

# **VICTORIAN ENDURANCE RIDERS ASSOCIATION INC.**

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STATE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE VICTORIAN ENDURANCE RIDERS INC. HELD AT YARRAGON ON SATURDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2008 WHICH COMMENCED AT 2.00PM**

### **1. WELCOME**

Linda Tanian, President, congratulated and welcomed the new SMC Committee elected at the AGM held prior to this meeting and thanked the outgoing committee.

Linda outlined her role as President and advised of her expectations of the new SMC in regard to a code of conduct based on mutual respect. A leaflet out-lining the VERA SMC Code of Conduct was handed out.

A declaration of Pecuniary interests or possible conflicts of interests was asked for and members declared they had a possible and ongoing conflict of interest with regard to matters concerning the following:

Linda Tanian: Castlebar Endurance

Jane McLaughlin: Tom Quilty Tonimbuk Committee, Self and daughter Sarah McLaughlin as riders

Chris Gates: Castlebar Endurance, AERA IC

Jen Green: Flying Circus Endurance, Rohan Stanes, Self as a rider

Debi Chisholm: NCER Inc., Self and Ross Chisholm as riders.

Sandy Horton: Sandine Endurance, Moyston Ride Committee

Julie Woods: Nil declared

Lorraine Cubbin: Clovelly Park, Self and family members as riders

Carl Adamson: Cobaw Canter Ride Committee, Self as a rider.

Lissy Verity: Brieema Endurance, Tom Quilty Tonimbuk Committee, daughter Britnee d'Hondt as a rider

### **2. PRESENT**

Linda Tanian, Chris Gates, Sandy Horton, Jen Green, Jane McLaughlin, Lissy Verity,

Lorraine Cubbin, Carl Adamson, , Debi Chisholm, Julie Woods,

Guests as per attendance sheet. (attachment X 1)

### **3. APOLOGIES**

Adrian Cavil, Alex Little, Sheryl Herbert

### **4. REPORTS**

#### **4.1 Calendar Co-ordinator**

Julie advised of the applications for 2008 rides she currently has:

Blue Rock 8+9 March

Rosedale Stellar 20-23 March

FEI 2\* + 3\* 5+6 April (Venue TBA)  
Newstead 10+11 May  
Stanley 24 +25 May  
Glendhu 7 + 8 June  
Moyston 28 +29 June

**MOTION 01 08 001 : MOVED THAT** *“To accept the ride calendar as tabled for 1<sup>st</sup> half of 2008 subject to Ride Organisers agreeing to comply with any VERA bio security requirements.”*

**MOVED Jane McLaughlin**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Gates**

**CARRIED**

Linda Tanian suggested clarification of the calendar situation with regard to current motions.

**MOTION: 01 08 002 MOVED THAT** *“ The VERA SMC give approval for the ride calendar to recommence immediately”*

**MOVED: Sandy Horton**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Lissy Verity**

**CARRIED**

The second half of the year’s proposed rides were tabled by Julie as follows:

Cobaw Canter 12 +13 July  
Toongabbie 26 +27 July  
Tonimbuk FEI 3\* 9 + 10 August  
Flynn’s Creek 6 + 7 September  
Stanley 20 + 21 September  
VERA STATE CHAMPS @ MT. Cole 4-6 October  
Bright 18 =19 October  
Elmhurst 1 + 2 November  
Sth East Gippsland 29 + 30 November  
Stanley Cup FEI 3\* 6 + 7 December

**MOTION: 01 08 003 MOVED THAT** *“ The ride calendar for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2008 be accepted”*

**MOVED Julie Woods**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Debi Chisholm**

**CARRIED**

#### **4.2 Newsletter**

Wendy advised the newsletter has been held over for a short period to accommodate the news resulting from the AGM and subsequent SMC meeting.

#### **4.3 Zones**

Ellen Prestage is the GERZ representative.

#### 4.4 AERA

Delegates to be appointed at the next meeting. Currently the delegates are Sandy and Jane.

### 5. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 5.1 **Meeting Schedule:** Discussion of venues including EFA rooms in Werribee. Jen Green to arrange meeting schedule approx. 6 weeks apart. Debi Chisholm asked for consideration of the ride dates when arranging meeting dates. Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> agreed for next meeting in respect of the large amount of items to address quickly.
- 5.2 **Points & Distance:** Lissy enquired about the VERA points and distance awards for 2008 and it was agreed they should go ahead as normal.
- 5.3 **Bio Security:** Chris brought up the need to address Bio Security at endurance rides as a matter of priority. A sub Committee was formed immediately consisting of Chris Gates, Debi Chisholm and Sandy Horton reflecting their experience and current dealings with the subject matter. They will report back to the SMC as soon as possible.
- 5.4 **FEI and VERA Points Scores:** Jane raised the issue of the awarding of FEI points in the VERA Points score system. Jane gave a history of the allocation methods. Wendy Bootle (guest) advised the data base does not allow for FEI points to be allocated currently and Jane advised that Ian Blucher can update this. General discussion regarding this issue from the floor (guests) and the SMC resulted in an informal poll of those in attendance. The poll revealed 16 in favour of awarding FEI points in some way, and 18 against. The issue will be put on the agenda for the next SMC meeting.
- 5.5 **Rider Bib Policy:** Belinda Kolek (Guest) asked for clarification of the bib policy citing difficulty understanding it in its current form. Linda and Lorraine responded to the query and advised it will be clarified for all ASAP and posted to the website and included in the newsletter.
- 5.6 **AERA Waiver:** Lorraine referred the SMC to a proposed AERA Rider Waiver and general discussion took place regarding the wording of same. In particular the words 'all costs' were referred to as being open to too much interpretation and Lorraine advised independent legal counsel had suggested that the words be replaced by "all reasonable costs". AERA will need to address this concern. This is to be discussed further at the next SMC meeting.
- 5.7 **2008 Tom Quilty Proposal:** Jane raised the issue of a Queensland club proposing to run a Tom Quilty in 2008 despite the AERA decision to defer the 2008 Quilty to 2009. SMC members will discuss further and advise their position on the matter ASAP.

### 6. MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting was declared closed at 4.00 p.m.

## ACTION SHEET

No.	Action	Allocated	Complete
1	AERA Delegates to be elected at next SMC meeting	JG	
2	Meeting schedule, for SMC meetings, to be developed and published	JG	X
3	Awarding of FEI points at rides to be discussed at next meeting	JG	
4	Review Rider Bib Policy at next meeting	JG	
5	AERA Waiver to be reviewed at next meeting	JG	
6	2008 Tom Quilty proposal to be reviewed at next meeting	JG	

**SIGNED:**

**DATE:**