

VICTORIAN ENDURANCE RIDERS ASSOCIATION INC.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE VICTORIAN ENDURANCE RIDERS INC. STATE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD AT QUEST WINDSOR ON SATURDAY DECEMBER 13th 2008 COMMENCING AT 9.00AM

1. WELCOME

Linda welcomed all and advised due to the large amount of matters to be addressed that the highest priority items would be discussed first to allow time for our expected visitors at around 10.00-11.00am. The normal order of business was re-arranged to accommodate this. The minutes may not chronologically reflect the order in which items were discussed and addressed.

2. PRESENT

Linda Tanian, Jen Green (arrived 9.40am), Sandy Horton, Jane McLaughlin, Debi Chisholm, Ellen Prestage, Carl Adamson, Sheryl Herbert, Adrian Cavil. Lorraine Cubbin (arrived 12.00.pm)

VISTORS: Rohan Stanes, Samantha Cubbin

APOLOGIES

Luke Steele, Julie Woods

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 Amendments to Minutes

No amendments to the minutes were identified.

3.2 Adoption of Minutes

MOTION: 12 08 0001 “That the minutes of the previous meeting be adopted.”

Moved: Jen Green

2nd Carl Adamson

Carried

3.3 Business Arising

Action Sheet Carried over from Previous Meetings

Meeting moved in camera at 10.30am.

Meeting moved out of camera at 11.20am

4. RATIFICATION OF ON-LINE DECISIONS

4.1 Allowing the Dual affiliation of NSW Batlow ride November 23rd 2008

Moved Jen Green

8 votes for

Carried

4.2 That VERA pay \$35 for printing of 100 dinner dance tickets

Moved Sheryl Herbert
2nd Jen Green
8 votes for
Carried

Motion 12 08 0006 “That the online decisions be ratified.”

Moved Lissy Verity
2nd Debi Chisholm
Carried

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Motion 12 08 0007 “That the inwards and outwards correspondence be accepted.”

Moved Adrian Cavil
2nd Sandy Horton
Carried

6. REPORTS

6.2 Treasurer

Sandy expanded on VERA's financial position, which, whilst strong, is down on income from membership fees and expenses have been fairly high this current year.

Sandy mentioned some changes to our Banking arrangements are needed to ensure financials are correct. Sandy suggests that ALL cheques are forwarded to him for receipting and banking. This will require all cheques and monies to be forwarded to the Treasurer for banking. This would include money paid for memberships and other income.

Motion 12 08 0008 “That the new banking procedures proposed by the Treasurer be adopted.”

Moved Sandy Horton
2nd Adrian Cavil
Carried

Motion 12 08 0009 “That the Treasures reports as tabled be accepted.”

Moved Sandy Horton
2nd Carl Adamson
Carried

Motion 12 08 0010 “That the Treasurer be authorised to pay outstanding accounts.”

Moved Sandy Horton
2nd Lorraine Cubbin
Carried

6.3 Membership Secretary

- 6.3.1 Expression of Interest from Jo Anne Francis
- 6.3.2 Expression of Interest from Andrea Arranga
- 6.3.3 Expression of Interest from Susan Gill

Expressions of interest were read out and various SMC members gave further input on the merits of the candidates.

The committee decided to accept the application from Jo Anne Francis.

Linda will advise Jo Anne and Mary Hughes and Jen will advise and thank the unsuccessful candidates.

6.4 Calendar Co-ordinator

6.4.2 Dual Affiliation of rides

This item was discussed under General Business.

6.4.3 Ride Calendar:

Julie sent in details of the proposed 2009 Calendar. Adrian went through the ride calendar on Julie's behalf. Several new applications have been received and there are several other Ride Committees expressing interest in filling unused dates to offer a full calendar for our members.

Motion 12 08 0011 "That the proposed 2009 Ride Calendar be accepted."

Moved Sandy Horton

2nd Sheryl Herbert

Carried

6.8 Honorary Vet Panel

Discussion about the role of this panel took place. Expectations include but are not limited to reporting to SMC, organising vet seminars, accreditation process and an updated treatment kit list.

6.10 AERA

6.10.1 Insurance Report

The AON Insurance report is a lengthy document. It appears there is a slight discrepancy with what was verbally submitted at the recent AERA meeting, and what is printed in the document. The AERA Delegates will confirm which is correct.

