reminder - forwarded to treasurer for payment
17/08/2023	Several emails circulated between Roger, Carolyn, Andrew and Mark re closing the old Commonwealth bank account
17/08/2023	Email from Kaye Mitchell re Alice Mitchell membership - forwarded to Grace for action
17/08/2023	Email from Kim Moir - minutes of most recent AERA MC meeting - September SMC agenda
17/08/2023	Email from Kim Moir - notice of 17 September AERA MC meeting - August SMC agenda
17/08/2023	Numerous email Roger, Carolyn, Andrew, mark re Wpac term deposit - August SMC agenda
18/08/2023	Email from Mark Dunn - STER ride nomination 17 Feb 2024
22/08/2023	cc'ed email from Roger N to Carolyn re process for audit
22/08/2023	Emails x several from Lydia Rigby KEER and follow up - EOI for 23 (or 16) March 2024 ride. Acknowledged and asked whether 4 May or 12 October (or 17 Feb) might be suitable. Also asked CEER re 4 May. Agenda. Emails x 2 between CEER and TEERA re possible dates for 2024 ride. Still a work in progress.

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24 - 25/8/23	cc'ed emails between Roger N and Westpac - term deposit renewed for 6/12 @ 4.9% - \$2500 revenue forecast
30/08/2023	cc'ed emails from Jess to Rebecca Ainslie - EWS
30/08/2023	Mark to TEERA - CS report Jolly Letter ride
31/08/2023	Emails x 2 from Lydia Rigby re day member fees - agenda
2/09/2023	Email from Wpac - confirmation of term deposit reinvestment
1-5/9/23	Emails to / from Roger re Administrator access for Wpac accounts
4/09/2023	Email from TQ25 ROC - report for AERA - agenda
6/09/2023	Email from Jil Bourton (SAERA) re Quilty Quest comp
5/09/2023	Monthly account from Aera - forwarded to treasurer
6/09/2023	A few emails to/from Kevin Brewster re email / website management - agenda
9/09/2023	Emails t/from Chris David re potential dates for 2024 NEEEC rides
10/09/2023	Email from Tara Nicklason - re TQ25 location, agenda and cc'ed to TQ25 ROC secretary
11/09/2023	Emails from EWS registrar - copies of EWS letters x 3

Out

9/08/2023	Mark to SMC - August SMC meeting agenda
30/08/2023	Mark to SMC - draft August SMC meeting notes and action sheet
31/08/2023	Mark to AERA - TQ25 committee notification
2/09/2023	Mark to AERA - notification of TQ25 ROC appointment
3/09/2023	Mark to AERA - TEERA report from September AERA meeting
9/09/2023	Mark to Tas endurance contacts - call for 2024 ride nominations, feedback on scales
9/09/2023	Mark to Tas endurance contacts - advice to check AED at each event

7. Matters arising

- a) TQ25 ROC nomination to AERA – Was considered by AERA at its meeting on 17 September → Committee ratified – Angie and Deb nominated as SMC nominees to TQ25 ROC

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- b) Management of TEERA emails – currently done by Kevin Brewster. Continue or not?

I'm happy to keep maintaining this list (and the DNS records) for now. The teera.asn.au & teera.org.au domains are currently managed via my VentraIP account. If someone else wants to take over the domain management role, they'll need to create an account with ventraip.com.au and then we should be able to transfer ownership to the new account. But I'm happy to continue managing it - it's not an arduous task 😊 Just as a heads up the domain names are due to expire in 416 days, so in about a year's time we'll be up for some domain registration fees. Not expensive though – only about \$16/year: <https://ventraip.com.au/domain-names/register/#domaingroup>

Decision – keep going – Kevin does a good job.

- c) Quilty Quest

Dear SMC's,

Attached find flyer and details of our exciting Quilty Quest competition which SAERA is proud to initiate as part of our TQ event next year. The initiative was launched a few months ago hot on the heels of TQ23 on social media but we feel it's a better strategy to share it with each DA where it can be included in any news letters or latest news on websites etc.

The link to the SAERA website page can be accessed either by scanning the barcode on the poster or <https://saera.asn.au/quilty-quest-2024/>

While the idea of this “competition” is aimed at encouraging newcomers to the sport to set goals and plan accordingly, present members who have lacked goals or been hindered in achieving them, are also encouraged to give it a shot.

