

Summary Report, NSWERA Committee meeting held on 1 June 2018.

Present Tony Warren, (chairman), John Howe, Noni Seagrim, Belinda Hopley, Jo Davis, Kerry Spratt, Peter Bice, Matthew Walker, Talea Hasko-Stewart. **Apologies:** Faith Robinson, Charlie Gauci (part meeting).

In attendance: Helen Rich, Jacky (Jax) Barlow (part meeting). Neil Clarkson due 6.30pm, Steve Roberts due 8.15pm

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

| | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 |
|---------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Adult | 310 | 399 | 413 | 438 | 410 | 442 | 453 |
| Junior | 45 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 29 | 40 | 47 |
| Intermediate | 32 | 24 | 31 | 32 | 31 | 24 | |
| Associate | 14 | 15 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 30 | 35 |
| Honorary | 8 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Total | 409 | 494 | 520 | 546 | 496 | 542 | 541 |
| Newsletter | 139 | 195 | 213 | 226 | 233 | 233 | 330 |

Jacky has asked Neil to cut down on the number of newsletters being printed.

PART 2: RATIFY NEW MEMBERS

| DATE | FIRST NAME | LAST NAME | NUMBER | CATEGORY | ADDRESS |
|------------|------------|---------------|--------|------------|--------------|
| 10-04-2018 | Hannah | Archer Lawton | 139805 | Senior | GUM FLAT |
| 10-4-2018 | Cele | Stone | 139806 | Senior | MOGENDOURA |
| 16-4-2018 | Nicole | Simpson | 139807 | Senior/Int | FAIRY MEADOW |
| 16-4-2018 | Zoe | Simpson | 139808 | Junior/Int | FAIRY MEADOW |
| 16-4-2018 | Amy | Simpson | 139809 | Junior/Int | FAIRY MEADOW |
| 17-4-2018 | Katt | Hancock | 139810 | Senior | WORRIGEE |
| 17-4-2018 | Bell | Ward | 139811 | Senior/Int | NEWCASTLE |
| 18-4-2018 | Justine | Johnson | 139812 | Senior | DUNOON |
| 20-04-2018 | Mackensie | Daley | 139813 | Junior | CHARMHAVEN |
| 20-04-2018 | Rodney | Curry | 139814 | Senior | SPRING FARM |
| 15-04-2018 | Ellen | Maddick | 139815 | Senior | TOWRADGI |
| 01-05-2018 | Lily | Peters | 139816 | Senior | FORBES |
| 02-05-2018 | Karen | Prentice | 139817 | Senior/Int | BERRILEE |
| 07-05-2018 | Brigitte | Lewis | 139818 | Senior | COLO HEIGHTS |
| 15-05-2018 | Ross | Pead | 141440 | Senior | BELLANGRY |
| 22-05-2018 | Shannon | Fogg | 141441 | Senior | ORANGE |
| 23-05-2018 | Shannon | Plowright | 141442 | Senior | NARRABUNDAH |

PART 3: RIDES CONDUCTED – ENTRIES RECEIVED.

| Ride Name | Date | Intro | Train | 80-99km | 100-119km | 120-159km | 160+ | TOTAL |
|-------------|----------------------|-------|-------|---------|-----------|-----------|------|-------|
| Mt. Lagoon | 7-8 April | 69 | 51 | | | | | 120 |
| Tumut | 30 March | 32 | 74 | 53 | | | | 159 |
| Tooraweenah | 21 April | 61 | 19 | 50 | | | | 130 |
| Gundagai | 30 April | | 52 | 71 | | | | 123 |
| Mudgee | 13 th May | 40 | 43 | 77 | | | | 160 |

Wingello results are not up yet, delayed in resolving issues with Aeraspace as a result of using two computers at the ride. 103 riders in 80km, 67 in 40km, 7 in 5km, 42 in Saturday's 10km plus a few more. Nearly 300 riders in total.

MOVED Kerry Spratt, Jo Davis
THAT the new members are accepted and their names published in the newsletter. **Carried:** Unanimous.

