



Australian Endurance Riders Association Inc.

Minutes of AERA Management Committee Meeting

Date: Commenced at 7.30 pm AEDT on Thursday 10 November 2022.

Venue: Webinar – please note that this meeting is recorded.

1. Attendees

Mark Dunn (President) (TEERA); Kim Moir (Secretary) (QERA); Dick Collyer (Vice President) (QERA); Belinda Hopley (NSWERA); Noni Seagrim (NSWERA); Jil Bourton (SAERA), Natasha Ellery (WAERA)

2. Apologies

Nil received

3. Visitor

Paul Nugent (VERA)

4. Purpose of Meeting

This meeting was called to accept and consider proposals from DAs to host TQ23.

Discussion points

It was previously determined that the following points would be considered in approving the hosts for TQ23

- Committee members - experience, skills and demonstrated ability of working together
- Relationship between the host DA and the TQ Committee
- Ride base - demonstrated capacity of fitness for purpose - adequate space, access to water, ability
- Track - ability to find 160 kms of track plus training track, and ability to reconfigure in the event of wet weather; has a 160 km event been run over that track?
- Officials - local or otherwise; acceptable to AERA
- Risk management - consideration of all aspects and option for referral hospital
- Demonstrated understanding of budget and clear statement of how surpluses will be used to support endurance.
- What is best decision from AERA's perspective.

5. Correspondence Received

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Correspondence received from QERA recommending the proposal from Stirling's Crossing Endurance Club (SCEC) to host TQ23 on 23 – 25 June 2023. Documents included:

- Proposal from Stirling's Crossing Endurance Club
- Initial draft budget
- TQ19 Risk Management Plan
- Traffic Guidance Scheme – example as used at events in 2022

***Motion: 2022/TQ23/01 Moved: Jil Bourton / Natasha Ellery
That correspondence from QERA is received.
Carried unanimously***

Discussion re Conflict of Interest.

Dick Collyer noted that he understood the possible perception of conflict of interest and that he would not participate in any voting but would like to speak to the proposal to clarify any issues from QERA's perspective. Also that he was happy if the MC members required to have an in-camera discussion he was happy to withdraw from discussion at that point.

Kim Moir as President of the Stirling's Crossing Endurance Club noted that she would also withdraw from the process after providing any further information to MC members to assist their deliberations.

Mark Dunn summarised that there would be open discussion, then Dick and Kim would leave the meeting to allow for any in camera discussion and voting. Dick and Kim would then be invited to return to the meeting.

Discussion on SCEC Proposal

Dick Collyer spoke from QERA's perspective

- Noted the situation is not ideal with a short timeframe
- QERA's view is that it is essential that the Quilty as our flagship event happens and that if we can we will run this event
- Stated his own support of the continued rotation of the event and note there may be other problems in the future
- The club has done a number of big rides over the last 5 years including TQ19 as noted in their proposal
- QERA also considered a second proposal, also a fine proposal
- QERA determined that there was a need for all members was a proposal that had the best chance of success. QERA will give a lot of support to this proposal and is in a good position to support this event.
- Basis for a successful Quilty, albeit a rushed one, is there.

Kim Moir spoke to the SCEC proposal

- Noted that the club felt they were in a good position to offer to host this event having run TQ19 and also having revisited the processes to offer to host a TQ in 2020
- The he proposed committee is much the same as was in 2019
- We have provided rides that have responded to changing needs and have the capacity to move around to fit in with cancellations.
- We have done 9 x 160 km events over the last 5 – 6 years and puts us in a good position to run another one.
- The Club's AGM is scheduled for 19 November, and this can include a TQ specific first meeting to look at starting points.
- In preparing the proposal a lot of conversations have already happened – Mary Valley Chamber of Commerce have provided a letter of support; Gympie Regional council have provided a letter of support and I will meet with them next week; I have a meeting with our Qld Government Member and have had conversations with Qld Tourism and Events about possible funding.
- The Senior Vet team put forward have worked well together and have all done many rides.
- Our Senior CS team will focus on building confidence for future years with recommendation that this be led by Dick Collyer; we have also spoken to Tom.
- We have enough volunteers to manage the admin side of things including data entry.
- Accommodation as we had at TQ19 is available.
- The ride base has been well tried and will probably be the same configuration as for TQ19.
- Catering being considered; good links with media; offer to do design for magazine.

