

VICTORIAN ENDURANCE RIDERS ASSOCIATION INC.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE VICTORIAN ENDURANCE RIDERS INC. STATE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD AT QUEST WINDSOR ON SUNDAY 28TH JUNE COMMENCING AT 10.00AM

1. WELCOME

Linda welcomed all and received reports back on a couple of our young members, Sammy Cubbin and Britt D'Hondt, who have both been in hospital.

The submission of a proxy from Lorraine Cubbin was discussed and it was resolved that as the Constitution did not cater for the use of proxies at State Management meetings the proxy would not be accepted.

2. PRESENT

Linda Tanian, Jen Green, Sandy Horton, Adrian Cavill, Carl Adamson, Pauline Wallace, Sheryl Herbert, Julie Woods, Ellen Prestage

3. APOLOGIES

Debi Chisholm, Jane McLaughlin, Lorraine Cubbin, Lissy Verity. Chris Gates on Leave of Absence

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: MAY 17TH 2009

4.1 Amendments to Minutes

It has been pointed out that it is likely that a motion was not recorded from the May 17th 2009 Meeting. That motion was moved by Pauline Wallace and stated:

“That the AERA be requested to amend the minutes of the previous meeting to reflect a no vote for motions 10.0/2/3/4 as directed by the VERA members.”

The motion was seconded by Lorraine Cubbin and upon voting the motion was defeated.

4.2 Adoption of Minutes

MOTION 0609 0001 “That subject to the amendment above the minutes be adopted.”

Moved Adrian Cavill

Second Ellen Prestage

Carried

4.3 Action List

Items were addressed in turn. Most tasks have been completed.

5. RATIFICATION OF ON-LINE DECISIONS

MOTION 0609 0002 “That the online decisions be ratified.”

Moved Jen Green

Second Ellen Prestage

Carried

6. CORRESPONDENCE

MOTION 0609 000 “That the inwards and outwards correspondence as tabled be accepted.”

Moved Adrian Cavill

Second Ellen Prestage

Carried

7. REPORTS

7.1 President's Report

Linda to prepare a schedule of dates for the 2009 AGM.

7.2 Treasurer

Sandy Horton reported despite ride income being down the financial position of VERA is sound.

Adrian Cavill reported verbally that the VERA State Championships generated, after all accounts were paid, \$5000 for the Red Cross Victorian Bushfire Appeal. The SMC acknowledged the marvellous efforts of all involved. Linda to put an article into the newsletter advising members of the donation to the Bush Fire appeal.

MOTION 0609 0003 "That the Treasurers reports as tabled be accepted."

Moved Sandy Horton

Second Jen Green

Carried

MOTION 0609 0004 "That the Treasurer be authorised to pay outstanding accounts."

Moved Sandy Horton

Second Jen Green

Carried

7.5 Logbook Registrar

Logbook applications and upgrades have been slow.

7.6 Calendar Co-ordinator

No new applications for rides have been received. Carl indicated that he had noticed that the AERA listing of Victorian rides was incorrect. Linda will send an updated copy of the calendar to the AERA webmaster. A request for ride applications for the 2010 year will be submitted to the Newsletter Editor for publishing in the next newsletter.

7.7 Newsletter

Linda to contact the Newsletter Editor about the number of errors appearing in the Newsletter.

Pauline offered to do a proof read of the final copy before it got sent out to reduce the number of errors and to assist the Editor.

Linda to obtain further details about the competition proposal from Katrina to ascertain what sorts of competitions will be held and the relative levels of sponsorship from ride organisers and from the Committee.

7.9 Zones

GERZ is looking at applying for 6 rides in 2010.

7.10 AERA

7.10.2 Increase of Affiliation Fees

Discussion took place regarding AERA's proposed increase in affiliation fees.

The majority of the SMC understand AERA can justify a small increase in affiliation fees given that the cost of affiliation is not being covered by the income generated. The SMC instructed the AERA reps to support this motion when it arises at the AERA meeting. The increase in fees will have implications for the existing level of membership fees for VERA members.

7.10.3 AERA Agenda

The SMC have directed our AERA delegates to vote on previous motions regarding heart rate and presentation time changes in accordance with the contingency plan provided by Jane McLaughlin by email on 18th June 2009.

AERA delegates are instructed to support motions 10.1 and 10.2 relating to overseas riders.

Support is also to be given to the Prohibited substances motion.

VERA SMC would like more information regarding invasive treatment on training ride horses before we undertake to take any action. The SMC do not wish to support the NSW notice of motion regarding International funding. The further motion regarding publishing financials is not supported either as the information is readily available.

The VERA SMC support a summary of each AERA meeting plus the Action List being forwarded to each Division as soon as possible after each AERA meeting, for inclusion in the state Newsletter.

The SMC are in favour of the WAERA proposal regarding random weighing. VERA would also welcome the attendance of a veterinarian on the AERA panel.

7.11 VERA Webmaster

Feedback about the website has been excellent. The marketplace section has been reintroduced and updates are being done regularly.

7.13 Assets and Insurance Officer

Carl advises that certificates of currency are the responsibility of the Ride Organiser. The Incident Report needs to be updated to include sections for Action Taken and Outcome. Linda to ask Jo Brock to undertake these changes.

7.16 Horse Welfare

7.16.2 Early Warning System

Several riders and horses need to be advised that they have now entered into the EWS. Linda will write to the connections and provide advice of the accumulation of points.

8 GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 Vet Ring Standard Set Up

This was discussed at length with the majority in favour of bays, or at the least, poles defining each TPR area. RO's will be advised that the vet ring set up needs to provide a separate area for horses being walked, being TPR'ed and then proceeding to a veterinary check to ensure the safety of all volunteers and participants.

8.2 Children at Rides

Rule R.5 states that any children under 10 years of age must be under the direct supervision of adults. VERA will advise Chief Stewards that this rule needs to be enforced at all times, particularly during the introductory rides and when the young children are within the vet area.

8.3 No Smoking Proposal

This item is listed on the AERA Agenda for their July meeting.

8.4 Loose Horses on Course

Some discussion took place regarding the most sensible way to approach this situation. Linda will formulate some guidelines for riders on what to do in this situation and they will be publicised in the Newsletter.

8.5 Pre-ride Briefings

Discussion revealed that the proposed new RO Handbook will address the items that need to be covered at briefings. Some feedback should be provided to the ride organiser regarding the delivery of a more coherent and ordered pre-ride briefing to ensure all riders understand their obligations.

MOTION 0609 0005 "That Accredited Chief Stewards deliver all Pre-ride briefing information relating to AERA rules including but not limited to heart rate requirements, minimum and maximum times and hold times."

Moved Jen Green

Second Pauline Wallace

Defeated

8.8 Adherence to SMC Code of Conduct

Meeting moved In Camera at 2.15 pm.

Meeting moved out of camera at 2.40pm

8.9 Ride Organiser's Handbook

Committee members are to review the draft version of the RO Handbook and provide feedback to Adrian.

8.10 Swabbing Policy

Committee members are to review the draft version of the Swabbing policy and provide feedback to Adrian. Adrian to re-draft the policy in view of the suggestions received to date.

MOTION 0609 0007 "That as of 1st January 2010 VERA impose a \$5.00 swabbing levy per endurance ride entrant in accordance with the VERA Swabbing Policy."

Moved Adrian Cavill
Second Sandy Horton
Carried

9 General Business

Meeting moved in camera at 3.10pm

Meeting moved out of camera at 3.20pm

10 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for 9th August 2009.

11 MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 3.35 p.m.