

**MINUTES OF THE 2019 GENERAL MEETING OF THE
WESTERN AUSTRALIAN ENDURANCE RIDERS' ASSOCIATION INC.**

To be held on Saturday 23rd February 2019 commencing at 1pm in the Pavillion Room, Wandu Progress Association, De Haer Road, Wandu. Opened 2:20

1. President Welcome:

Welcome to you all to this General Meeting, as I haven't a welcome prepared, I would like to begin with a very big thank you to Deb Jewell for all her many years of hard work on the SMC.

- Ross McCamish spoke and expressed thanks to outgoing SMC for all their hard work.

2. Members present/attendance register

3. Apologies: T Lynn, W Sewell, M Sewel, D McGrirr, H Roscoe, M Rayner, J Mc Cord, B Radny, N Radny, I Symington, T Symington, B McDougal, M Gill, B Linthorne, Jamie Linthorne

4. Proxy Voting Registration: J Linthorne, I Symington, T Symington, N Radny, B Radny, P Sherwood, Dr L Clarke

5. Previous Minutes

Amendments for the Special General Meeting Minutes of 30 September 2018

***To be noted:** That the Member Registration for the Special General Meeting and General Meeting held 30 September 2018 is not included in the minutes and were not handed to the new secretary in December 2018. That registration was taken at the said meeting.*

That the apologies recorded on 30 September 2018 be also included in the meeting minutes.

***Apologies:** Diana McGirr, Steve and Kylie Munyard, Garry Hutchins, Elizabeth Cullum, Emma Swarbrick, Jeanette Denham, Kieran O'Driscoll, Amanda Rayner, Anna Jermolajew, Glen and Linda Dix, Harry and Barbara O'Brien, Linda and Steve Moss, Tiffany Mitchell, Jamie Linthorne, Kym Crook, Joanna McCord, Sarah and Callum Dumbrell, Norbert and Rebecca Radny, Kylie Martin, Zoe Chatfield, Siobhan Darlow, Marcel Fortsch.*

***Motion:** Following be inserted under Presidents Welcome 'Cara presented to the meeting a welcome. She spoke about her upbringing and her love of horses. How she came into endurance. Then she spoke at length about I Peters and how much leva does for the endurance sport. How, many people have warned her about leva but that she has found her to be loyal and supportive and of great integrity'.*

Moved: E Brandis Second: Richard Jeggo

Decision: Carried Rationale:

That the introduction that was included in the minutes started by E Brandis at the Special General Meeting as Acting WAERA Secretary be inserted into the minutes so that the comments by R Shaw following her welcome introduction can be taken in context.

Motion: *The amended minutes of the WAERA Special General Meeting held 30th September 2018 in Wandj are accepted and ratified.*

Moved: Deb Jewell **Seconded:** Richard Jeggo

Decision: Carried

Amendments for the General Meeting Minutes of 30 September 2018

Motion: The sentence 'But the emails I've been receiving from you lately have not been pleasant' on Page 9 be Replaced with 'But the emails I've been receiving from you have not been very nice'. **Moved:** Elsje Brandis **Seconded:** Liz Mulcahy

Decision: Carried

Motion: *The amended minutes of the WAERA General Meeting held 30th September 2018 in Wandj are accepted.*

Moved: Liz Mulachy **Seconded:** Richard Jeggo

Decision: Carried

6. Business Arising from the Minutes of the Special General Meeting held 30 September 2018.

Section 6 Treasurer Report - Question raised by Ady McIntosh regarding cheques not being cashed in a timely manner.

Question by Adi McIntosh Eastern Hills Trail Riders and Endurance Club cheques not cashed. Deb Symington offered the following report in addition to the questions raised by Adi McIntosh and reply by Richard Jeggo and Abigail Bartell.

'I was the Treasurer for the Eastern Hills Trail Riders and Endurance Club and would like to reply to the inference that I did not query the SMC Committee as to why our 2016 cheques had not been cashed.

Our application to hold a ride was submitted to the SMC for the 2016 year and attached to this paperwork was a cheque dated 3.1.2016 for \$350. Our application was accepted and our ride placed on the calendar.