The sponsors on board for the QQ24 have been long time supporters of Endurance Riding in Australia and worthy of our continued support and promotion.

Please spread the news far and wide and hopefully we will end up with a good number of participants in this fabulous draw at TQ24 Warrina South Australia!

Regards

Jil Bourton

(Development Subcommittee & Vice President SAERA)

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QUILTY QUEST 2024

NOT EARNED A QUILTY BUCKLE YET?



Ever dreamed of winning a Quilty buckle? Or tried but didn't succeed? It's time to get riding, get planning and set your sites on TQ 24.

South Australian Endurance Riders Association are proud to introduce the QUILTY QUEST 2024

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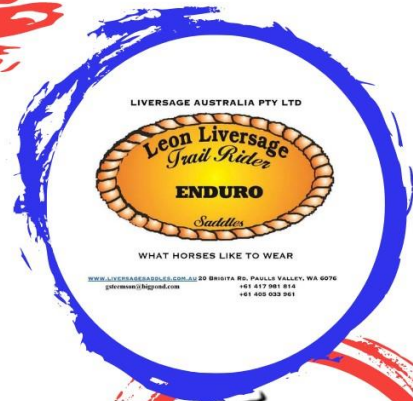
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Discussion: Promote on TEERA page? Email members?

Action: Has already been shared on TEERA FB page.

d) Day member fees – Lydia Rigby

-----Original Message-----

From: Lydia Rigby <rigbylydia@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, 30 August 2023 8:02 PM

To: Mark <markdunn1@netspace.net.au>

Subject: Day M'ship fees

Hi TEERA,

Wanting to share some thoughts and provoke a discussion around possibilities to subsidise the Day Membership fees as a way to try increase new participation to grow the sport into the future.

This follows on from a discussion I had with Mark earlier regarding the ride fee for the upcoming 12km ride at Bakers Beach. I'd like TEERA to see if they can revisit the price of Day Membership. Short rides and Day membership is the way in which potential new member "come and try" our sport. Some may just stay doing short rides and never sign up, but even so- they then inspire other people that they could also come and give it a go. These others then may get the endurance bug..

Currently newcomers are looking at a straight up \$40 each just for day membership- before the club adds the entry fee. For families with kids- there's likely to be a couple of kids or a kid and a companion adult rider. Or even adults- they are more likely to come try something new if they have a friend.. this makes it a minimum of \$80 just in day membership to come along and try.. whether it is a 5km (pitched at kids) or 10km or 12km, 15km or 20km. Add an entry fee as low as \$10 a rider and you don't leave home without spending \$100 for two riders from a family.

Mark offered suggestions to drop the fee for our 12km ride down from \$20 to nothing (just the \$40 day membership) and add the costs on by increasing 80km & 40km entry prices.. adding to the 40km entry would still have the same impact... if they haven't signed up- they are still paying \$40 on top of entry and are still dipping their toes in. Anyhow we weren't willing to do this, but did drop 12km down to \$15.. slightly over \$1 per km. I do know of qualified riders planning to ride the 12km, they don't pay day membership- so what should we charge them for entry?

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I was recently looking at entry prices for a mainland ride and noticed that Day Membership for juniors was \$30, whilst it was \$40 for adults.

From my understanding AERA increased their fee to \$30 this year. Does TEERA need to charge \$10 in top of this?

Could TEERA look at subsidising DM fees.. do they require the \$10? Could it be dropped entirely?

Or perhaps \$25 for junior riders, most junior riders will be accompanied by an adult- so the shortfall could be caught back with the adult day membership.

I feel As a sport we need to address this - one family took 3 kids to a 5km ride at Scottsdale.. \$120 in day membership before the club even took an entry fee. As a parent this would be ridiculously hard to justify.. but I'm sure those kids felt awesome following their 5km and are excited for the next Scottsdale endurance ride- probably planning to get their horses fit for a 20km... I know they were very impressed and inspired to see/hear that Emerald was riding the whole 80km.

Horse sports are expensive- but I do feel TEERA need to see where they can help subsidise the newbies to come and try- to grow the sport- rather than just expect the costs to be worn by the clubs. I think this should also be particularly pitched towards junior rides- they will be the future- and the parents are always almost paying out double per event...

