

Summary Report of the NSWERA Committee meeting held on 13 April 2018.

Present Tony Warren, (chairman), Noni Seagram, Belinda Hopley, Jo Davis, Kerry Spratt (joined via telephone @ 1925), Peter Bice, Matthew Walker, Talea Hasko-Stewart, Jacque Wright. **Apologies:** Helen Rich, John Howe, Phil Coleman

In attendance: Jacky (Jax) Barlow

Conflicts of Interest: None declared at this stage.

Acceptance of minutes

Para 24 of the previous minutes was altered to: **the tender submitted by Jacky Barlow for the Registrar/ Secretariat role be accepted for an initial term of two years commencing 1 April 2018, with an option of further two years. Time extension will be subject to the applicable performance indicators being met to the Committee's satisfaction.**

MOVED That the minutes of the SMC meeting of 2 March 2018 be accepted with the above changes.

Carried Unanimous – Jacque abstained in voting as she was not present at that meeting.

Business arising from last meeting (action log review) Updates in bold.

| Date | Item # | Who Responsible | Action | Status | Comments/Updates |
|-----------|--------|-----------------|---|-----------|---|
| 19-Jul-16 | | Allana | 2015 Quilty bibs | Ongoing | Kerry to follow up again. |
| Dec-16 | 252 | Bel | Update courses for vets during 2018. Follow up vets seeking accreditation | Ongoing | Names sent to Jacque, date changed to 16/6/18 |
| Oct-17 | 166 | Kerry/Adeline | Add note about no capping to ride booking form as agreed. | Ongoing | Jacque to check that the updated form is uploaded on the website |
| | 167 | Jax | Timeline of tasks ongoing. | Ongoing | We all need to provide info to Jax |
| Dec-17 | 204 | Jacque | Ask LERC if we can share the 2017 State ride biosecurity plan | Ongoing | |
| | 220 | Jacque | Research/Purchase flip book program, | Ongoing | quote given to SMC previously was in \$USD, getting \$AUD price and other program quotes for next meeting |
| | 226 | John | Ask Greg Moore about most recent previous NRZ arrangements, resolve with QERA/NRZ to have fees paid | Ongoing | no update, John an apology |
| | | Jacque | Send email from Gertraud re data to John | Completed | |
| | 230 | Kerry | Play by the Rules as agenda item early in 2018. | Ongoing | possibly next meeting, website is www.playbytherules.com if |
| | | Bel | Steve Roberts re preride talks | Ongoing | See item 235 Jan minutes for details |
| | 238 | Jacque | Develop online membership forms, new ride booking form on website | Ongoing | Hopefully be ready for next year membership |
| | | Tony | Let ROs know SMC must approve head & treatment vets at major rides | Ongoing | Peter Bice to advise ROs |
| Mar-18 | 3 | John | Email AGM checklist to all | Ongoing | |
| | | Tony | Jacque re returning ride stationery folder for Burruga 2017 to Jax Barlow | Ongoing | Tony to follow up |
| | | Jax | Check AERAspace for number of NSW riders in NRZ rides send to John | Ongoing | go back to 2015 number of NSW members that participated in NRZ rides (dual affiliated) |
| | | Bel | State ride checklist/info to John when finalised | Ongoing | |
| | 6 | John | Discuss head vet with Toora state ride committee, present funding cheque | Ongoing | no update, John an apology |
| | 8 | Kerry | Printing of intro book. | Ongoing | Not done, amount of funds uncertain |
| | 10 | Kerry | Accept new Office of Sport grant/complete reporting on previous | Ongoing | |
| | 14 | Kerry | Change NSWERA address from Tom Mc to John | Ongoing | See below |
| | 15 | Talea | Article for Tas Quilty book | Ongoing | Due in May |
| | 16 | Noni/Bel | CS jacket for Chris Cheney. | Ongoing | Bel to send invoice to Noni for records. |

Item 14: ATO Form mailed to Kerry, ATO officer advised that details about Public Officer are not clear enough in AGM minutes. Motion was carried to confirm Kerry is Public Officer and to give authority to make the address change to reflect John's address as the primary contact with Kerry's being the secondary, and possibly president also.