The week following our ride in July 2016, and according to the requirements of the Ride Organising Committee, I submitted to the SMC all relevant paperwork being:

- Member and non-member numbers for each event and all relevant calculations
- Volunteer Ride Sheets
- List of names and addresses of non-members
- Final Results
- A cheque dated 30.7.2016, value \$825. For fees owing

In September I telephoned the then President of the SMC and asked when our cheques would be cashed, as we were holding our Committee meeting to finalise the year. I was told "it will be right darl. We are a bit behind, but don't worry we will get to it". Still being concerned with the delay I phoned the Bendigo Bank and confirmed that our cheques were valid for 15 months so if it did run into 2017, they would be honoured in full.

I notified our Committee of the outstanding cheques but assured them I had been in touch with the WAERA SMC and things would be taken care of.

The same process was followed for the 2017 year

Application to hold ride plus cheque for \$350 dated 8.5.2017

- Banked 2.3.2018 (10 months)

Once again within 7 days following our ride in August 22017, and according to the requirements of a Ride Organising Committee, I submitted

- Member and non-member numbers for each event plus the relevant calculations
- Volunteer Ride Sheet
- List of names and addresses of Non-Members
- A cheque for \$595 dated 11.8.2017
- Banked 12.1.2018 (5 months)

As treasurer I feel that I executed my duties to the fullest extent and once again presented to the EHTR&EC Committee in 2018, when our Club was wound up that the 2016 cheques were still outstanding and the 2017 cheques had been cleared up in 2018.

According to WAERA Constitution:

The Management Committee

16.1 a) Shall have the General control and management of the administration of the affairs, property and funds of the Association: and

The Treasurer

19.1 It is the duty of the Treasurer of the Association to ensure that

- a) all money due to the Association is collected and received and that all payments authorised by the Association are made:
- b) correct books and accounts are kept showing the financial affairs of the Association including full details of all receipts and expenditures connected with the activities of the Association.

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40.3 All moneys shall be banked as soon as practicable after receipt thereof.”

President accepted the report and thanked Deb Symington. To be dealt with at next SMC meeting.

7. Honorary and Lifetime Membership 2019 – Nil

Can a nomination for Lifetime membership be taken from the floor?

Considered that nominations for lifetime membership should be nominated 28 days before a General Meeting as per other nominations for positions with a tendered submission that would be listed on an agenda of a General Meeting with a motion for all the membership to be able to view and subsequently vote on.

We currently have 9 Lifetime memberships.

We have one Honorary Membership

The Constitution has no limit constraints on member of Lifetime members permitted however there is a limit of 10 Honorary Memberships at any one time.'

8. Reports

8.1 2018 Log Book and Membership Secretary End of Year Report

2018 has been an interesting year with 179 memberships, with 17 new members, 16 more than last year. This is an improvement on membership from the previous 2 years.

Members using the direct debit service has made our life a lot easier. Please also keep in mind that the post is very slow and allow at least a week for paperwork to get to and from us. Emailing your paperwork makes things a lot quicker, however, bookwork needs to be posted.

Again, Lyn and I thank you all for your patience and consideration this year.

Now, to get on with some statistics:

The following has been issued over the past year:

Logbooks

Total of 53 logbooks issued, up 1 book from last year

- Novice- 37 books
- Endurance- 7 books
- Upgrades- 9 books

Membership

Total of 179 Members (up 16 members)

- Life- 10
- Junior- 10 (+3)
- Senior- 145 (+9)
- Non-Riding-14 (+4)

We hope you all have a successful year of riding and have a great preparation for the Quilty next year.

Lyn and Rich Summerfield

8.2 AERA Report 2018

AERA Members

At the AGM held in March 2018 the following positions were filled:

- President – Ieva Peters
- Vice President – Peter Bice & Alamdar Dastani
- Secretary – Kim Moir
- Treasurer – Steve Swan

Other delegates at the time were:

- Kerry Fowler-Smith (NSW)
- Noni Seagrim (NSW)
- Kim Moir (Qld)
- Gerard Bou (Qld)
- Jessica Aistrope (SA)
- Stella Harbison (SA)
- Jill Hawks (Tas)
- Pat Hodgetts (Tas)
- Tamara Atkinson (Vic)
- Sioux Reid (Vic)
- Debra Jewell (WA)

There were a number of changes to delegates during the 2018 year including my appointment as WAERA delegate, meaning I attended the July & November meetings.