Thanks for your consideration

Lydia Rigby

Just wanted to add to the conversation around pricing of short ride entries.

AERA charge \$10 per rider, the online system takes \$2.50 per rider.

At \$15 our club gets \$2.50 per rider. We have spent approx \$5 per rider on completion prizes.

As a club I feel we are definitely a rock bottom and a 80 & 40km fees will already be subsidising these riders. TEERA needs look at what they can do to subsidise the Day membership fee- that's the killer.

Discussion: Mark briefed SMC re AERA fees and charges. The SMC sense is that the day membership fee needs to drop. For discussion, along with all fees and charges next meeting in association with TEERA budget discussion. May institute a mechanism of allowing day membership fees to count towards a full membership.

Action: Mark to respond to Lydia as above.

8. TEERA life membership criteria

Angie to report.

Docs in correspondence, circulated to SMC – input from Tara, Angie.

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Discussion: Angie spoke to her draft criteria.

CFJ – wasting our time trying to establish criteria.

Motion, CFJ: To terminate current process aiming to establish LM criteria and retain the existing process, as specified in our Rules. Seconded Alison

Votes: 5 nos. 3 yes.

Angie – feels we need criteria. Alison – people regard guidelines as gospel. This view countered by others.

Action: Angie to continue work on guidelines and come back to the next meeting with a firm suggestion.

9. Finance:

a. Quilty starter loan

Discussion: \$10k sought.

Noted that a large part of TEERA's reserve comes from past TQ surpluses.

Noted that a COI may exist for some SMC – those on the TQ25 ROC. Agreed that COI is acknowledged and SMC agrees to allow TQ25 ROC members to participate fully in discussion and vote.

Action: Motion. SMC advances \$5k loan as working capital. CFJ, Alison. Carried.

b. Treasurer's report

Nothing outstanding to pay to my knowledge.

Waiting on a few payments to come in. outstanding amounts \$2,280.00

Need to chase monies for chocolates as only 2 payments received – noted that more payments for chocolates have arrived. Still more to come

Term Deposit - continued \$104,033.58 - Maturity 25th Feb 2024

Invested for 6 months

Current Rate TBA

Interest Accrued \$192.39

Projected interest earned a Maturity approx. \$2,000 (TBC)

COMPARISONS

Interest earned this financial year \$3030. (2023-2024)

Interest earned Last financial year \$188.04 (2022-2023)

Interest earned previous financial year (2021-2022)

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Balances

Westpac Account 1 = \$13,128.99

Westpac Account 2 -\$13,126.00

Payments to be made:

Late addition: Zilco: \$1587.36, Two invoices for Leven Equine Services \$128.68, \$288.35.

Approved by SMC.

Mark to send asset list to CFJ.

Motion that: *'the finance report circulated for the 19 September SMC meeting be noted, the payments therein authorised and those above and the receipts noted'*.

Moved, seconded: CFJ, Grace. Carried.

c. Membership registrar laptop

This is old and may need replacing.

Discussion: Agreed.

Action: Budget of \$1000 approved. Moved: CFJ, Angie. Carried. CFJ, Grace to progress.

10. Ride report – Jolly Lette

CS report in correspondence folder.

A successful ride with better numbers than other recent rides.

Redacted

Ride report – Baker's Beach

Good event – more T/F. Kelly W's horse (IT) has recovered well.

11. 2023 calendar

4/2/2023	Jill Sheean	confirmed, notified
18/2/2023	CCER	requested - notified
4/3/2023	WW	confirmed, notified
25/3/2023	Kentish	confirmed, notified
8/04/2023 (Easter)	STER	2 x 80k and others

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6/5/2023	Castra	confirmed, notified Confirmed, notified
20/5/2023	Suncoast	confirmed, notified
3/6/2023	Pyengana	confirmed, notified
25/6/2023	TQ23	Stirling's Crossing, Imbil, Qld
29/7/2023	Winton to Longreach	
29/7/2023	Lebrina	Confirmed
26/8/2023	NEEEC	confirmed, notified
16/9/2023	Baker's Beach	Confirmed, notified
7/10/2023	CCER	confirmed, notified
29/10/2023	Oss Foley	Confirmed, notified
18/11/2023	SCs	confirmed

State Championships

Brief discussion. All in hand.