PART 4: STOCKTAKE

Logbooks 2 in 1 35
 Logbook covers 29

PART 5: ENDURANCE HORSE REGISTRATIONS (Year to Date)

ANNUAL - 15
 LIFETIME - 20

PART 6: OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Invoicing ride fees for NSWERA members at Northern Rivers Zone rides

Steve Swan provided the rider numbers up to 2015, noted we won't pursue those but Jacky will give them to John.

Steve will provide 2018 numbers once we have agreed on the fees. John said original agreement was that the ride affiliation fees went to the rider's State of origin. Kerry asked if Greg has any agreement in writing, John believes he does and will follow up on this. QERA ride affiliation fees: Endurance \$19.20, junior \$2.20. Trainer \$16.00 day \$18.00 intro ride \$16.

Neil arrived at the meeting at 6:16.

(b) Rule book for new members

Last printed in 2016, there have been a lot of updates since then, AERA has no plans to reprint. Jacky wanted to know if she should direct new members to go to the website and download the rule book themselves.

Replacement logbooks. As currently stands, when members do not send back the original logbook, Jacky needs to consult the SMC. Members often send filled out application forms with a photo of all the pages in their logbook. Do we still follow this rule? Jacky spoke to Steve Swan who said we should follow the rule so that the Registrar can check every entry. Jacky asked what the NSW SMC wants her to do. If every page is sent in, that should suffice. Applicable rule is 49.4. Motion was proposed by Kerry to go to the AERA:

NSW ERA present a motion to the July AERA meeting relating to replacement logbooks that rule 49.4 be rescinded and replaced with a rule that requires a scanned copy of the entire log book to be returned with the application for a new log book. Carried.

Resolved: Jacky continues as above and as discussed at this meeting, until the rule is changed by the AERA.

(c) Volunteers draw

Draw took place. Gordon Smith received the \$100 voucher, volunteers draw going to Kate Smith, Sonia Holdsworth, and Mick Able.

Acceptance of minutes of meeting held 13 April 2018.

MOVED Tony Warren, Belinda Hopley

THAT the minutes of the SMC meeting of 13 April 2018 be accepted. **Carried** Unanimous.

Neil Clarkson – Mudgee ride

Neil said that a rider who had a novice membership card but had completed three 80km rides (could be an endurance rider) was disqualified for riding under novice time. The rider thought she was automatically upgraded to endurance status. Neil thinks this is very unfair, considering we don't need to produce membership cards any more, why should these riders be disqualified? There should be a better way. Answer was that the rule book says that she had to be disqualified and the CSs had no choice but to enforce the rule book. It was agreed AERAspace should advise the secretariat of any changes in rider status.

How do members know that they need to be officially upgraded to endurance status? There is also the question of intermediate riders upgrading.

Neil noted that the newsletter has been late on the website for the last three issues. Tony feels that a problem arises if the written newsletter is mailed and the web version is posted at the same time and that the internet version should go up a week or so after the print copy is out. Kerry said we made a decision a long time ago that members who access the newsletter on the web pay a lesser membership fee. John thinks we should charge for internet viewing to help finance the newsletter.

Kerry suggested the following motion:

That rule 29.4 be rescinded and that AERAspace be reconfigured so that the Registrars are notified automatically when a rider reaches Endurance Status to enable riders to be upgraded.

Agreed to print a reminder on the back of the membership cards about upgrading. Jacky to sort out the wording.

Due to the over whelming correspondence we receive on various issues, we need members to read the rule book. Notices to go onto Facebook and the website asking members to do this.

Neil Clarkson – General Chief Stewards [CSs] AERA requirements.

Discussion about recent requests made of Chief Stewards. Neil is asking about the information sent to CSs by Belinda recently. Neil noted it is physically impossible for a CS to check a course on a Saturday before the start of the ride. CS are unpaid volunteers and increasingly rides are held on Saturdays, which necessitates CSs taking Fridays off to allow time to check courses. Neil said he doesn't check entire courses and does not know of any CSs who do check the entire course prior to a ride. Neil is not prepared to sign off on a course being checked if he hasn't checked it. Agreed State rides and TQ rides need to be checked off. Neil said we all know there are rides out there with bad marking, but at rides which run continually the standard of marking is known, and there is possibly no need to check the entire course at established rides. How can CSs be asked to sign off on a course when it has not been checked? They can't. Tony agrees.