Quilty 2018 – Scotsdale Tasmania

By all reports this event was a huge success! Well organised & smoothly run with great results. Invaluable feedback has been received regarding the various challenges faced in running an event like this and the TQ2020 committee is encouraged to take this on board. In particular the TQ18 event was able to secure significant amounts of sponsorship which made running the event much easier in many ways.

The new Quilty Buckles were used for the first time with mixed feedback. AERA is excited to have an Australian themed buckle for our riders. Old buckles are now being used for Tom Quilty Buckle Plaques for Horses which can be purchased from the website. Any horse who has completed a Quilty is eligible.

Quilty 2019 – Stirling's Crossing, Imbil Queensland

Planning for this event is well in hand & Matthew Sample attended the November meeting to discuss. A major concern is Risk Management & Biosecurity and AERA continues to discuss the matter with ride organisers to ensure that all eligible horses have the opportunity to compete with the confidence that treatment will be available if required.

The venue will be utilised for a number of rides in the lead up to the Tom Quilty (and has already been used) allowing to opportunity to iron out any issues prior to the big day.

Quilty 2020 – Collie Western Australia

Yippee!!

Insurance

AERA has reviewed our options regarding insurance and made the decision to remain with Newmarket Grandwest. The forms for PA insurance are on the WAERA website and members are encouraged to read the PDS to ensure that the policy is right for them

Rule Changes

There have been a number of rule changes passed which came in to effect on 1 January 2019. **Members are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the Rule Book available to view and download from the AERA website.**

The following motions are currently on the books to be voted on for the second time at the AERA meeting in March. **Members are invited to offer their feedback to our delegates to guide their vote.** (these will not be voted on at this General Meeting)

14.2.3. Membership cards

Motion: *that an additional sentence be added to Rule 27.4 of the AERA General Rules stating:
27.4 At every ride, riders should show their current membership card to the ride secretary and must have their membership number recorded on the ride entry form.*

Rationale: The current wording of rule 27.4 follows this sentence and does not need changing. The aim is to encourage riders to present their membership cards.

It used to be a rule that membership cards had to be shown. The proposed wording is from the rulebooks from 2010, 2008, 2006 and 2004. The rule was removed from the 2016 rulebook, which attempts to rely on AERASpace. The problem is that entries can be put in AERASpace well after ride entries are taken, and it's difficult to address anomalies after entries are taken. An example is a novice rider who claims endurance status on the entry form and the ride secretary later finds out the rider hasn't upgraded their status. Another example is intermediate members entering endurance rides. These anomalies can be identified and managed at the time of entry if the card is shown.

14.2.2. Treatment vets at rides of over 120 kms

Motion: *that rule 15.4. "For rides of 120 kms or more a separate additional treatment veterinarian is required to be present at the ride base" be removed.*

Rationale: This rule has proved problematic and its interpretation differs depending on to whom you speak. It has already been amended to include "in one day" which removes the onus on ride organisers running mini marathon events to pay for an extra treatment vet to be present however

this rule is very onerous on smaller rides and clubs that have already a treatment vet or vets in place to deal with what may happen in a ride that has very low numbers of entries. It is unreasonable for a ride club that is hosting a 120 or 160k ride with small entry numbers to employ another treatment vet. This rule as it currently stands means that smaller ride clubs cannot afford to run a 120 or 160km event as ride entries will not cover the expense of an extra vet. The number of treatments at a ride is usually relevant to the number of entries, or other factors such as travelling distance to the event, temperature, humidity, etc (not the distance of the ride), and the vet ratio rules already determine that there will be more vets if there are more horses which allows more vets to come off the line to treat horses if needed.

AERA Constitution

The constitution has been under review for an extended period of time and in 2018 WAERA members were offered the opportunity to provide feedback to the AERA secretary regarding the proposed changes. If you have any questions after reading the document please feel free to address them to myself or Ieva Peters who has been part of the process since the beginning. You are also invited to provide feedback to the WAERA delegates who will be attending the next AERA meeting on 16th & 17th March 2019 to guide their discussions & voting

Above is a brief summary of the many things that have happened at the AERA table in the 2018 year. Members are encouraged to read the minutes available on the website and related emails that are forwarded from the WAERA Secretary and discuss any concerns or feedback with our delegates

Happy Trails
Abigail Bartell

8.3 Chief Steward

Firstly, let me take this opportunity in expressing my thanks to all those that officiated in the vet ring during the past season i.e. chief stewards, T.P.R.S. Our fabulous Vet team and pencilers and those running back and forth with log books, teas and coffees, and whatever is required to make each and every ride a joyful occasion for all. Let's not forget what volunteers put in allowing us the privilege to get out on the track and compete.