Comments from MC Members

JB – we have to have an event next year. This scenario was always going to happen and unfortunate that it has happened in Victoria. We need to think about this and how to future-proof the Quilty and the rotation of events. Stirling's is purpose built and credit to Matthew Sample who has a good grip on the sort of venue you need for a big event. Great proposal.

BH - looks like they've ticked all the boxes – they've done it before, and it was good. Agree that this is a good option.

NS – a big thank you to Stirling's Crossing Club and SBER for the time and effort in putting in their proposals. SCEC proposal is fantastic and know that you can put on a great event. My full support.

TE – need the ability to put on a national event. Stirling's is proven and have a lot of the infrastructure in place to put this on with a 7-month turnaround.

PN – in favour and thanks to SCEC.

Mark – face value suggests that SC is able to host an event and the discussion points that had been put forward all seem to have been covered.

DC and KM dialled out of the meeting and the in-camera meeting commenced – 7.54 pm AEDT.

In camera discussion and outcome

Meeting chair Mark Dunn invited further comments from those in attendance. There were no further comments and the motion to accept the proposal was put and voted on.

Motion: 2022/TQ23/02 Moved: Noni Seagrim / Jill Bourton
That the proposal is accepted from Stirling's Crossing Endurance Club to host TQ23.
Carried unanimously

JB left the meeting at 7.56 pm AEDT

Kim Moir and Dick Collyer re-joined the meeting at 7.56PM.

Acceptance of officials

DC acknowledged Tom McCormack as the best CS in Australia and DC was happy to accept Tom as preferred CS if AERA wished to go this way. His acceptance of the invitation was to minimise costs to AERA by having a home-based team of officials.

Motion: 2022/TQ23/03 Moved: Natasha Ellery / Noni Seagrim
That Harry Wever be appointed as Head Vet; Dave Nolan, Lachlan Cameron and Bruno Ros as Treatment Vets and On-course vets.
That Dick Collyer be appointed as Head Chief Steward
Carried unanimously

DC abstained from this vote.

Actions

1. Correspondence to QERA / Stirling's Crossing Endurance Club to advise on outcome and if approved, to request signing of Interim Event Agreement by both parties to be returned by November meeting?
2. Advice via Facebook to advise members of outcome of process in calling for EOIs. – Kim
3. Appointment of AERA Advisor to the TQ23 committee if approved.

Noted that this used to be someone from the host DA as they had to attend meetings. It was considered that some thought needs to be given to the reason for these two positions and may be something to consider in discussions about the future or TQ events.

BH was appointed to TQ23 in VERA and accepted appointment to TQ23 QERA. Appointment accepted.

6. Other business

Advise Gerard Bou of change of date and number of buckles to order – proposal suggests a completion rate of 65% equivalent to 156 buckles from predicted 240 nominations.

Resolved to ask GB to make 120 buckles noting that we have 37 in stock. There are also a couple of people who will be eligible for a 1000-mile buckle.

Test event – MC resolved to accept the experience of the club as covering this matter with consideration of the particular circumstances.

TQ24/ SAERA to be advised that TQ23 is now in Queensland in June, and they should discuss with their proposed HV and HCS on their availability to attend that event.

Other matters can be discussed at AERA MC Meeting on 27 November 2022. Including transport of banner, Vet Vests and megaphone.

7. Meeting Closure

Mark Dunn closed the meeting at 8.07 pm AEDT with thanks to all for the proposal and attendance.

President: Mark Dunn

Signature:  _____

Date: 3/12/2022