Secretariat Report & Ride Calendar (Jacky Barlow, John Howe/Jo Davis)

PART 1: MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

| | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 |
|---------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Adult | 250 | 399 | 413 | 438 | 410 | 442 | 453 |
| Junior | 37 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 29 | 40 | 47 |
| Intermediate | 22 | 24 | 31 | 32 | 31 | 24 | |
| Associate | 11 | 15 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 30 | 35 |
| Honorary | 8 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Total | 328 | 494 | 520 | 546 | 496 | 542 | 541 |
| Newsletter | 124 | 195 | 213 | 226 | 233 | 233 | 330 |

PART 2: RATIFY NEW MEMBERS

| DATE | FIRST NAME | LAST NAME | NUMBER | CATEGORY | ADDRESS |
|------------|------------|-----------|--------|--------------|-------------------|
| 01-03-2018 | Andrea | Bourke | 138321 | Senior | CORALVILLE |
| 07-03-2018 | Hannah | O'Neill | 138322 | Intermediate | BELCONNEN |
| 12-03-2018 | Marian | Kikas | 138323 | Senior | SYDNEY |
| 13-03-2018 | Miranda | Hodges | 138324 | Junior | INVERELL |
| 14-03-2018 | Lilly | Rolfe | 138325 | Senior | INVERELL |
| 22-03-2018 | Sharon | Phillips | 138329 | Senior | LAKESLAND |
| 16-03-2018 | Tayissa | Boese | 138328 | Junior | BROUGHTON VILLAGE |
| 16-03-2018 | Tamalyn | Boese | 138327 | Junior | BROUGHTON VILLAGE |
| 22-03-2018 | Ruby | Nix | 139800 | Junior | KYOGLE |
| 22-03-2018 | Hazel | Nix | 139801 | Junior | KYOGLE |
| 23-03-2018 | Tegan | Ashby | 139802 | Junior | TERMEIL |
| 26-03-2018 | Caryss | Parry | 139803 | Junior | MUSWELLBROOK |
| 27-03-2018 | Edward | Fernon | 139804 | Senior | GALONG |

MOVED Tony Warren, Jo Davis

THAT the new members are accepted and their names published in the newsletter. **Carried** Unanimous.

PART 3: RIDES CONDUCTED – ENTRIES RECEIVED.

| Ride Name | Date | Intro | Train | 80-99km | 100-119km | 120-159km | 160+ | TOTAL |
|-----------|----------|-------|-------|---------|-----------|-----------|------|-------|
| Neville | 17-03-18 | 123 | 86 | | | | | 209 |

Invoice and cheque from Neville today. Some discrepancies between reported number of riders and what is in AERASpace.

PART 4: STOCKTAKE

Logbooks 2 in 1 64
 Logbook covers 60

PART 5: ENDURANCE HORSE REGISTRATIONS (Year to Date)

ANNUAL 6
 LIFETIME 10

Rides for approval –

Homewood Memorial – 23/09/2018 New date sent as first clashed with Woodstock, agreed to date suggested by Jo - **Approved**
 Wandandian – already approved for 23-24/06/2018. Amended form updating ride distances, and now running Zone 5 Champs

(instead of Currowan) - **Approved**

Kiwarraak – new distances/new ride secretary. 40km now 42km and 80km now 84km - **Approved**

Scenic City – 18/08/2018 – 20km & 40km Sat. only – **Approved**

Vet list in newsletter is very out of date. Matthew was sent a list of vets from AERA this week, and will contact these vets. Ride Secretaries must enter vets into AERASpace as part of ride information so we can access a list of active vets. Belinda will forward Chief Steward Reports to Matt in the future.

ACTION: RO to be reminded that they need to enter in all vets that vetted at their ride. (Jacque/Peter)

Ride Calendar Report

Upper Corindi (dual affiliated with QLD), Neville Training Weekend, Tumut Easter Carnival and Mountain Lagoon rides have been run very successfully since our last meeting.

Upper Corindi had a total of 85 entries over the weekend with 77 of those being successful. (90.5% completion rate)

Neville recorded 199 over the two days of rides with 184 of those being successful (92.5% completion rate).

Tumut Easter Carnival ran over the long weekend with a total of 166 entries over nine different ride distances offered over the course of the weekend. 143 of those completed successfully (86% completion rate)

Mountain Lagoon had a total of 120 entries over three distances with 108 of those completing successfully (90% completion rate)

Upcoming rides include Tooraweenah, Gundagai, Mudgee and Wingello

The calendar is looking great! We have two AERA 160kms rides on offer for our members wanting to qualify for the Tom Quilty Gold Cup in Tassie this year.