6.10.2 Recommended Increase in Vet fees

This recommendation was discussed. Ultimately the arrangement between the vet/s and the ride organizer is a private commercial arrangement and the parties need to find their own comfortable price structure. These fees are only a guide.

6.10.3 Anal tone to be replaced by Body score from 2009

It may take some time to inform all parties of this new requirement. Linda and Jen will contact Vets, Ride Organisers and Chief Stewards.

6.10.4 AERA Meeting Minutes November 2008

Our delegates expanded on the proposed heart rate increases for VGIH rides. We believe this issue needs input from our member base at the AGM.

Jane and Sandy advised the AERA minutes have a mistake which records Victoria's vote as "YES" to compulsory microchipping of horses upgrading to Endurance status. The VERA Delegates did, in fact, vote "NO" to this motion. This needs to be corrected, even though the 'no' vote would not change the outcome of the vote.

Jane and Sandy also discussed the issue of VERA's representation at AERA in regards to proportional representation. Jane has been following up a final decision on the way the States are affiliated and their voting rights.

Sandy and Trish Smith are making important inroads to the data base. A working prototype may be available mid 2009. This is exciting news and will be eagerly awaited by all.

Lorraine mentioned the lack of quality of the AERA National awards. She believed a PVC halter and breastplate were not adequate recognition for a national award. This needs to be put in writing to AERA.

Sandy advises the AERA Inc IC will no longer exist in its current form. It will, by virtue of the new affiliation with the EFA, become a disciplinary arm of the EFA, represented by 3 x AERA people and 3 x EFA people. This arrangement will come into effect in around the next 12 months.

6.11 2009 Tom Quilty Committee

7.12.1. TQ Meeting minutes October 2008

Lissy expanded on the latest happenings of the Quilty Committee including raffle and fundraising plans. Plans for a documentary produced by JBC (Japanese TV) are afoot.

6.12 Assets and Insurance

Carl will add the VERA Secretary Laptop to the assets register and liaise with Linda to ensure the old photocopier and old GERZ laptop is advertised for sale.

6.13 Ride Reports

Meeting moved in camera at 11.20am

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

Meeting Moved out of Camera at 1.30pm

7.1 Re-introduction of Ride Delegates/Ride Liaison Officers

Discussions took place regarding the merits of this concept. The finer points of the role were sorted through in an attempt to deliver a properly thought out checklist of points that need to be adhered to so that rides are a safe and rewarding experience for everyone.

7.2 Annual Logbook Return

At present, the VERA Logbook Registrar has an efficient system in place. The SMC do not believe it is necessary to implement compulsory return of Annual Logbook Returns.

7.5 Changes to Ride Entry Form

It was decided that the Ride Entry Form will be retained in the version that contains the checkboxes as it was found to be a very valuable aid in highlighting anomalies in logbooks.

7.6 Drug Testing at Smythesdale Ride

Preliminary tests indicate all clear. Full analysis reports are yet to be received.

7.7 Bib Policy

The Committee members had reviewed the latest draft and adopted it in its current format.

Motion 12 08 0013 “That Lorraine Cubbin order a supply of colour Velcro strips for the GERZ trailer.”

Moved Jen Green

2nd Ellen Prestage

Carried

7.8 Ride Calendar Guidelines

Sandy presented a draft policy of a Ride Calendar Guidelines/Policy. The policy addresses all potentialities in a ride year with solutions and flexibility that ensures a fair calendar that is appealing to riders.

Motion 12 08 0014 “That the Ride Calendar Guidelines be adopted.”

Moved Sandy Horton

2nd Carl Adamson

Carried

The guidelines will be published to web and newsletter for member comment.

7.9 Dual Affiliation

Discussion of current procedures took place. We will liaise with NSW and SA to try and ensure an inclusive approach for all members. It was suggested all rides falling within a 100km radius of the borders automatically be granted dual affiliation AS LONG AS they are advertised in our ride calendars on the website and in our newsletter with a lead time of around 8 weeks.

8. NEXT MEETING

A final decision on meeting dates will be made after ride dates are confirmed.

9. MEETING CLOSURE at 5.15pm