

Notes of the General Meeting of Members of the Australian Endurance Riders Association Inc held on 12th and 13th March, 2005 at the Sports House, cnr. Castlemaine and Caxton Streets, Milton, QLD, commencing on Saturday at 8.15 a.m.

Present

Anne Jones (Qld) Mathew Krahnman (Qld), Dick Collyer (Qld), Sarah Adams (SA), Simon Plush (SA), Graeme Gilbertson (NSW), Kerry Spratt (NSW) , Jeff Bonham (NSW) Tony Purton (TAS), Denise Williams (Tas) Ieva Peters (WA), Ady MacIntosh (WA) Roy Noble (Vic)

In attendance: Barbara Timms (minutes) Allan Renner (Hon Member), Denise Trollope (Sat.)

Apologies: Debi Chislom (Vic)

Register of Pecuniary Interest and Conflict of Interest

Nil

Registration of Votes

State	Members	Votes
New South Wales	753	8
Queensland	655	7
Victoria	212	3
Western Australia	191	2
Tasmania	112	2
South Australia	70	1

EFA The EFA Agreement has been signed.

Treasurer Allan said that the Insurance Co. has settled on the claim over the Chinchilla incident. The Claimant being K. Bateman for damages to bull, fences and missing cattle. Dick said that the insurers had no idea of the worth of cattle, as it was a 9yo bull, now deceased and would have been worth at most \$1000, there was never a veterinary inspection sought or vet certificates asked for by the insurers.

Moved Dick Collyer/Sarah Adams
That **the Honorarium for the Treasurer be increased to \$400/month plus internet charges.**
Voting All in favour

Moved Jeff Bonham/ Dick Collyer
That **the Treasurers report be accepted.**
Voting All in favour

Secretary The reports for the AERA meetings are always late, it makes it very difficult to compile an agenda.

Resolution

That Delegates airfares are to be booked at least one month before the AERA meeting. Failure to do so will result in the delegates Division being responsible for the entire cost of the airfare.

International

Election of office Bearers, Chairman not done, Glenda Armitage elected as Secretary. These positions are to be reviewed at the next meeting.

Membership of the IC. AERA members are: Dick Collyer (Qld) Ieva Peters (WA) Sarah Adams (SA) Tony Purton (Tas) Kerry Spratt (NSW). Vic is not resolved, Debi Chisolm's status to be sorted out, whether a member of the IC or as Vic Delegate. Independent members are Glenda, Peter Toft, Chris Gates, Sandy Horton, Toby Crockett. Denise Trollope has nominated for a position.

Barb Timms has been approved by the FEI to run accredited Judges courses, there will be a course in WA in Sept.

Proposed Endurance convention at Boonah, Dick and Brian Sheahan are in discussion and are looking at sponsorship and overseas speakers.

LNO's. Roy said there are several outstanding accounts of more than 30 days. It was resolved that **a)** until the current outstanding accounts are paid, no further LNO's will be issued. **b)** the LNO will only be issued when the application and money has been received. **c)** the LNO's are applicable to each membership year. Denise T will create a form which will include an expiry date and be made available on the AERA website and from the AERA IC Secretary.

Chef's Report . There were 3 recommendations from the report that needed discussion. **1)** Concern expressed by the Chef with regard to the reporting of the Chef's job, who does the Chef report to? Recommendation: That the Chef's job be rewritten with clarification. **2)** concern with regard to the selection process, that the levels be broadened to allow a larger selection base. Recommendation: that the requirements of VGIH rides be watered down to include ordinary AERA rides for Level 3 of the Squad. **3)** Concerns for lack of funding for WC's.

Report from the team debrief, which was tabled at the IC meeting. The recommendation from the IC meeting is "**That the IC meet and develop a plan for the International arm of the sport**"

Moved Sarah Adams / Graeme Gilbertson
That **the AERA funds the meeting of the AERA IC to develop a strategic plan**
Voting All in favour

Date: 14/15 May 2005. Dick will organise a moderator from QSF

AES Report All Squad positions are due for reappointment, that is the Manager's position and five Board of Management positions. Expressions of interest are to be called for. Kerry said that the IC structure needs to be addressed at each November meeting.

AERA will purchase and set up an honour board listing the achievements of the International teams. It was suggested that there be a virtual honour board on the web site.

Report from Allan Renner. FEI judges have received their star ratings, FEI vets are still to be rated

It was decided that expressions of interest would be called for all positions for the Jnr World Champs Bahrain 2005, and WEG Aachen 2006, plus the Trans Tasman series 2005.