There are still a few weekends available to run rides in the latter half of the year if you are planning on sending in a ride booking form, please contact me first to ensure that the date you want is still available to avoid any disappointment.

Also time to get the thinking and planning caps on for 2019 NSW State Champs! If your club is potentially interested in taking this on for 2019 please get in contact with me.

Discussion around the age requirements for horses to enter rides because an under-age horse entered a 40km ride at Tumut. Default DOB in AERASpace is 1 August if no DOB is recorded on paperwork for horses at rides.

ACTION: Belinda to contact rider from Tumut and inform them they will be disqualified. AERASpace needs be updated. Age Requirements table from rule book to be posted on Facebook (Noni), Website (Jacque) and newsletter (Helen).

Standing Items

AGM 2019 date needs to fit in with printing, second or third weekend in February.

State Champs 2018 (Tooraweenah): Nothing to report

Ratification of decisions made between meetings: Nil

MAXXIS Project (Emily Streckfuss chair, Kerry Spratt, Bec Hogan, Renee Kirk): Bec is organising a meeting with Maxxis for final endorsement to publish the footage. **ACTION:** Kerry to follow up with Bec regarding remaining funds.

AERA meetings: Kerry has sent minutes out to the group.

NSW Office of Sport grant project: Belinda Hopley (chair), Jacque Wright, Adeline Gibson, Clare Feary: See Belinda's report. Belinda, Kerry and Peter attending a teleconference on 27 April with Office of Sport, about their survey completed by Belinda on the organisational health on all the organisations that they fund. The report says we are tracking at about 80% which is better than 70% of funded organisations. Noted they compared NSWERA to large organisations like NSW Rugby League and Swimming so this result is very good. Couple of things flagged for action that we already do, which further improves our result. They want a meeting to discuss results of survey and the suggestions they have for us to improve our organisational health.

ACTION: Belinda to send completed survey to SMC members. Kerry to add a new standing agenda item to be added around new member incentives

Discussion around Portfolio position descriptions and that some of the portfolios are either not listed or out of date in the Governance documentation on the website. **ACTION:** Peter to ensure that portfolio position descriptions in the Governance Manual up to date.

Committee Reports

Tony Warren: President

We have had 6 rides held so far this year the first being Bunnigalore social & newcomer ride by all reports it was a very successful ride considering the heat. The second ride was held in Glen Innes over the Australia Day weekend and all reports the track and weather were fantastic. It was then onto Upper Corindi offering intro and intermediate rides both days and then onto Neville running a very successful intermediate weekend, with a really good turnout and plenty of happy riders. The fifth ride was Tumut and incorporated the first 80km ride for our season in NSW. I would like to thank Ellen, Kim and all the crew for giving up their Easter weekend for all our dedicated riders. The turnout was reasonable although this being the first 80km of the season not as many nominated for the ride as we would have liked. This last weekend saw a very well supported ride held at a new ride base at Mountain Lagoon. The rides are now in full swing with Tooraweenah, Gundagai in the next few weeks, then before we know it the State Championships at Tooraweenah will be upon us, so please get your bum in the saddle and get your horses fit.

Peter Bice: Vice President, AERA, Ride Standards and Feedback, Governance, Child Protection

There hasn't been any rider feedback through from the website. However the talk around the camp fires and out on track has been very positive. We need to encourage people to use the rider feedback on the website.

Tumut presented their expected challenging course for the Easter weekend and those that attended were not disappointed, going all the chit chat everyone had a great weekend. Thank you to all involved in getting this weekend up and running I haven't heard anything on Neville, or Upper Corindi and a big thank you to these committees for their efforts. The inaugural Zone One Mountain Lagoon ride is the only ride I have been able to attend, as with previous intro weekends this was also very well attended and the seminars and talks were very well received. The Zone One report will have details on this weekend.

ACTION: Noni to put on Facebook the link to the rider survey, Jacque to change name to Ride Feedback on website. Put note that it is for all feedback, good or not so good.

Discussion around a social media post that got a little out of hand. Members need to be reminded about social media policy.