This issue was discussed at the April meeting when the requirements were put in place, Kerry read the relevant

section. Belinda has also sent information previously. Belinda said that CSs used to check courses but this was changed to advising that part of the course was to be checked. Additionally, Neil said that he leaves when the ride is finished. Belinda says there is a rule that CSs remain until after presentation and she feels that CS have to obey the rules if we expect riders to obey the rules. Tony read the current rule. General agreement that the current rule on CS attending rides needs to be changed.

We cannot comply with the climatic requirement of the CS report either, for example at Mudgee they had rain on part of the course and none on other parts.

Question: Does the CS need to sign off? Are we going to minute that CSs do not have to sign off on the course? Belinda gave her version of an email that had been previously sent and said there was nothing in the minutes about this. Yes, we want CSs to sign off but how can they do this if they don't see the entire course? There must be some trust/belief in the course designer's ability.

Neil left the meeting at 6:57 as did Jacky Barlow.

Charlie Gauci and Faith Robinson. Zone One report and Vet fees at rides.

Faith gave a report for Zone One, plans coming along well for Q60, rides on both days. As there is a 40k ride each day, Zone One requests two intermediate prize rugs. Agreed. There are new members of NSWERA who reside in the Sydney area. The Zone would like to be issued with these email addresses, but if this is considered a breach of privacy, the Zone would like NSWERA to send a welcome email etc. Kerry thinks its ok to supply email addresses for uses strictly related to endurance, but doesn't think this job should fall to Jacky Barlow. Faith will email Kerry. What is the rule on Vets who want to renegotiate their fees? What do other Zones do with regard to increased charges and accommodation and meal requests? Recommended vet fees are on the Internet. **Resolved:** Peter to write to all ride organisers (RO) advising of the AERA suggested vet fees.

The Zone suggests that in respect to the Mt Lagoon ride, the CS report should be shared with ride organisers. Belinda shares this information with her ROs, Charlie asked if this was a general rule or just occasionally, believing that CS reports are not always shared. Charlie believes the passing of information between the NSW SMC and ROs is not working, and no one tells the ROs about any discussions that may have taken place at committee meetings. Charlie feels CS reports should be shared with ride organisers. Belinda believes that people should be more descriptive in their CS reports. Agreed that CS reports will be provided to the relevant ride committee.

Ride Matrix – Charlie Gauci

Charlie referred to the NSW AGM and the ride matrix discussion. He believes the discussion was shut down and he was told to take it to the ROs forum, where it was shut down again. Charlie said that if there are changes to be made to how rides are allocated dates, it needs to go back to the AGM because it was previously agreed to at an AGM. Why did the matrix and the current rules come about? Charlie believes that few years back, people who were sitting around the NSW SMC table got to decide whether you got a ride date, depending on who you knew or who you were friends with at the time. Kerry disputed this. The basis of the ride matrix has been around for many years.

The ride matrix was put in place so that an individual did not control the granting of a ride date. Jo Davis spoke on the reason for not using the matrix but Charlie said that a rule needs to be put in place explaining the allocation of rides. Jo has done an article for the newsletter and the webpage. John said someone has to have ownership of the portfolio. Charlie says that it's the process that needs to be changed, we need to change the set of rules which was the ride matrix. Tony understands why Charlie was going down that course. Charlie asked who was going to provide the minutes for that RO's forum meeting held previously as none had been forthcoming. Belinda has notes on the ride organisers forum but no one has done the minutes.

Charlie left the meeting at 7:56. Dinner break from 8:00 until 8:15.

