

Summary report NSW ERA SMC meeting held Friday, 29 May 2020.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Belinda Hopley, John Howe, Tony Warren (chairman), Peter Bice, Kerry Fowler-Smith, Matthew Walker, Noni Seagrim, Kim Stephens, Kylie Jonkers, April Newman, Ruth Sumpner, Jo Davis

Apologies: Jacque Wright, Alam Dastani, Jacky Barlow, Faith Robinson. **In attendance:** Helen Rich (Minutes),

Conflicts of Interest: None declared at this time.

Acceptance of minutes of meeting.

MOVED Belinda Hopley, John Howe

THAT the minutes from the Teleconference Meeting of 3 April 2020 be accepted. **Carried** Unanimous

Business arising from last meeting (action log review)

Action Log

Minutes	Who	What
Oct 167	Jax	Timeline of tasks ongoing. Ongoing.
June 18 73	Peter/All	Update portfolio descriptions/ check accuracy of current PD ongoing
Sept 122	Jo	Speak with webhost (Steve) about domain nswera.com.au and transfer of hosting from Platypus. Ongoing Query how long the Domain Name lasts. Jo thinks it could be financial year. Platypus received the notifications.
Oct: 162	Jo	Bathurst radio Ongoing
Dec: 174	all	Strategies to support advertising (see Bec's recommendations)
June 105	Noni	Info on membership for publicity, send to SMC ongoing
July 137	April Bel Kerry	ID people for first aid course ongoing. Find details of MCP course, ongoing Set up Adobe photos Helen, basic Jax ongoing
155	Noni	Set up Instagram (taken over from Jacque) ongoing
Nov 263	Kerry/Bel/Faith	Work with Bec to get advertising/mentor program organised ongoing
268	John	Mindy Davies re magazine ongoing
272	Kerry/Bel/Faith	Confirm forum budget ongoing
279	SMC	Succession planning, portfolio descriptions updated on hold
Jan 307	Faith	Adeline re provide DVD on flash drive
3	Kim	Bank signatories and possibility of online banking done
5	All	Consider mentor info for next meeting
Mar: 15	Faith	Mobile phone with data for responders to advertising campaigns ongoing
36	John	Informational articles for newsletter
39	Kerry/Bel/Faith/Bec ?	Advertising support ideas Progress mentor ideas
66	Peter/Noni/Kerry	AERA re not passing internal costs to states done, agreed no new costs to be passed on. Noni is now the AERA Treasurer.
67	Bel	Zone map to Ruth
72	Kerry Ruth Peter/Noni	Names for subcommittee from AGM to Ruth done (29/5) Follow interested people AERA meeting; clarify biosec plan should not include adjoining LGAs, new plan to go on website, advise Ruth when this happens (Peter) Noni to check on current version of biosecurity plan

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

No report as Jax did not know there was a meeting.

Rides for approval

Mt Lagoon has cancelled, new application for 22 and 23 August. The rides put in by the Shahzada committee will not proceed. Mt Lagoon would be on the same basis as the proposed July ride.

Amendment from Bullio, seeking to cancel the 80k and move all rides to Saturday 31 October.

Mogendoura: new booking for 6 and 7 March 2021. Watagan Mtns asking for 17 and 18 April.

Bumbaldry would like the Anzac weekend. Jo will hold these last two over until the next meeting.

Seeking approval for Mt Lagoon, Bullio changes and the Mogendoura ride. Jo will ask the Tooraweenah Club if they could run a 160k ride on the 2021 June long weekend. Tony asked that these three rides be considered for approval. April brought up the matter of Sussex Inlet and the selection of dates. Sussex to run end of February or the start of March. If the dates were a problem Jo will need to check with the committees and let the SMC know. Agreement for Jo to speak to Talea regarding traditional date for Sussex Inlet. Tony suggests rides be approved providing Talea's committee were in agreement. Mt Lagoon approved as is the changes for the Bullio ride. Bumbaldry ride date is outside the matrix. Jo to wait until she hears from Sonia.