ACTION: Noni to post something on Facebook

John Howe: Treasurer, Newsletter, Zone 2 Delegate

As at midday 11.04.18 we had:-

Cheque book \$16,545.06

Corporate card \$527.65

Term deposits:-

\$20,226.86 maturing 13.5.18

\$15,086.69 maturing 5.1.19

\$10,209.22 maturing 8.8.18

\$62,595.48 Total

I paid Jacky's wages for March and April, and our insurances and some other small bills to AERA (Conference call and Vet Cards), total of \$13,113.44 which reduces our balance to \$3,431.62. So our total worth has to be reduced accordingly i.e \$49,482.04. The good news is that there were large numbers of riders at Neville, Tumut and Mt Lagoon, the money from these rides is due very shortly, ditto the number of rides coming up in April, we have an exceptional calendar this year and affiliation fees will be coming in soon, if we have any problems some of the term deposit maturing in May can be released.

With the donation from Central West Endurance Riders Club (The old Sofala ride), being received, we have another opportunity to promote the sport. Chris and Vicki have requested that the money be used to assist both riders and ride organisers. My suggestion is to promote Zone Championship Rides. The ride has to be longer than 80kms and we could use this money to assist with cost of head vet or a set of wool kersey placement rugs for the winners who have gone on to do the extra K's.

State Ride: Tooraweenah will be running their April ride as a test ride for July. Same Vets, Vet gate into hold and electronic timing. I have presented Tooraweenah with their \$6,000.00 grant and have put the appropriate report in the Newsletter.

Newsletter: The closing date of 10th April has passed. The ride calendar is still outstanding, it needs to be sent to Helen prior to 17th April. Thankyou to everyone who has sent their articles in. I noted Gerard Bou's comments re the notice on page 56 of the March April issue. To ensure that this does not happen again, I would request that anyone who wishes to put anything into the Newsletter, checks the article for factuality. This article was a repeat of an earlier article. Helen tries to repeat articles that are important and that members may be unaware of. Please advise her of any sunset date for this type of article.

Zone Two: Tooraweenah had a fantastic back to Tooraweenah evening 10th March, over 80 people in attendance. I have placed an article in the Newsletter and a huge debt of thanks is owed to the Tooraweenah Committee with special emphasis on Peter Bonham and his Family. The Tooraweenah weekend in April will be a dress rehearsal for the state ride in July. Any State Championship aspirants need to come to Tooraweenah in April to have a firsthand look at the track and the Vet gate into hold process that will be in use for the State ride. Windeyer will be on 13 14 October, so a good year is planned for Zone Two.

Discussion around Gerard Bou's comments – discussion around the real way to be able to identify a horse is through a microchip. There is nowhere on the pick card to record the microchip number.

Thanks to CWERC, Victoria Bonham and Chris Noonan for this very generous support!

ACTIONS:

- Kerry to send email to Gerard noting his email and that we have addressed the issue
- remove the text from the newsletter: Rule H4.3: *If a horse has been issued with a Logbook, that Logbook must be used when that horse is entered in an affiliated endurance or training ride.*
- Matthew to put together rationale for the July AERA meeting about getting this rule changed (50.2) as it is horse welfare issue and contradicts 50.1;
- Belinda to inform CS and Peter to inform RO's that if horses have a logbook then the logbook must be used at all rides. If book not available then riders MUST produce/record the AERA log book number, if this cannot be done then they are not able to ride and refer to CS.

Kerry Spratt: Secretary, Public Officer, AERA, IDP, Grants

As you know the statement about the solution to the AGM motions was made. Most feedback was very positive, noting one negative response that needs discussion at the meeting. Please decide the NSW Chief Steward and Vet for the Tas Quilty. There are three expressions of interest for CS, which have been sent to the committee. I've finalised our registration for the Active Kids program, and have some vouchers to redeem. This money will go straight to our account as reimbursement for these junior memberships. Correspondence: chief stewarding at Bunnigalore; biosecurity, the newsletter and logbook requirements. Having

Bob Pierce at the last meeting was great but I'm not sure how we're picking up on the advice. Can we consider developing a 12 month (say) rolling budget we can refer to for funds and expenses each meeting? To follow up with John on his return

Jo Davis: Ride Calendar

Discussion around the ride booking procedure sent around. Removing '\$10.00 Booking Fee is payable when lodging the ride booking form' and 'A \$50.00 Bond is payable if this is not already held on behalf of the ride committee. This bond may be used for the next ride by that committee if all paperwork is in on time'. The \$10 booking fee will remain on the ride invoice.