Once again, the season had a pretty full calendar giving great variation and diversity of terrain and weather conditions, which at times were a strong test of endurance and character to say the least. These conditions demonstrated some excellent horsemanship and rider management skills. A testament to these skills is the completion rates for 2018, and as far as I can ascertain we have some of the lowest invasive treatments recorded for many years, certainly since I have held this position, so its congratulations to all for the way you have conducted yourselves and long may you continue to do so.

Regards Richard 60688
Vice president and Chief Steward Liaison Officer

8.4 Veterinary Report 2018

WAERA conducted 14 rides in 2018, which had 1072 entrants! Every horse at those rides was examined by a veterinarian at least twice, and more times for the longer distance rides. We are again very fortunate to have a pool of dedicated expert vets who provide their professional services at rides, to examine and treat, comfort, advise, and work with riders to ensure the best horse welfare. Well done to all the riders, we had very few veterinary issues, very few invasive treatments, and a lot of fabulous horses doing very well. We are fortunate to have some new vets working towards their accreditation, and I am very grateful for Dr Anna Erickson's assistance in coordinating vets for the rides. We always are looking for new interested vets, so please help us recruit new vets, and please help us retain them by looking after them.

Thanks also to the expert Chief Stewards who conduct the rides so carefully and well, and all the helpers, TPR stewards and pencilers and time keepers, who make the vetting process work.

I look forward to another exciting year, as we prepare for the TQ 2020, getting people and horses qualified, conditioning ourselves and the horses for long and successful performance careers. Perhaps this is the year for building – building strength, mental and physical tolerance, patience and persistence – and that is just in the horses! Building relationships, between us and our horses, between riders and officials and helpers, within our endurance community, and between us and the communities where we ride. And building legacies, of infrastructure, physical things, and positivity. I wish your horses and you a safe and enjoyable season.

Dr Anne Barnes

Honorary Veterinarian 2018

8.5 TQ2020

The Tom Quilty 2020 Committee consists of a very enthusiastic, capable group of people who are on track with organising a very successful WA Quilty.

We aim to have as much exposure and information sharing as possible and our Facebook site is already well established and is proving an excellent medium for sharing historical articles (thanks Bec Radny for your technological expertise!). The TQ has a domain name and the website is being developed and will be uploaded in the near future. Notes from all the TQ meeting minutes will be available in the WAERA newsletter and on the WAERA website and full minutes available upon request to any member.

The campsite plans have been drawn up to scale (thank you Glenn Dix) and the course is well in hand and Deb Ryan is relishing the chance to showcase her trails to Australia.

The Vetting/Trot out area has been the initial focus of the Committee and we are pleased to report that after a huge amount of discussion and brainstorming, that work has commenced on this area and quotes have now been finalised and an Action plan is in place for how to proceed with this site. A busy bee will be held shortly to dig a trench under the racetrack to provide power and more water to the inside of the track. The reticulation will be above ground sprinklers arranged in banks of pods

that are easily removed by a ride on mower or similar. This is a cost-effective method and avoids the potential of interference with a below ground system using pop up sprinklers.

We are investigating 2 sites for potential biosecurity processing for all horses before they are allowed to proceed to the ride base.

We have recommended to the AERA that our Head Vet be Dr Anne Barnes, on course Vet Dr Arun Ramachandran, and our treatment Vet, Dr Emma McConnell from Murdoch. The appointment of Chief Steward was offered to our WAERA Chief Stewards, but for many reasons, there were no expressions of interest and we have out sourced. Mr Gerard Bou from Queensland was highly recommended and he has accepted our invitation to be Chief Steward.

Our Sponsorship portfolio headed by Tracey Lynn have made a fabulous start to the packages. We are very fortunate to already be promised \$20 000 from the Bendigo Bank in Collie and have secured a \$5000 Community grant from the Shire of Collie, with the expectation of a further \$5000 next year. A variety of different grants are being investigated.