Moved Dick Collyer / Sarah Adams
That **the AERA write to the EFA recommending that Australia be allowed to run CEIO competitions using States as different countries**
Voting All in favour

Moved Carried forward from the IC
That **the Selection Committee for International representatives consist of five members of the AERA IC who have a sound knowledge and understanding of the requirements of international competition. Members appointed to the selection committee must have no conflict of interest**

Vote not taken, all agreed that this is a good idea, needs more discussion.

Swabbing report Glenda Armitage reported on a swabbing course undertaken at Werribee in December. From 2005 onwards, only stewards who are accredited (ie. those who have done the course with the EFA) will be eligible to act as the swabbing steward at FEI rides, Swabbing stewards must not be part of the GJ or have any other role at the event they are to work at as a swabbing steward.

Each Division should contact the EFA branch within their respective state and inquire when these swabbing days will be held so that AERA swab stewards can attend also.

The AERA should contact the EFA and request that the EFA issue an invitation to the NZL Federation inviting teams to compete at the Trans Tasman in October

Insurance report, Allan Renner

Comments from Allan... Managing the insurance has become easier, although he is still having problems obtaining contact names from each Division, this information should be on the website.

Ilan said that all clubs must keep a list of names of all their voluntary workers for the voluntary workers insurance.

Divisions need to give Allan a list of the day memberships by June 1st 2005.

Waiver Form, Allan said this form needs to be signed a) with the membership application to the Division, and b) at point of ride entry.

Moved Dick Collyer / Mathew Krahnan

That **the AERA adopt the waiver form as approved by AON**

Voting NSW (No) All other States in favour, motion carried.

Moved Anne Jones/Mathew Krahnan

That **Allan is thanked for all his hard work with the insurance.**

Voting All in favour

Horse Welfare. It was resolved that Jeff Bonham be the Horse Welfare Officer, all IVT forms and other material to be directed to Jeff.

Merchandise Officer. Sarah volunteered for this position.

Moved Graeme Gilbertson / Dick Collyer

That **the AERA shirts and any other gear that fits be given to the AES for the Trans Tasman and the Jnr World Champs**

Voting All in favour

Confirmation of Sub committees

Database – Ieva Peters, Anne Jones and external members

Sponsorship – QERA

Achievement – Denise Trollope/Lyn Bailey and Kerry Spratt

Horse Welfare – Jo Hamilton, Anne Jones and Jeff Bonham

Merchandise – Sarah Adams

International – Dick Collyer

Finance – Graeme Gilbertson, Roy Noble.

Quilty – Dick Collyer, Ieva Peters and Tony Purton

Course Preservation – Fiona Mellor, Leigh Ann Sample, Dick Collyer

CS/TPR – Graeme Gilbertson and State Division portfolio members

Strategic Plan – Kerry Spratt, Dick Collyer, Sarah Adams

Policy – Dick Collyer, Sarah Adams

Rule Book – Erica Williams, Ieva Peters, Ady McIntosh

Ride Stationery – Kerry Spratt, Anne Jones

Child Protection- Kerry Spratt . Kerry circulated handbooks to all the delegates titled “Child Protection in sport, a national overview.” Kerry also tabled the new document she has just reworked and makes the following recommendation “*That the AERA have an umbrella statement and that each Division have their own policy appropriate under their own state legislation*” Kerry does not believe that the AERA can do any more in regard to this, she explained several clauses that have been added to the policy. Page 5 of the booklet has a sample motherhood statement.

Moved Kerry Spratt /Dick Collyer

That **the AERA accept the Child Protection and Intervention policy as an interim measure until all state legislation is in place**

Voting All in favour

It was agreed to ask the Divisions to note the AERA policy to investigate their own State requirements if available with a view to develop a Child Protection policy that complies with State legislation and report that this task has been completed by the next meeting. Information can be found on www.ausport.gov.au.

Database – Ieva Peters, (chair) Anne Jones, Linda Tanian, Alex Noon, Chris Waters. Paul Fitzgerald.
Report from meeting held on Friday (12th March). The budget and specifications will be ready for the next meeting and hopefully a project manager will be in place.

Quilty Team Badges Erica has submitted an illustration of a draft proposal for the team badges, this is for the Teams who complete in the Teams competition but previously have not been recognised. It was resolved that these badges be proceeded with, the engraving to read” *Tom Quilty Gold Cup / AERA Teams competition*” colour to be as described in the illustration, size to be advised .