ACTION: Peter to send out new procedures to Ride Organisers and Jacque to upload to website once finalised, Jo to add biosecurity information to ride booking form e.g. Are there to be any Horse Health Requirements placed on this event?

Matthew Walker: Horse Welfare, Early Warning System, Vet Liaison, Biosecurity

AERASpace login sorted. Matthew and Tony to work together once there are some forms to enter. Biosecurity debate at AERA noted. Vet Liaison – Steve Swan has sent list, Matt will contact vets personally.

Belinda Hopley: Chief Stewards and TPRs, Zone 5 Delegate

Ride Reports

Glen Innes - 26-27/1/18, 40k, 20k & 5k: A very well run ride by an experienced ride committee, well attended, excellent ride base. The track was excellently marked and picturesque, with a mix of flat, hill and paddock with NO tar. Rider Conduct excellent.

Neville – 17-18/3/18. Not received.

Tumut – 30 – 31/3, 1/4/18, 20k, 40k, 80k and 120k mini-marathon: Kim Stephens and Ellen Vine and their fantastic band of volunteers ran the Easter carnival (first 80k ride of the year) in unseasonal warm weather (around 29-30°). It was well sponsored event, and the roughly 165 entrants are to be commended on their behaviour. The ride base was held for the 2nd time in the Gilmore Valley, which was quite green and provided a welcome green pick for the hardworking horses.

The course was hard underfoot (with rocky sections) due to the very dry conditions. It was a well marked, make time, take time course as there was a climb up to the top of the range for each leg to access the tracks. These consisted of climbs and rolling valley floor. There was 4ks of bitumen with a grassy verge out and in on all legs, with about 13ks of dirt road on the 2nd 40k leg. There was plenty of water at the ride base and on course (including people water).

Friday: afternoon was very warm with a slight breeze. The 120k, 40k & 20k all started at 12.30pm with 51/2 hr ride time. 2 riders were disqualified from the 120k as they were over an hour overtime. A horse shied then bucked on course dislodging the rider. Rider was driven in and the horse vetted thru'. Rider was sore and bruised but ok.

Saturday: 80k ride started at 5am to take advantage of the cool morning with about 2 hrs being ridden in the dark. A couple of horses got lost, but went past an arrow, a cross and a car. One horse lost a shoe which Charlie (Webb) replaced. Another rider fell when his horse slid on the bitumen, grazing his arm and hitting his head. He rode home and withdrew feeling a little woozy. He was sore and badly bruised and his hardhat saved him from further serious injury. Time was extended by 30" (to 6.30pm) which enabled all horses to complete. The 40k & 20k rides started later but had all day to complete. Another rider (20k) was sick on track and withdrew. I am still awaiting her report. Another rider completed successfully but was suffering from the heat later in the afternoon.

At pre-ride, EDST was changed to standard time. All riders were urged to attend pre-ride as the start times for the next day were changed to take advantage of the cool morning. Riders were also advised to wear appropriate clothing and to hydrate as much as possible to lessen the effects of the heat.

Sunday: 80k start brought forward to 4.30am, 40k at 6.30am and 20k at 7am (finish at 6pm). A stronger breeze started earlier that day, but it also warmed up earlier. 3 riders that did not attend pre-ride turned up to start at the previous time but were allowed to start as this had no impact on CP's. There was one horse that returned after starting the 80k with a mild tie up that received invasive treatment.

Despite the conditions (heat and terrain) and being the first 80k of the season, the horses were remarkably well managed. There were a few vet outs with only 2 for metabolics. Some days after the event it was brought to my attention that a horse in the 40k (Sat) did not meet the age criteria. It was missed on entry, by myself and by AERASpace, however, the dentition was checked. (I emailed Steve Swan (AERASpace) to check why was not flagged and he replied the age setting was wrong and he changed it.)

CS/TPR

The 120k rule was clarified with Gerard Bou (AERA CS): "The rule shall be enforced with its intent in mind which is only rides of 120k or more in one day so Tumut is fine to proceed as they normally would. The rule will be changed next year to include "in one day". This means marathons and minis are exempt from the rule."

ACTION: Belinda to inform CS of this and Peter to inform ROs on this.

Zone Five: Wandandian is now running the Zone Champs.

Grants Subcommittee: TPR school being organised for Shahzada.

Bago Ride Committee is meeting next week to discuss our offer of sponsorship of \$4 -5,000 to bring it in line with a premier event in the area north of Sydney.

