



Australian Endurance Riders Association Inc.

Minutes from Subsidiary Agenda for 15 April 2023

These items were received after the cut off time for inclusion in the main agenda for the AERA Management Committee Meeting.

This meeting commenced at 2.25 pm

1. Correspondence – late

Inwards			
LI-1	09/04/23	D King, EWWS NSWERA re template letters	Resolved
LI-2	11/04/23	SAERA re TQ24	To discuss
LI-3	13/04/23	SAERA – nominations for entry to Hall of Fame for one horse and one rider	To discuss
LI-4	13/04/23	WAERA – clarification of Vet nomination for TQ23	Advice to TQ23
LI-5	13/04/23	Horseforce Legal re AAF	Ongoing
LI -6	13/04/23	J Bourton TQ24 Quilty Quest flyer	Shared
LI-7	13/04/23	VERA AGM Minutes	Shared
LI-8	14/04/23	Yamamah App stats (pictures)	Shared
Outwards			Author
LO1	14/04/23	D King response re EWS Templates	KM

Motion: 2023/04/Sub1 Moved: Kim Moir / Natasha Ellery

That the Late Correspondence Inwards is received, and the Late Correspondence Outwards is endorsed. Carried unanimously.

2. Business arising from Late Correspondence

2.1. LI-2 SAERA re TQ24

My apologies as it has come to my attention that you have been seeking more confirmation regarding the composition and confirmation of TQ24. I think I am a little behind on what I was required to have sent off and am lacking a little bit of guidance on that front. Please let me know if you need any further information, but this is what I am aware of with regards to planning for TQ24.

The TQ24 Committee consists of:

- Event Director: Tom McCormack
- Head Chief Steward: Digger Leehane
- Head Vet: Lachlan Cameron
- Course Director: Melanie Scott (and Jess Aistroke)
- Treasurer: Sam Uren
- Secretary: Amanda Penney
- Sponsorship: Melissa Bright
- Camp Manager: Murray Peal
- Merchandise Stella Harbison
- SAERA SMC Delegates: Paula Van Eck and Lisa Brown

Two test events are scheduled during 2023 are:

- Worrina – 29-30 April (offering 80km) and;
- Worrina SAERA State Championship - 28-29 October (160km test).

The proposed date for TQ24 is the 18-19 of October 2024, being Friday and Saturday.

This venue at Wirrina Cove Holiday Park ([199 Paradise Drive, Wirrina Cove, SA](#), 5204) has been tested in the past (2016 and 2017) with a successful Tom Quilty being run in 2017. The decision to run the event later in the year is to overcome any issues that may arise due to bad weather.

This is all the information as I know it. If you need anything further, please let me know and I will follow up with our delegates for clarification. My apologies again for getting this information to you so late.

This item was discussed in the main agenda

2.2. LI-2 SAERA re Hall of Fame Nominations

Nominations received for Chip Chase Sadaqa and Jil Bourton.

Action

Nominations to be forwarded to AERA Registrar for confirmation and then to be brought back to the Management Committee to be accepted.

3. Reports – late or addendum

3.1. AERA Awards Report

3.1-1 AERA Awards_Trophies

3.1-2 AERA Awards_Trophies

1. 35000km award

We will need a suitable trophy for Kristie's 35000 km award.

The original concept of the rider lifetime awards it seems was awards for each 5000km above 10K, and the highest award was the Enduring Legend Platinum Award 'for 30000 km and above. But I think that's because there was no one at or above 35k so it wasn't thought about.

I suggest it's not appropriate to give the same trophy again, although it does come in a different colour if we wanted to do that. Alternatively, the attached doc 'Endurance Riders' gives options for other trophies. The other attachment 'AERA 2019' shows what has already been given for comparison.

Mark and I agreed that the 35000km award should be called the Enduring Legend 35000 km award because we're running out of precious metals. Sure, we could call this a diamond award but then what? :-)

2. 10000km awards

These are usually presented at AGMs but 2 recipients are from QLD, one from NSW. The NSW person will be at the Quilty I think (Derryn Nix) and doesn't come to NSW AGMs, so perhaps its best to award these at the Quilty also.

3. Awards

I have started ordering the same items from the same suppliers as previously. I need the confirmed 2022 points and distance and one horse/one rider winners so I can organise those.

I am planning to have everything delivered to Kim, including the 5000km clocks which I will order online and the certificates from Jo.

I'll need someone to put plaques on trophies and clocks, and to buy A4 frames for all the certificates (39 off) and frame those. Would be great if the Newbridge trophy photo printing and frame could be done in QLD also. I can email the photo. I am planning on being at the Quilty and would do the framing etc myself but after the floods last year, it's all best to go straight to QLD.

4. 2024 and on

I've been able to source the bronzes for the Pat Slater Cup perpetual trophy, Decade Team and the 7500km horses for this year. After discussion with Mark, I have ordered the Pat Slater Cup trophy for 2024. But the supplier is shutting down. AERA will need to decide on alternative awards from this year for the horse distances above 5000km and the Decade Teams. I'm sure the Awards Sub-committee can come up with some ideas after the current awards are sorted.

This item was discussed in the main agenda

3.2. VERA Report – Sioux Reid

Apologies for late report.

There has been a quiet start to the year – a TPR school run in conjunction with the Grenville ride followed by Eldorado, both well attended. Unfortunately the Rosedale ride was cancelled but a number of members were able to attend Mil Lel Marathon is SA.

Two new ride Trailers are being outfitted for Central and Western Districts.

The new committee is finding its feet with several meetings held and all seems to be progressing.

3.3. WAERA Report – Terry Sweeney

Report of a good start to the 2023 season with the Twilight Ride in early March – 40 km one leg with 18 entries. A clinic held on 18 March had 54 attendees and had to turn away another 10 or 20 potential attendees. Held in conjunction with Yarloop Pony Club, this offered a 7km ride and seemed to be well received with a couple of those attendees turning up at the next event, two weeks later, to do a 20 km ride. Wilga ride the first endurance ride of the season went well, Easter Marathon event followed – three marathon events with also 20, 40 and 80 km rides. Dr Anne Barnes held a TPR course on the Friday with 12 people complete that course.

Tash Ellery noted that all rides are using AERA Online for nominations and people becoming more comfortable with that.

3.4. Social Media – Natasha Ellery

AERA Facebook data shows our followers are 83% female with the highest demographic groups being the 35 – 44 age group and the 45 – 54 age group.

Australia is the most represented country followed by USA and New Zealand. With reference to an earlier comment about the number of hits on the website attributed to China, it was noted that this is not reflected on the AERA Facebook group.

The most recent post about temperatures being done by microchip reading versus thermometers created some great discussion.

Mark noted the need for us all to be more proactive in posting to the AERA Facebook group to engage with members.

4. General Business

4.1. End of Year Reports from DA

5.1-1 VERA AGM Minutes

Discussion

Secretary noted that it is a requirement of the AERA Affiliation Agreement that all DAs provide a copy of AGM Minutes and Audited Financial Reports to AERA. VERA provided these with an apology that they had been so long in getting to this but they are in fact the only DA who has provided this.


Action

All MC members to prompt their DA to provide these documents.

5. Meeting Closure

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 14.36 pm with thanks to all for their contributions.

President: Mark Dunn

Signature:  _____

Date: 10/8/23 _____