2024 calendar

Clubs have been asked to get their nominations in and some have done so.

We have competing EOIs in March. KEER is unable to vary its bid. Castra has indicated it wishes to retain 16/3. We do not have an EOI for Easter.

TEERA ride nominations 2024

13/01/24	Castra CATE day	may be 20/1/24	
3/02/24	CCER	EOI lodged	
17/02/24	STER	EOI lodged	
3/03/24	WW – ask them for 3/2. KEER?	EOI lodged	
16/03/24	Castra	EOI lodged	2/3/24 second pref.
23/03/23	KEER	EOI lodged	could be 16/3

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30/03/24	Easter Saturday - KEER?, BB?, CCER?, STER?, NEEEC	
20/04/24	Pyengana	EOI lodged
4/05/24	BB?, CCER?, WW?	Agfest
11/05/24	TQ25 trial	18/5??
22/06/24	Scottsdale?	
20/07/24	St Helens?	
16/08/24	Jolly Lette?	
21/09/24	CCER Yes>>>	
12/10/24	??	
18/10/24	TQ24	
4/11/24	Oss Foley? Later in November?	6/11 is Rec Day
25/11/23	SCs?, BB?, KEER? CCER - 160km?	

Comments: A number of ROCs have indicated a willingness to be flexible.

Action: Mark to continue negotiations with ROCs

12. TQ25

a) Correspondence from Tara Nicklason

All in correspondence folder.

Discussion: Mark → has been forwarded to TQ25 ROC for its consideration.

Andrew: Tara's group requests Scottsdale be considered. Advantages, concerns.

Deb read the letter.

Andrew detailed TQ25 ROC deliberations on venue options.

Outcome: Formal advice will be received by SMC from TQ25 ROC following their further deliberations on choice of venue.

Mark to request said advice.

Deb: Per initial minutes and meeting at Pats paddock:

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Bank acc open, committee formed. Potential sponsors contacted. Some costs explored.

Action: Noted

b) Terms of reference – in correspondence folder

Discussion:

Action: Motion: That the TQ25 TOR be ratified: CFJ, Alison: Carried. Noted that this is subject to acceptance by AERA.

c) Formal announcement of TQ25 ROC to TEERA members?

Yes.

Action: TQ25 ROC to progress. Mark to communicate this to TQ25.

13. Member numbers as of 11/9/23 – FYI

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
NSWERA	432	352	429	416	397
QERA	509	423	401	378	374
SAERA	59	66	83	92	100
TEERA	183	135	135	116	120
VERA	186	118	157	159	136
WAERA	198	191	187	175	166
Total	1567	1285	1392	1336	1293

Discussion: Good to be up on 2022. Given Tas is hosting TQ25, it is hoped numbers will increase further in 2024.

14. EWS

A number of riders / horses have received letters since the last meeting.

One rider and two horses are over 45 points.

Note:

- 'Cautionary' letters are sent when horse/rider accrue 30 points or greater.
- 'Return to Novice' letters are sent when horse/rider accrues 45 points or greater.
- A person responsible for a horse, or a rider accumulating 60 or more penalty points is required to show reasonable cause why the horse/rider should not become ineligible to enter rides for a period of time as determined by the DA.

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15. **'Round the table....**

Alison: NEEEC is meeting re an Easter 2024 event

Redacted

Grace: Vet ID form – block letters? Mark – consult with Roger re changing form

Grace – issues with ride laptop being updated – comms to ROCs – ride sec responsibility – remind folk re putting ride results

Angie – queries Alison re promo on FB to get EOIs for TQ24 TT line transport – as above, Alison to progress

Nominations for Tas teams – formal nominations to be sought for TQ24 teams

Deb: trailer – need checklist on trailer wall. Mark to facilitate review. Final SOP to be laminated and affixed to trailer wall. Promoted to ROCs

Andrew: trailer – action needed re packing trailer. Grace to do electrical work at Pat L then to go to Andrew's for resorting

Andrew: stranger filming young riders? Not illegal, may be sensitivities re juniors.

CFJ: Deb has done a great on getting sponsorship in for SCs.

Meeting closed: 9.36PM

Next meeting: 17 October, Sassafras.