A rider forum has been proposed for the same weekend (at this stage) as the vet school. This has been changed (now 16/6) as it was discovered that the National Vet Conference was the week before the previous date (20th May).

Rider Forum -

- the impact of the tack we use and how we ride (equitation) on vetting,
- basic horse health,
- to shoe or not to shoe,
- rider fitness,
- training regimes,
- feeding,
- horse behaviour,
- etiquette and riding strategies and so on.
- Zones and clubs could send contacts/ride buddies.

MCP Refresher – Marylou Locke and myself are up for re-accreditation. EA NSW has advised there could be a course on 11 June at Werribee, Victoria, awaiting final details. It will require funding. Finalising the fuel refunds for the ROF has not happened as I still have not been given the attendees' contact details. I am still trying to get V2 of "Running and Endurance Ride" on the RO website.

Other Stuff: All riders are urged to attend pre-ride and to be aware of the rulebook!! Please talk to the CS at the ride if you have any queries or concerns so the issue can be dealt with in a prompt manner.

NFP: The "Event Safety Checklist" in RO forms needs to be taken off and the NSW Risk Management Plan is superseded by the AERA RM Plan. The "New Riders Info Pack" on the front page doesn't work. CS Form 37 needs to be added to the Chief Steward Forms. The NSWERA Pre-nomination Policy needs to be added to RO Forms.

Discussion around putting a contacts page of endurance riders on the website in a map format so new people can view if there are endurance riders in their area that are happy to help and advise, so they can learn about endurance.

ACTIONS:

- Email blast/Facebook (pinned post)/Website – asking the endurance community if they are willing to mentor new riders.
- Kerry to add Peter as a member of the Office of Sport sub committee.
- Jacque to send message to participants of ride organiser's forum to send in their fuel receipts/invoices to Belinda's email. Belinda to send to Jacque the forms needed to be updated on the website.
- NSW State Champs MOU to be sent to Sonia Bonham for a trial run.
- EOIs for NSW State Champs/Border Challenge to be added to Timeline so they are in the newsletter with time for nominations.

Border Challenge (The Rock) and NSWERA State Champs team selectors and team managers to be decided upon, and expressions of interest to be advertised. EOIs for both teams to be sent to Jax, include clothing sizes on the form.

ACTION: Border Challenge team EOI to be email blasted (Adeline via Jacque) and posted on Facebook (Noni) ASAP with closing date 4 May. This team will depend on The Rock being dual affiliated by VERA. NSW State ride team EOI to be posted on Facebook by Noni, closing date will be 31 May.

State team selection is the same as TQ, Belinda thinks they should be different, but did not want to make this decision on her own.

Team selectors decided

Border Challenge: Selectors – Noni, Belinda, Jo. Team Manager – Noni

NSW State Ride: Selectors – Peter, Noni, Talea. Team manager – Jo

Jacque Wright: Promotions, Website: Nil to report at this time

Greg Moore – Zone One delegate

Peter presented report from Mountain Lagoon. 120 riders for the weekend, 90% completion rate. Had strapping "fairies"/mentors to help 5km riders, initially 7 nominated for the 5kms with 11 extras turning up! Seminars and talks on Sunday well attended, everyone loved the new ride base. Next ride is Q60 at usual ride base at Ararat Lodge. Discussion around needing to promote RO's to put on more 60km rides, maybe try and encourage 40/60/80 weekends as well as the 5/10/20/40km weekends.

Talea Hasko-Stewart: Stationary, International

Nothing really for International. First FEI ride is start of May in WA, offering to find horses for interstate riders.

ACTION: Kerry to remove EWS data entry from Talea's name and add Website next to Jacque on agenda. Talea to update Ride Invoice form with changes to day membership costs. These changes come into effect 1 July 2018. Once completed, Jacque to put on website.

Noni Seagrim: Zone 4 Delegate, Merchandise, Facebook, AERA

Zone 4: *The endurance season has started in the Snowy Zone with the first two rides already done and dusted.*

Neville and the never tiring LERC committee hosted 209 horses and riders over the weekend of the 17th & 18th of March with many people taking the opportunity to warm their horses up for the 2018 season!