Steve Roberts at 8.15pm: Gundagai, Wingello, IDP

The discussion about various issues at the Gundagai and Wingello rides were held in camera. Talea left the meeting at 9:03 while one matter was discussed. Talea returned to the meeting at 9:32 and spoke on this matter. Talea left the room again and further discussion occurred. Talea returned at 9:45. A letter from Steve Roberts about the IDP was also discussed with Steve present. Steve Roberts left the meeting at 9:26. Correspondence to be sent as agreed.

Business arising from last meeting (action log review)

| Minutes | Who | What |
|----------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 19 July 2016: | Kerry | 2015 Quilty bibs,: ongoing, Kerry to follow up again. |
| 9 Dec: 252 | Bel | Update courses for vets during 2018. Ongoing. Follow up vets seeking accreditation |
| October 166 | Kerry/Adeline | Add note about no capping to ride booking form as agreed. Done needs to go on website |
| 167 | Jax | Timeline of tasks ongoing. We all need to provide info to Jax |
| December 204 | Jacque | Ask LERC if we can share the 2017 State ride biosecurity plan |
| January 208 | Bel | State ride checklist, Include info re smc to approve state ride head vet and treatment vet in state ride checklist , ongoing |
| 220 | Jacque | Research/Purchase flip book program, ongoing |
| 226 | John | Ask Greg Moore about most recent previous NRZ arrangements, resolve with QERA/NRZ to have fees paid |

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| 230 238 | Kerry Jacque Tony | Play by the Rules as agenda item early in 2018. Ongoing. July? online membership forms, new ride booking form on website OG ROs: SMC must approve head & treatment vets at major rides OG |
| 2 Mar 2016: 3 6 8 10 14 15 16 24 | John Jax Bel John Kerry Kerry Kerry Talea Noni/Bel Kerry | Email AGM checklist to all ongoing Check AERAspace for number of NSW riders in NRZ rides DONE State ride checklist/info to John when finalised ongoing Discuss head vet with Toora club, present funding cheque. CHQ DONE Printing of intro book. Not done since amount of funds is uncertain. Accept new Office of Sport grant/complete reporting on previous OG Change NSWERA address from Tom Mc to John ongoing, ongoing Article for Tas Quilty book ongoing. Due May CS jacket for Chris Cheney. DONE? Adv Jacky Barlow that tender was successful Done, Kerry to update minutes with correct motion. DONE |
| 13 April: 32 33 36 38 40 41 41/45 43 45 48 51 53 54 55 56 | Matt Jacque/Peter Belinda Noni/Jacque/John Noni/Jacque/John Kerry Bel/Peter/Kerry Peter Noni/Jacque Noni John John Matt Bel/Peter Peter/Jacque Jo Noni ? Jacque Bel Jacque/ Adeline Noni Talea Jacque Kerry Matt Kerry Kerry Kerry/Noni/Jacque/John Bel/ALL ALL Bel Noni/Jacque/Adeline Matt Bel | Contact vets and update list FB group message to ride organisers re entering officials in Aeraspace Tumut rider with underage horse: disqualification/aeraspace correction. FB/website/newsletter respectively re underage horses FB/website/newsletter respectively re EOI for 2019 AGM (??) Bec re remaining MAXXIS funds for book printing. Amount not finalised. Teleconf with Office of Sport re survey, completed survey to SMC DONE Update portfolio descriptions FB/website re rode feedback. FB reminder about social media code of conduct Order State ride buckles Newsletter: change notice re use of logbooks as agreed Rationale to change rule 50.2 for motion to July AERA meeting FCS and RO re use of logbooks etc, Mini/Marathons exempt from 120km rule ROs and website re Ride booking fee payment Add question re biosecurity to ride booking form The Rock dual affiliation with VERA? Email blast re people willing to be mentors Adv RO forum attendees to submit fuel receipts Send Jacque the forms needing to be updated on website, MoU to Sonia Bonham for trial, add State ride and border challenge EOI to timeline Email blast re EOI for Border Challenge team FB EOI for Border Challenge and State ride Update day member fees on ride invoice form, send to Jacque Update ride invoice form on website Tas TQ CS: adv Marylou of selection DONE Darren Feary re Tas TQ vet DONE advise AERA and Tas TQ committee re NSW vet, DONE resend notice re Wingello swabbing to AERA DONE Jax re tally of Teams results each months' end /FB/website/newsletters Resend State ride MoU to all, comments by end of next week All printed / electronic material branded NSWERA and Office of Sport Resend Adeline's report to all DONE FB/email blast re Fieldler research Steve Roberts re bio security Send CS role doc to all Chief Stewards |

The above list was gone through in some detail.