Query on the NSW State ride. Last weekend in November suggested for 2020. Tumut will put in an application when they have more information.

Standing Items

State Championship 2020 update: On hold.

Ratification of decisions made between meetings: The executive wrote to WAERA about comments made by people in WA on the MACCA ABC radio program. These comments were seen as criticism of NSWERA in relation to the WA 2020 Quilty. Also a letter to the AERA seeking to move the 2021 Quilty date away from Shahzada's date because having major events close to each other restricts opportunity. No responses yet.

AERA meeting 2020 QLD Quilty proposal

The obvious point is the way the 2020, 2021 and 2022 Quiltys were dealt with. WA not happening until 2021 and NSW 2022. Queensland has put in a proposal for a Quilty in 2020. AERA meeting tomorrow so this needs to be discussed. 6 June should be in Stage 3 of the COVID restrictions. State borders currently closed but indications are they will open by September at least for the East Coast to enter Qld. This would allow 70% of the national membership to attend. The Quilty was to be held in September so the timeframe for preparation would have been short no matter where the ride is held. We need to decide whether to support the 2020 Quilty proposal from Qld.

Not having a Quilty is a financial loss to the AERA, AERA will get through 2021 but fees will have to go up. If we don't raise the fees we will be struggling for cash. The AERA could use a boost in income and a Qld Quilty would definitely help both NSW and the AERA.

Question about if COVID prevented the event going ahead, who would carry the loss. Agreed this cannot be the AERA. John advised that Tom McCormack said it is highly unlikely that any Covid insurance could be obtained. There should be an agreement that the RO guarantees the costs, no other organisation should be responsible. There are a number of event insurance options available. Detailed discussion took place

Voting on whether to support the Queensland proposal to run a Quilty in 2020: Eight votes in favour, four against.

Conditions agreed on: 1) no financial underwriting by anyone outside of Queensland and 2) if it turns out that the borders are closed, it must not be called a Quilty. If everyone cannot participate, it is not a Quilty.

Suggestion that it be an open qualifier in that you don't have to have ridden a Quilty or hundred miler before.

If the conditions are not met, the majority vote is a No.

2019 NSW Office of Sport Grant project – Advertising campaign, rule books: On hold until end of the year. Need to work out how we can spend the advertising money.

Play by the Rules: No report. Please do these courses, they are a condition of our Office of Sport grant.

2020 AGM, 20 February: Venue has been booked.

2021 and 2022 Quilty: update: Discussed previously in this meeting

Subcommittee from AGM.

General view is that there were many more people who indicated they would be interested in being part of a subcommittee but these are not noted in the AGM minutes. Annette Bailey, Clare Feary, Linda Jonkers and others are suggestions for people who might be interested, in addition to those recorded in the minutes. Ruth will follow up.

Committee Reports as per previous portfolios

Tony Warren: President: No report

Noni Seagram: VP, AERA, website, Facebook, Child Protection: No report

Kim Stephens: Treasurer: No report

Kerry Fowler-Smith: Secretary, Public Officer, AERA, IDP, Grants

Discussion about the AGM motion passed to permit hoods. This same motion was defeated at the AERA and AERA decided that a hood is tack and not permitted under the current rules. NSW SMC has an obligation to follow what our members voted for at the AGM, agreed that riders to be allowed to use hoods at NSWERA rides as a local rule. Belinda will prepare a notice for the newsletter, website and Facebook and advise our Chief Stewards that as per the AGM, hoods are permitted in NSW.

Timing system costs: There are extras to be purchased on top of the actual unit. Tony will check on exactly what is needed and what is included in the cost of the timing system. **Agenda Item** – inclusions in the timing system.

Email from Debbie Pevy about workshops on rider fitness and various aspects of endurance. Debbie has numerous expressions of interest for a workshop in mid July at Jerrys Plains. Currently affected by COVID restrictions including no more than 20 people attending. SMC is supportive of workshops that encourage participation and information sharing. Kerry to write to Debbie advising her that NSW ERA is happy for the workshop to go ahead, confirming Debbie has appropriate insurance.