Now that we have a Logo (assuming a winner could be picked out of all the fantastic entries!) we can work on merchandise, letterheads etc. It is envisaged that the first merchandise products will be available at the next WAERA AGM and that all products will be available by the marathon next year. A poll will be conducted shortly to see what types of merchandise people prefer.

Jane Radny
TQ2020 Secretary

9. Notice of Motions

As per the Constitution 37.1 (a) alterations to these rules may be made by way of a special resolution at a general meeting and a member must vote in person.

- 9.1 Special Resolution Motion:** *That the Rule 18.2 of the WAERA Constitution 'The secretary shall ensure that the issues raised in debate on a motion put at a general meeting be reported to the members via the newsletter to enable postal voting on the following Motion on Notice for Voting' be removed.*

Moved: E Brandis **Seconded:** A Brandis

Rationale: The membership has previously indicated that they wish for postal voting to be removed from our Constitution. This was supposed to have been removed already

Small amount of discussion ensued. Mostly to clarify that this was something that the membership had previously voted for and that it would relieve the need for any postal voting for motions placed from the floor.

Decision: Carried

9.2 Motion: *That the SMC Executive positions and Portfolios positions are held by an individual for a maximum of four years consecutively in addition to the requirements stated in the Constitution regarding the election of these positions*

Moved: E Brandis **Seconded:** D Jewell

Rationale: When one member holds a position within the State Management Committee for more than four years there is a danger that that person may deem it be their right to the position. It is much more valuable to the Association if as many people share the workload of the different positions and the knowledge of those positions.

Mistakes being made may get picked up as often if something is being done one way for many years it is deemed the correct way when in actual fact it may not be. Provide opportunity for new members to provide new information and ideas.

- Discussion regarding the wording and the inability if this motion was passed that positions such as Registrar's position filled by the Summerfields for example, would be also affected.
- Queried if this should only apply to Executive Positions. How would it apply? Motion was not clear if it applied to each executive position singularly or as for any executive position. That whilst the motion has good intentions that the members present felt many possible issues could arise from such rule.
- If the motion was changed in any way then the proxy votes could not be used.

Decision: Majority clearly not in favour - Not Carried

9.3 Motion: *The election of Delegates to represent WAERA at AERA meetings be voted for by the Membership.*

Moved: Richard Jeggo **Seconded:** Ross McCamish

Rationale: This will without doubt cement our place within AERA. To date we have had representation that has not been elected and has caused confusion within our own membership and the AERA membership. A vote from WAERA Membership cannot be confused or questioned and will ensure transparency and democracy.

Decision:

Withdrawn: Richard Jeggo requested that SMC considers this for future implementation.

- Delegate position does not have to be a SMC member. All members are invited to attend the SMC meeting after this GM if they would like to tender a nomination.
- Some other states (QLD mentioned) follow this method of voting for their AERA delegates

10. General Business

10.1 To encourage more of the members within the membership to consider participating in the SMC, please consider giving your SMC some direction with regards to offering teleconferencing so that members living further afield are better able to become involved as SMC members.

That the SMC seriously considers to facilitate teleconferencing for those members that live more than 120 km away (More? Less?) from the venue of a State Management Committee meeting. The member that participates via this method should be deemed as attending and part of the quorum and have full voting rights. They should be committed to remaining available for the entire SMC meeting to be considered part of the quorum.

This option for SMC members should not include the Chairperson or the Secretary.

The membership endorsed this suggestion. It was suggested by some that the distance from the meeting is not really relevant but the situation of each person wanting to take this option is more important.

10.2 The WAERA membership endorse the SMC to offer portfolio positions to the general membership to fulfil. This will allow the SMC to concentrate on core governance duties and spread the workload within the Association. It will also enable those people with specific skills to be utilized more easily. More participation within the membership of roles often equates to a healthy good functioning organization with a sense of belonging and increased enthusiasm within the Association. The persons fulfilling any portfolios in an off SMC capacity will need to forward a report to the secretary 10 days before any SMC meeting. After the SMC first meeting, an Expression of Interest could be sent to all members with the portfolio positions the committee would appreciate being filled by general membership.