Tumut hosted the first 80km rides for NSW over the Easter long weekend, as well as 20km & 40km each day and a 120km Mini Marathon. 166 horses and riders stepped up to the challenge and the majority of feedback from riders has been very positive and the vet out/withdrawal rate was very low showing that people took time and care managing their horses beautifully. The number of entries was a little disappointing especially in the Mini-Marathon with only 7 starters, what can be done to encourage people to step up to the challenge? Next up is Gundagai! 28th & 29th of April! Don't miss it!

Merchandise: *The TQ15 leftovers have been slowly selling, still plenty left however! I will continue to push this wherever I can.*

Facebook: *Facebook has been reasonably quiet on the NSW Page and Group, primarily just sharing information such as ride flyers etc with people. Few enquiries have been sent in, mostly about membership, upgrades, finding forms etc.*

Track Preservation Charlie Gauci/Fiona Meller

Peter reported there is a National Parks meeting next Friday with himself, Charlie Gauci, Fiona Meller and Neil Clarkson attending, relating to riding in Yengo and Parr State Recreational Area. 'No horses' signs have been put on the edges of the Old Northern Road, some smaller tracks are affected. Shepherds Gully will also be discussed at the meeting. Kerry discussed a meeting a few years ago with the Gosford National Parks office that she, Neil and Fiona attended where National Parks conceded that Shahzada was considered as cultural heritage. We don't want to go backwards from that meeting.

General business & new business

2018 Quilty NSWERA vet and Chief Steward

Three expression of interest received, Belinda declared conflict of interest and left the room.

EOIs read out to SMC members. Successful CS chosen by SMC is Mary-Lou Locke

ACTION: Kerry to let Mary-Lou know of her success and confirm her availability and then let TQ18 committee know

Vet selected by majority is Darien Feary. If Darien is unavailable then ask Albert Sole Guitert.

ACTION: Matthew to inform Darien of her selection for TQ18. Once confirmed Kerry to inform Kim Moir and TQ18 Committee

Voting rights intermediate members

SMC vote is that intermediate members do not have voting rights. Could be revisited if the intermediate membership outways full membership.

Teams completion from AGM (how to implement) and Annual Teams

Concerns Bec Hogan's idea passed at the AGM. To be left on the agenda for consideration over the next few months (late hour). Noni suggested a separate Zone team, Tony said it has been tried and failed. Jacque believes this is an example of the lack of promotion to our members about there actually being a current team event run by NSWERA.

ACTION: Needs to be an update in every newsletter on the teams results (John). Kerry ask Jax to tally the teams results at the end of each month for inclusion into the newsletter (John) and to be published on Facebook (Noni) and the website (Jacque)

State Ride MOU

Belinda has previously sent the draft to the SMC. This started as a list that people needed to have to run a state ride. There are some things that Belinda wants feedback from the SMC on.

ACTION: Belinda to send out MOU to SMC members, then comments back to her by end of following week

Discussion on branding of state ride e.g need to include the NSWERA logo and a reference to the NSW Office of Sport.

ACTION: All printed and electronic media to be branded with NSWERA and NSW Office of Sport to be included in the MOU

Intermediate members (January item 225)

Adeline prepared a paper on intermediate riders, appears they only attend two or three rides and would cost them more if they became an intermediate member.

ACTION: This to be held over to the next meeting. Belinda to resend out Adeline's paper to all

Correspondence/Emails

AERA re Research Project: Email blast requested to ask NSWERA members to participate in a research project by Julie Fiedler (who is undertaking a Masters in Communication). Aim of the project is to examine the attitudes of horse organisation members about horse welfare. The research will look at how information from members can inform design of a communication strategy with the focus on social licence to operate. Closing date 14 May.

ACTION: This to be posted on Facebook (Noni) and email blast (Adeline via Jacque). Kerry to send information to be posted to Noni and Jacque.

Biosecurity : letter from a member in response to SMC decision on management of the conflicting AGM motions.

ACTION: Matthew to put together reply and send to the member.

Bunnigalore: in camera discussion occurred on an email from a member.

ACTION: We need to find Chief Steward roles and responsibility document and provide this information to all Chief Stewards. Reiterating that we expect Chief Stewards to be present from ride setup to the post ride presentations and thereafter. They must be on the grounds before vetting commences, they must check the course and if they don't check the whole course they need to be very satisfied that everything with the course is OK. No other involvement with competitors.

Noni advised that the AERA is encouraging DAs to send new vets to the FEI course in Sydney in July 20-22.

2018 meeting dates

1 June

6 July

10 August

7 September

12 October

9 November

7 December