Peter Bice: AERA, Ride Standards/Feedback, Governance: No report

Jo Davis: Ride calendar, website, stationery: No further report.

Matthew Walker: Horse Welfare, Early Warning System, Vet Liaison, Biosecurity: No report

Belinda Hopley: Chief Stewards and TPRs, Grants, Zone 5 Delegate

- Another provisional TPR approved.
- Sent email regarding chief stewards.
- Treatment vet to be included in the paperwork at a ride.
- Query regarding number of CS per rider - same as with vets.
- Ride secretary to fill in all forms.
- Forum up on the website. Will get something to John for the newsletter. YouTube will have a video.
- Mentor information sent around. Quite a few possible mentors have been approached.
- We need a mobile phone for Faith and we need an email for the mentor coordinator.
- Endurance chatter- people asking for information. Want it out there.
- Quite a lot of correspondence from AERA. One letter about TPR badges. Maybe try and present it to them.
- Letter from Mark Dunn about horse death at a ride last year. Want to include horses that die as a result of an endurance ride. This would be unenforceable so why make such a rule.
- Post ride auditing. Letter read out here. What they want is to develop a working process.
- Questionnaire to be answered. Belinda feels that this should already be there. We have a risk management assessment and plan and documentation. If we tighten up our paperwork, this should cover us.
- Bio security up for discussion.

Jacque Wright: Promotions: No report

Alam Dastani – International: No report

Kylie Jonkers – International: No report

Faith Robinson: Zone 1 Delegate: No report

John Howe: Zone 2 Delegate, Newsletter,

John asked everyone to put pen to paper for a newsletter report. Bio notes from Forum will be sent to John for the newsletter. Ruth has an international junior who might be interested in writing an article. John asked for photos and story on her competition in the UK. Ruth will follow up. Several other junior members names put forward, who will be approached to write their stories.

Kim Stephens: Zone 4 Delegate: No report

April Newman: Zone 5 delegate. Promotions: No report

Ruth Sumpner: Zone 6 Delegate: No report

Track Preservation Charlie Gauci/Fiona Meller: No report

General business & new business

Restart plan

Kerry previously sent around some ideas based on the criteria put out by Gaming NSW. The government will require all business to put together a COVID safe plan. Hopefully the outdoor mass gathering numbers will increase. When the limit gets to 50 or 100, we should put in an application for an exemption to the limit, say to 150 or 200 people, to be able to run rides. No point in doing this while the limit is 10. Lots about endurance that makes being COVID safe easy. Kerry suggests preparing a safety plan now so it's ready when numbers get to 50. Agreed, Kerry will work on a safety plan so it is ready when the mass gathering limits make applying for an exemption worthwhile.

Members think tank: On hold

Advertising campaign strategies/format and support

Ongoing. Belinda asked Jo to send her a ride calendar for the next 18 months including traditional dates.

Agreed we need to be proactive in getting rides started again as soon as possible. Need to consider how to manage the current policy about the matrix, one ride per weekend and distances if those become an issue given the shortened season. We should actively approach ride committees who can arrange rides at short notice, for example those with relatively little red tape. There are some committees on standby that could run rides at short notice. This message should go out to the general membership, not just ROs.

Use the newsletter, Facebook and website for notices about getting rides going asap. We need to have rides organised when we put in our application to get an extension to numbers. We could also put a quick poll onto Facebook to see what members think and find out how many are ready to attend rides. Noni will get some wording organised and get it out there.

Mentors.

Belinda had a good working group, Faith will be the coordinator. We need a phone and designated number that people can call to get information. Jo will set up an "info@NSWERA" email address, to be directed to Faith. Need to review the mentoring program before starting the TV advertising.

Future meeting dates: 9 July teleconference, 7pm. Meeting closed 10.38pm