Standing Items

State Champs 2018 (Tooraweenah)

John covered this in his report for Zone Two. Email tabled and read by Kerry. **Resolved** that the State Ride Committee [SRC] need to be advised of the matters that need to be attended to. Belinda asked Matthew to advise why certain ratings are given in log books. Matthew says it is for the benefit of the other vets, not the riders, the scores are not like a show. They are for the next vet and are very subjective. Belinda asked Matt if he could write something on log book ratings for the newsletter.

Ratification of decisions made between meetings: Only one was to invite Steve Roberts to the meeting.

Maxxis Project (Emily Streckfuss chair, Kerry Spratt, Bec Hogan, Renee Kirk)

More filming done last weekend, now have approval from Maxxis on the footage and Bec is full steam ahead. Kerry to confirm cost to print the books.

AERA meetings

Next meeting is 29 July, Peter will be an apology. Plaques for 21 old Quilty buckles are being made, these can be mounted with horses' details, will sell for \$400. Must be successful Quilty completions!

Insurance. Riders were being asked for their medical conditions, perception by some people that this information would be available in the event of an accident, which doesn't happen. AON asked for this but the current insurer doesn't so this has been removed from the membership form.

NSW Office of Sport grant project: Belinda Hopley (chair), Jacque Wright, Adeline Gibson, Clare Feary
Belinda read her report. The remainder of the money could be spent on signs and vests.

New members incentives:

We have Adeline's report but need to hold this over to another meeting because of the late hour.

Committee Reports by previous portfolio holders

Tony Warren: President, Horse Welfare, Early Warning System

Wow, how fast is the year going? The rides are well underway & seem to have been very well attended so far, hopefully this continues for the rest of the season. This past weekend we had Wingello ride attended by around about 300 horses & riders, the usual vetting lines did not occur due to the few changes Bec & her entourage of helpers put in place. Congratulations to all the Vets, Chief Stewards, TPR's and volunteers on a job well done.

Our NSW State Champs are just around the corner, I hope everyone is getting their horses ready, hopefully it will be a successful weekend for all who attend.

On a committee front we are inundated again with issues which put us on a back foot, we are continually putting out fires rather than being proactive & trying to build the sport. One day we will get the chance to concentrate on where we wish the sort to go, maybe one day!

Horse Welfare and Early Warning: *Sorry have had time to do a hand over to Matt as yet, so I will do a quick report for him.*

Rider Early Warning: *Quite a few riders on this list which have been there for a while slowly receiving anniversary points to drop the points level, only one rider sitting at the 30 point mark. No letters written this month.*

Horse Early Warning: *Nothing really worrying on this list.*

Horse Welfare: *Unfortunately we have a few issues to deal with at this meeting, Information will be provided at meeting.*

Peter Bice: Vice President, AERA, Ride Standards and Feedback, Governance, Ride Standards and Ride feedback report

There has been a good response from the rider feedback, thanks Adeline for all the promotion on Facebook. This feedback is providing some very good information but unfortunately the comments are almost always in the negative, we need to find a way to get riders to let ride organisers know how much of a great weekend they had, everyone needs a pat on the back. There have been some very good numbers entering at rides which bodes well for the sport.

Governance

The portfolio descriptions need to be updated some no longer exist and some need a few changes, if each committee member would check on the website and let me know.