Membership endorsed this proposal.

Calendar Person

Membership accepted the offer of Deb Jewell to continue in the role of Calendar person.

Chief Steward Liaison

Richard Jeggo offered to continue in the role of Chief Steward Liaison person as an off-portfolio position

Recorded that Anna Jermolajew had also expressed an interest in the position as an off-portfolio position after reading the agenda.

Richard Jeggo indicated that he was happy for Anna to take up the position and he would withdraw his offer leaving it open for her to take up this role.

Discussion followed:

- Brought to the attention the importance of a Chief Steward position being a SMC member with a direct voting right.
- Established that no member on the new committee is a Chief Steward.
- That perhaps a report will not adequately convey requirements/grievances etc as effectively as a presentation in person by a member of SMC
- Anna Jermolajew indicated that for anything important that she would be able to attend a SMC meeting to present in person.
- It is important that the membership offers the SMC their trust to take off SMC positions portfolio reports and recommendations seriously, and that the SMC has a commitment to really listen to the people who hold these positions.
- Dr Anne Barnes as head Vet offered that as the vets have a close relationship with CS in the vet ring, she becomes the CS Liaison person. She can then enlist the help of or delegate the day to day role to Anna Jermolajew. Anna Jermolajew retains the right to voice concerns direct to the SMC.
- Deb Ryan would like it minuted that she believes that not having a direct voice by a Chief Steward on the SMC is detrimental to Chief Stewards confidence that their concerns will be adequately covered.
- The CS liaison officer should be a SMC person. Concerned that CS Liaison not a SMC person

The membership present, indicated by show of hands that they were happy to accept the Dr Anne Barnes /Anna Jermolajew solution for CS Liaison for 2019

10.3 AERA Constitution – Blast was sent out to all members for comment. Comments closed 13 January 2019. Most comments related to Time Frame. Members have an opportunity to ask questions from AERA delegates.

Questions were asked of Abigail Bartell as one of our current AERA delegates

- Concern that in the new AERA Constitution there is no provision for EA pathway so that members can move towards the elite levels. Suggested by another member that that EA is currently experiencing their own internal problems and that it would be preferential for AERA and endurance to not include EA specifically within the constitution.
- Abigail was asked if she thought the proposed AERA Constitution would be passed at the next meeting. Her response was that 'personally, I don't think so, not in its current form'.
- Our State will only have one representative on the AERA structure committee.
- The current constitution is unworkable. Some parts of the new constitution will be beneficial and on the whole is moving in the right direction.
- Members to encouraged to direct further questions to the new delegate to be elected later at a short SMC meeting with items they would like them to take to the next AERA meeting.

Current Motions of Notice before AERA were lightly discussed and clarified

- Re membership cards question was asked how did WA vote in the first round of voting? Abigail was unsure but it is recorded in the AERA minutes.
- Vetting requirements for 120km rides – clarified that this was for removal of this rule that is currently in force and potentially detrimental to smaller organisations running rides.

10.4 Ride Organisers

Marathon – Ride Organiser required

Quilty Qualifier @ Collie – Ride Organiser required

State Championships – Ride Organiser required

These rides are WAERA rides and it appears to be accepted by the membership that the SMC members will take the role of organizer. This, however is not necessarily the role of the management committee, and whilst members of the committee will assist there is a need for members to step up to take on the challenge of ride organiser and other key roles.

- It was impressed on the membership that ride organiser is NOT the role of the SMC
- To be put to the members in the form of a blast calling for Ride Organisers. Without an Organiser these rides cannot go ahead. This includes the Marathon
- State Championships should be a SMC run ride.
- A newer member indicated that they are willing to volunteer for positions but often there is no information on how to carry out some positions.
Information for members in the Ride Organiser Pack that all members have access to. Members can always contact ride organisers to ask if they can be involved on a training basis what is required to take on this and other positions.
- Deb Ryan indicated that she is willing to undertake the role of Course Designer for the Marathon and Quilty Qualifier. She will require help with marking.