Research. Dick said that Chris Pollitt is currently doing research on seeds found in horse manure, QERA has contributed \$1500 to this. Discussion on the scenarios of horses spreading seeds in national parks. Anne Barnes is doing a study on temperature of horses during a ride. Barb related comments from Brian Sheahan, who has been vetting at the WC’s and the Presidents cup and is concerned with the use of technology overriding clinical decisions of the veterinarian at these rides. Anne is to contact Brian Sheahan and Anne Barnes regarding the requested research on the 60 vs 64 heart rate at VGIH rides.

Sheffield Quilty

Moved Mathew Krahnman / Tony Purton
That **Jim Reilly be ratified as the on course Veterinarian**
Voting All in favour

AERA personnel to go, Jeff volunteered to go and organise the Teams event. Denise Trollope and Graeme Gilbertson will do the Awards. Ieva, Dick and Kerry may go.

Motion Dick Collyer / Sarah Adams
That **Jeff Bonham be appointed as the AERA representative to the Tas Quilty disputes committee**
Voting All in favour.

Discussion on the approval of the FEI ride at Gatton.

The current FEI ride calendar policy was formed after the clash with dates with the 2001 Quilty and that there is no possible way that ride organisers can quantify an impact on ride entries. The entries at Quilties since 1989 do not indicate that FEI rides affect the numbers. WA believes that FEI rides should not be conducted close to the Quilty.

QERA debated that Qld has a very short riding season which runs from Easter to the end of September. If there is a window of one month either side of the Quilty, 2 months will be cut out of the QLD calendar when FEI rides cannot be run. This is in the middle of Qld’s best riding weather. The Quilty in Tasmania is very expensive for the majority of members to attend as it involves days of travelling and the ferry crossing especially for members in Queensland and WA. In addition, more 160klm rides, including FEI rides should be encouraged to allow members to qualify for the Quilty. The Quilty should be able to stand on its own and not require a 2 month window for conducting FEI rides in the middle of the prime riding season.

Boonah Quilty

Moved Mathew Krahnman / Jeff Bonham
That **Dr Brian Sheahan be appointed the Head Veterinarian at the Boonah Quilty**
Voting All in favour

Correspondence. A letter from a NSW member regarding his suspension of riding privileges was tabled. The NSW delegates left the room.

The letter requested that his riding privileges be reinstated as he wishes to ride in the next Shahzada as it will probably be the last one.

Moved Dick Collyer/ Mathew Krahnman

That **the AERA’s suspension of the NSW member stands as per the letter of July 2002.**
Voting All in favour

Motions tabled for Second Vote-Rule Changes

Use of Registered Names

“that the following rules be added”

- 1) If the horse is known to be registered with a breed society or association, the registered name of that horse must be used when applying for an AERA log book.
- 2) If a Division Registrar becomes aware that a horse registered with a breed association has been issued with a log book in a name different from its registered name, the Registrar must require the member responsible for that horse to return the log book so that the name of the horse is changed and the database is adjusted accordingly
 - a) Each Division may charge a fee for this, depending on circumstances
 - b) Failure to comply immediately with this requirement will result in suspension of the horse from any affiliated events until this requirement is adhered to

Voting **Tasmania abstained, all other states in favour. Motion passed.** This will become a rule in 2006.

Rest Orders

“that the rider/owner/responsible member of any horse that breaches a rest order will face disciplinary action. The horse and rider will be disqualified from the ride where the breach occurred”

Voting **Unanimous. All states in favour.**

Motions on Notice for Discussion and First vote.

Rule 16 Withdrawn Horse (motion submitted by the vet panel)

16.1 From the time the horse comes under the control of the veterinary team at the pre-ride veterinary check, a horse may only be withdrawn by the rider in accordance with the following:

- a) for any reason after the pre ride veterinary check....
- b) while on course by the rider notifying a steward....
- c) after successful completion of the 30 minute veterinary check and before it is due to leave on the next stage of the course. The logbook (marked by the veterinarian) and master ride sheet will indicate the horse as “withdrawn”.
- d) after successful completion of the gate-into-hold inspection and any required re-presentations, before it is due to leave on the next stage of the course. The logbook (marked by the veterinarian) and Master ride sheet will indicate the horse as “withdrawn”.

16.2 A horse cannot be withdrawn for any reason:

- a) during the period the horse is timed into a veterinary check point and the 30 minute veterinary inspection, or
- b) during the period the horse is waiting to present at a gate-into-hold veterinary inspection, or

c) during the period the horse is waiting to present at any re-presentation veterinary inspection.