John Howe: Treasurer, Ride calendar, Zone 2 Delegate

As of yesterday we are holding the following funds in the Commonwealth Bank:

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|------------------------|--------------------|
| <i>Cheque Account</i> | <i>\$32,817.99</i> |
| <i>Credit card</i> | <i>\$1,083.25</i> |
| <i>I.B.D 13.2.19</i> | <i>\$20,436.25</i> |
| <i>I.B.D 5.1.19</i> | <i>\$15,086.69</i> |
| <i>I.B.D 8.8.19</i> | <i>\$10,029.22</i> |
| <i>Total 31.6.2018</i> | <i>\$79,633.21</i> |

When we receive the affiliation fees from Mudgee and Wingello our balance will be healthier. I have a number of AERA accounts that will eat into our total. One of which is for \$4,156.00, a large proportion is for \$3.00 ride levy fees. I have asked James to hold off on the profit and loss until I can collect any and all receipts for monies paid out in my absence that either Peter or Kerry may be holding.

I note that in the last Minutes Kerry raised the matter of an ongoing annual budget, I believe that by looking at the figures that I produced at the AGM, we can have a time table of when major expenses occur at end of year when we are purchasing ribbons and trophies for the AGM presentation and of course the AGM costs. Insurances occur at the beginning of the year and there is a second half of the year top up.

Areas where we may have some discretion are in the area of how much drug testing do we do? What sort of sponsorship do we indulge in? What sort of expenses do we indulge in in the area of teams?

I note that we are going to pay to re accredit two swabbing stewards, this is excellent however we must have an undertaking from these people as to how available they will be to work in this role at rides. What will be their ongoing priority.

Newsletter:

The Newsletter needs to be up on the Website within 24 hours that it is received.

The deadline for the July August Newsletter is 10th June. I request that all members of the SMC get all E.O.I's, Minutes, Articles to Helen by this date. We require professional conduct by our Editor but for this to happen we need contributors to assist by getting their material to Helen within a timely manner, not the last second. Portfolio holders who have lists in the Newsletter, Chief Stewards, T.P.R's, Vets must ensure these lists are up to date and current.

Zone Two and State Championship:- Tooraweenah held their annual 80 km ride on 21/22 April. The ride was a success, the vet gate into hold that will be used at the State ride was trialled. However, electronic timing was not used due to technical difficulties. The unit, I believe is currently in Tasmania, being repaired.

There are 6 Vets now booked for the State ride. Nadine Allen H.V assisted by Kym Hagon and 4 local vets. Jo Holt was to have been there but has had to withdraw. The Chief Steward team is now Peter Bonham, Jeff Bonham, assisted by Haydn Fisher and John Howe. Haydn and John will be part timers, but will assist as required with any peak times.

Matthew Walker has provided technical assistance and I believe that the compulsory represent will be held at the end of the second leg, rather than the third leg. This is an initiative of Matthew who feels that horses can be compromised by the end of the 2nd leg. Naturally, the Vets will be looking at all horses at all times during the ride and horses may be asked to represent at any time at the end of any leg.

Currently we are holding 21 State Championship buckles, when we have a better idea of numbers I'll have the engraving done. I'll also get a quote on obtaining more from the supplier.

The Tooraweenah committee is going to upgrade and hold working bees to make all facilities top class.

Anyone who can't ride, please come along and help make this our premier ride of the year.

Zone Two, the best in the west.

Belinda said we need a schedule of swabbing that is to be done. Matthew to organise this and advise the stewards. John said in days gone by, NSW ERA has spent money on people to get the necessary accreditation and they have then refused to swab.

MOVED John Howe, Peter Bice

THAT the treasurer's report is accepted and the accounts be paid. **Carried** Unanimous.
Kerry wants to see the rolling budget prepared. John said yes, he could do this but we must allow for unforeseen events. There is the \$3 to go to the AERA to be taken into account which is variable.

How tight do we want this budget to be? John said that we should have a look at the P&L from last year. It's all there. Kerry said that Bob Peirce came in and told us stuff but we haven't formally done a budget.

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

Emails from two people raising concerns about issues at the Gundagai ride. **Resolved** to respond advising that we will take their comments up with the ride committee and the people concerned.