10.5 Zoe Chatfield (WERI) letter with regards to suggested changes for consideration to our ride calendar.

- A three-week ride interval decreases the burden on ride organiser's to plan and organize rides on such a frequent basis
- There is a reduced requirement for volunteers
- There is less frequent demand for sponsorship and for businesses to donate prizes
- A three-week ride interval allows riders who work away / FIFO on a fortnightly roster to be able to attend every second ride
- Similarly, partners of FIFO or shift workers have increased flexibility to attend rides when their spouses are at home
- From a ride organiser's perspective there is an extra week during which time the ride trailer can be collected and course marking can commence, giving greater flexibility for those rides which are further afield and/or may need to course-mark during inclement weather
- From a horse welfare perspective, there is increased time for the rest and recovery between rides and potentially less change of novice horses being over-trained/over- worked

- And finally, for the small number of riders competing at FEI level, an increased ride interval means that the mandatory rest requirements have less of an impact on their attendance at other rides in the calendar year.

Members Response

- Reasons three weekly rides don't work in WA because this stops riders from being competitive nationally or km for rider of year nationally.
- Riders responsibility to manage horses
- 15 currently on the Calendar, if we went to 3 weekly this will bring it down to 10 and then if we have a ride or two cancelled during the year this would make WA members uncompetitive nationally.
- No members spoke advocating suggestions

Members unanimously by a show of hands decided against this proposal.

10.6 Tom Quilty Logo for TQ2020 at Collie – Announcement of winning design.

Big thank you to all those that put forward entries

Winner was Logo A

Logo was won by Charlotta Seigerschmidt a friend of Mandy Rayner

67 members voted with the winner receiving 68% of the votes

10.7 AGM Date

Discussion as to why the AGM is being held in February and could it be put back into the last season.

- Was established that a few years ago for various reasons the AGM was not able to be held before the end of the calendar year. To accommodate this the financial year was changed as the AGM needs to be held within 3 months of the end of a financial year. This has been perpetuated each year. The Associations Incorporations Act requires us to hold an AGM each calendar year.
- AERA financial year is 1st January to 31 December. This happens to be that same as we operate under, however there is no relationship between their financial year and WAERA financial year
- Was brought up that the SMC can change the financial year without being put before the membership. Just need to do this through the regulatory authority
- Suggested the attendance to AGM has been greater since it has not been combined with Awards night
- That when voting in the new SMC in February the current members for that year are voting for their committee rather than last year's membership.
- It was voiced that the previous years membership if attending the AGM would most likely be the members for the next year anyway.

The membership present by a strong show of hands directed the SMC to explore options of moving the AGM back to December.

10.8 New Bibs

Jo Van Uden and Janice Skinner presented information regarding the styles of a new bib.

New bibs will be part of a sponsorship package to be dealt with by the TQ2020 team, however members are to be able to comment on the style and suggest specific requirements.

One of the bibs that could be offered and recommended by Janice are the Proforma TBibs. Light weight, flexible and able to fit many body shapes. They have a pocket on the back that could be made bigger. Question was asked if the TQ2020 would be using the Electronic System and if a small pocket on the front of the vest could be incorporated to accommodate the tag

10.9 Facebook

Question was asked what was WAERA rules regarding Facebook administrators. Were they required to be financial members?

This was brought up at the last SMC meeting and motions passed regarding governing of these accounts.

There are now two Facebook accounts.

Closed Facebook Group administrators will comprise of two SMC members and one financial member.

Open Facebook Group administrators will comprise of one SMC member and two financial members

Question raised to how is the closed Facebook account managed regarding members now that we are in the new year. SMC advised that the members are able to have access to the closed members Facebook until the AGM after which one of the administrators will obtain a list of the current financial members and make the required adjustments. It was suggested that one of these administrators could perhaps get access to the AERA data base for verifying membership. SMC to look into.

10.10 AERA Delegate 2018

Question was raised regarding the AERA delegate situation throughout 2018 specifically have questions been asked of AERA regarding their role/directive in this matter?

A reply made on behalf of SMC that much of the delegate situation last year was from faults made by both AERA and WAERA. The situation will now be resolved with new members elected for this year. The new SMC should be able to begin and move forward and that it would serve no positive purpose if this issue is to be investigated any further. The membership was asked if they could please voice in support of the new SMC to just move forward and leave the troubles of 2018 behind.

Overwhelming support for following this path was granted.

11. Call for short SMC meeting at the conclusion of this meeting.

12. Meeting Closed: 16.10