Voting: First vote, NSW (yes), Tas (Abst) Vic (yes) Qld (yes) WA (yes) SA (yes) Motion carried and will be brought back to the next meeting.

Compulsory re-presentation in VGIH rides First vote

Proposed Rule V7.14 (Current rule V7.14 moved to V7.15)

In a ride of 100klm or more, at the discretion of the head veterinarian, all horses may be subject to a compulsory re-presentation inspection by the veterinary team at one or more of the holds, at a specified before the expiry of the hold time. At the re-present inspection all parameters will be examined and recorded, and a horse must pass this inspection before proceeding. All riders will be notified of this re-presentation examination at the pre-ride talk.

Amendment moved by NSW:

That this does not include a lameness check at the post ride re-presentation/inspection.

Voting: unanimous, All states in favour.

3 Vet Vote

V8.2 At all affiliated rides the head vet may choose, for the final adjudication on lameness to be made by silent independent vote by three of the ride veterinarians, which shall include the Head Veterinarian where possible. The majority will decide the outcome. The votes, (pass or fail) are to be written down and handed to a senior official in the vet ring who will relay the overall result only, either pass or fail, to the rider and examining veterinarian. Voting slips are to be destroyed immediately by the official and the individual votes are not to be disclosed.

Voting: NSW(yes) Tas (no) Vic (yes) SA (yes) Qld (yes) WA (yes) Motion Carried. This will come back to the next meeting.

V13.2 A panel of 3 veterinarians may be commandeered to independently assess and vote on any of the parameters in the logbook at any inspection. The majority will decide the outcome. The votes, (pass or fail) are to written down and handed to a senior official in the vet ring who will relay the overall result only, either pass or fail, to the rider and examining veterinarian, Voting slips are to be destroyed immediately by the official and the individual votes are not to be disclosed.

Amendment moved Dick Collyer / Sarah Adams

That at all affiliated rides the Head Veterinarian may choose for a panel of 3 veterinarians to independently assess.....

Vote on the amendment All in favour **Amendment carried.**

Vote on amended motion NSW (No) Tas (Abst.) Vic (yes) SA (Abst.) Qld (yes) WA (no)

Votes equal to be referred back the Vet Panel with the explanation with regard to the issues raised and the wording.

Logbooks to non members

That the following rule be added to the AERA handbook as Rule H 6.6

“Division Logbook registrars must only issue or transfer logbooks to owners/agents who are current members (either riding or non riding) of their Division.

Voting NSW (No) All other states in favour. **Motion passed first vote**

Age of horses in 160km rides

“that a horse must be six years of age before it can start in a 160km AERA endurance event”.

Vote Unanimous, all states in favour. This will come back to the next meeting.

Novice horse requirements

“That Novice Horse requirements should be brought into line with Novice Rider requirements. i.e mirror Rule R 3.1 a & b. i.e the horse must successfully complete two affiliated training rides before entering an affiliated endurance ride as a novice horse. Logbook/vet cards must be shown to prove completion.

Vote Qld (Yes) WA (Yes) all other States not in favour **Motion lost**

Providing Water

that rule no 11.3 be changed to read.. “For the purpose of watering horses, water that is easily accessible must be available on course at least every 10klms, and if this water is in drums, these drums must be filled as necessary”

Vote Unanimous. All states in favour. This will come back to the next meeting.

Quilty/FEI Rides

That the AERA will not approve any FEI* events twenty eight days prior to and after the Tom Quilty Gold Cup.**

See previous discussion. Motion deferred to next meeting.

Ways of assisting smaller states. It was agreed that brochures and advertising is a good idea. The WA brochure was circulated. Roy said we could approach AON for sponsorship. QERA will take this onboard and will ask Pamela and Elaine Williams to get involved. Will get a quote for 5000 copies, Ieva will research the magazines.

Amendments to Quilty Guidelines - agreed that the clause to pay for the buckles within 24 hours is unrealistic and should be scrapped, more realistic time is 14 days. To 10.1 add within 14 days of the event. Also affiliation fees payable within 14 days.

Child Protection officer for AERA

Moved Dick Collyer / Anne Jones

That **Kerry Spratt be nominated as the Child Protection Officer (CPO) for the AERA**

Vote unanimous. All states in favour. Kerry accepted the position.

Next Meeting Dates

The next meetings will be held in Brisbane on July 28/29/30th and November 4/5/6th

The Meeting closed at 1 50pm