Email from a ride committee about fees paid to NSW ERA. **Resolved** to write as agreed, noting that the NSWERA committee needs to generate income to run the sport.

Letter about the age of horses and containment at rides. **Resolved** to respond advising that after discussion with our State vet, three years is too young and the rules for containment cannot be changed.

Emails about various issues from a member. **Resolved** to advise that: we will contact ROs asking that where possible they give completion buckles; we have already made some changes to the annual awards addressed this by replacing some of the awards; and riders are responsible for complying with FEI rules. .

Dual Affiliation in general. Bom Bom ride committee wants dual affiliation of this ride to be reconsidered. Noted that AERASpace shows all NRZ rides as dual affiliated in compliance with an AERA directive, and we have no say in the matter. Jo to speak to Tangil Kinch.

Belinda Hopley: Zone 5 Delegate, Chief Stewards and TPRs

Mt Lagoon, 8/4/18. 40k, 20k & 5k.: The ride organization, base and track were all good. An excellent ride attracting about 120 riders. The course was challenging but scenic, with the riders riding slowly to the conditions on the day. Due to events on course, the water truck was prevented from getting more water on course for the end of the 40k ride. 2 vets were required to deal with 2 horses (1 was kicked, walked in and vetted thru') and the other horse required further treatment. (Note 3 vets were named for the number of riders, with only 1 accredited vet.)

Weather conditions at 10am were 27.4C, humidity 61%, wind speed 1.3kph, and at 1pm 36.1C and 43% humidity.

Tooraweenah, 21 & 22/4/18. Sat 7 & 20k, Sun 20k, 40k & 80k: No reported problems, however, the vetting area will need to be moved back if doing VGIH to allow vets more room, and a few more markers on track. Only 2 vets were noted for the ride, but 40 riders attended on Saturday and 90 on Sunday.

Gundagai, 29/4/18. 40k & 80k.: No problems were reported, but commented that all rides could be improved. 1 horse presented post ride (after a V/O) with severe metabolics and received a 6 week RO, 1 with a moderate lameness during the hold time on leg 2 and a 40k horse also vetted out with a moderate lameness.

Mudgee, 12 & 13/5/18. 80k, 40k, 20k & 10k.: The weather was fantastic during the event compared to the Friday before. According to all reports from the riders the course was great and very well marked. There was a great atmosphere throughout and the committee did a great job, with the pre ride talk being a highlight but unfortunately missing the presentations. There was a bit of confusion around vetting times as 2 times were advertised, and there could have been a bit more water around base. There were 4 incidents – 1 rider falling off after a shy. Another horse tripped and the rider fell off. Another rider was disqualified for being under novice time. The last incident was a horse kicking in the vet ring. The head vet was listening to gut sounds when it moved forward and kicked out with both back feet, connecting with the vet in his knee region. The vet was knocked to the ground. He was taken to Mudgee hospital and returned to continue vetting. The CS was concerned with this as he was in pain and limping badly. The CS would like the owner of the horse written to asking that the trainer or an experienced horse handler that knows the horse handle it in the vet ring. Notes that this could have been a more serious injury. Approximately 155 riders attended with 3 vets noted.

Neville report still outstanding.

South Coast Zone News-

Had a Zone meeting last night but have not heard how it went.

Grants Subcommittee-

Bago declined our offer, so to date we have spent \$19,300. I am waiting to hear back from Sue Todd at Shahzada what day for a TPR school. The costs for the vet school (approx \$2000) and EA MCP (costs?) course are to be finalised. Ideas to spend the remainder are on signage, vests. Any other ideas?

Riders Forum cancelled as it was hard to get presenters to commit. Had good interest so would like to see it run in conjunction with AGM next year.

Other Stuff-

Has AERA Form 20 (Volunteers Form) been passed as it just appeared on the website and is NSWERA using it?

Still trying to get info to the ROC's from the forum and on the website.

Jo Davis: Ride calendar, Stationery, EWS data entry

Ride calendar report

Tooraweenah, Gundagai, Tenterfield, Mudgee and Wingello rides have run very successfully since our last meeting.

Tooraweenah had a total of 130 entries over the weekend, 118 successful. (82% completion rate).

Gundagai had 124 riders with 108 successful (91% completion rate).

Tenterfield held 20/40 & 80 both days of their weekend, 88 riders with 84 successful (95% completion rate).

Mudgee attracted a total of 160 riders over their event with 143 successful (89% completion)

Wingello – will have to insert later as results are still not available on AERAspace.

Upcoming rides include;

The Rock Championship Ride – Australia FEI Champs and Snowy Zone Champs

Wandandian – South Coast Zone Champs

NSW State Champs!

Ride booking forms received

Dual Affiliation for VIC ride – Julie Woods Mt Cole Muster – 25/26 August 2018

Tooraweenah 2019 – 13/14 April 2019

Gundagai 2019 – 27/28 April 2019

From all reports, Ride Organisers are happy that we are ensuring that only one event is approved on any one weekend, and I think the ride numbers also speak to that!

I now have a login for the website and have done a lot of updates to the ride calendar and added as much information as I have on hand – using most RO's Facebook event pages to get as much information as possible and replicated on website for those not on Facebook.

New ride booking form and ride booking procedures need to be uploaded and I would like them both to be sent out to the Ride Organisers forum group please. I will also send to Helen for inclusion in the next Newsletter. Once this has occurred then I will be able to start contacting RO's a month before their events (point 11 in the ride booking procedure).

Rides for approval –

Tooraweenah – 27-28 April 2019. Dates have changed. 13/14 April 2019. **Approved**

Gundagai – 28-04-2019. **Approved.** Suggestion that whoever is the CS at this ride have a discussion with Rick Owen along the lines previously discussed.

Request for Dual Affiliation for VIC ride “Julie Woods Mt Cole Muster” 25/26 August. First weekend of Shahzada. **Approved**

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

Zone 4

The 28th Gundagai ride has been run and won. Great to see numbers of entries up, with 71 in the 80km and 52 in the 40km. Drought conditions had the track harder and more concussive than usual but otherwise all business as usual! Looking forward the 29th Gundagai next year, hopefully considerably greener and less dusty. Next up on the June long weekend is the Snowy Zone Championships at The Rock, running in conjunction with a 160km Quilty qualifier, 80km, 40km, 20km and FEI Australian Championships.

Facebook

FB Page has promoted rides, ride feedback, team EOIs etc. with reasonable reach.

FB group has been poking along, few questions from members, ride promotions etc.

There are 828 people who 'like' the FB page vs 1700 who are members of the group so I always try to make sure to share anything posted on the page with the group as well to get maximum exposure.

Most ROs are utilizing FB as a promotional tool which is good to see.

Merchandise

Nil to report.

Matthew Walker: EWS, Horse Welfare

Tony is working towards a handover of the EWS portfolio to Matthew. Belinda said some rides did not have enough vets for the rider ratio and spoke about pre nominations. Discussion about Mt Lagoon and the vet ratio. John advised they had three horse problems at once. Matthew discussed a bio security meeting (AERA), where the paperwork amended without Matthew having any input. The other participants tried to mandate vaccination, end result nothing much has changed. The original document was a pretty clean document. Matthew now has access to AERAspace and has started looking at invasive treatments. Around 160 treatments, 45.6% of the treated horses were Hendra vaccinated horses but this requires more work to work out the exact data.

Track Preservation Charlie Gauci/Fiona Meller

Letter sent in by Charlie and Fiona Meller regarding a submission re track preservation.

Talea Hasko-Stewart International No report.

Jacque Wright: no report

Moved Kerry Spratt, John Howe

That the website portfolio be moved from Jacque Wright and taken up by Noni Seagrim and Talea Hasko-Stewart with Jo Davis to update to ride calendar. **Unanimous.**

General business & new business

Annual Teams competition: Held over

State ride checklist (Bel) : Held over

Intermediate members (January item 225) Held over

Future meeting dates

6 July , 10 August , 7 September, 12 October, 9 November, 7 December

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1:20 am.