

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE
WESTERN AUSTRALIAN ENDURANCE RIDERS' ASSOCIATION INC.
Held on Saturday 4th February 2017 at the Drakesbrook Motel,
South West Highway, Waroona.**

Meeting commenced: 11.55am.

1. Presidents Welcome.

Retiring members left the table and the incoming members moved to the front of the room.

2. Members Present/Attendance Register.

As per register.

3. Apologies.

Kieran O'Driscoll, Steve Airey, Janice Raffaele, Gayle Ware, Dianna McGirr, Cassie Mulcahy, Jamie Lindthorne, Julia Lockwood, Allison Healy, Norbert Radny, Bec Radny, Ian Symington, Deb Symington, Tegan Symington, Natasha Ellery, Liz Cullam, Bernie Morris, Brian Pullin, Sarah Burke.

4. Previous Minutes - WAERA 2015 General Meeting.

***Motion: that the minutes of the WAERA General Meeting held on the 5th December 2015 are accepted.
Moved: Sharon Piscioneri/Ross McCamish. Carried.***

5. Previous Minutes – WAERA Special General Meeting 6th August 2016.

***Motion: That the minutes of the WAERA Special General Meeting held on 6th August 2016 are accepted.
Moved: Anna Erickson/Liz Mulcahy. Carried.***

6. Portfolio Reports.

6.1 Draft Calendar 2017.

Start Date	Days	Division	Ride name/event	Details	Contact	Zone
04-03-2017	4	WAERA	Introduction to Endurance Clinic	tba	Rachell NellPh: 96464190	Western Australia
18-03-2017	18	WAERA	Wilga	80/40/20 km	Lorraine BruynPh:	Western Australia
01-04-2017	1	WAERA	Golden Horseshoe	80/40/20 km	Megan RichardsPh:	Western Australia
14-04-2017	14, 15, 16	WAERA	Easter Marathon	240/120/60 km	Rachell NellPh: 96464190	Western Australia
06-05-2017	6	WAERA	Collie	160/80/40/20 km	Deb JewellPh:	Western Australia
20-05-2017	20	WAERA	Wandering Challenge	80/60/40/20 km	Carol De GrauwPh: 98838083	Western Australia
03-06-2017	3, 4	WAERA	Collie Classic	160/80/40/20 km	Debra RyanPh: 97345103	Western Australia
17-06-2017	17	WAERA	Yarloop	80/60/40/20 km	Alison HealeyPh:	Western Australia
08-07-2017	8	WAERA	Dryandra	80/40/20 km	Anna EricksonPh: 98813070	Western Australia
22-07-2017	22	WAERA	Capel	80/40/20 km	Deb JewellPh:	Western Australia
05-08-2017	5	WAERA	Avon Valley	80/60/40/20 km	Amanda RaynerPh: 96229533	Western Australia
19-08-2017	19	WAERA	TBA	TBA	Ph:	Western Australia
02-09-2017	2	WAERA	Merredin	80/40/20 km	Joanne Van UdenPh: 93904698	Western Australia
16-09-2017	16	WAERA	Highbury	80/40/20 km	Michael BlightPh: 98859009	Western Australia
30-09-2017	30	WAERA	WAERA State Championships	160/80 km	Deb JewellPh:	Western Australia
14-10-2017	14	WAERA	TBA		Ph:	Western Australia
28-10-2017	28	WAERA	TBA		Ph:	Western Australia

**** 7-10 July, Tom Quilty Gold Cup 2017, Wirrina Cove, South Australia.**

Discussion:

Wandering Challenge has been withdrawn from the calendar. Anne Airey is no longer in the area. Anne is OK to mark the course, but needs people to step up and do the rest.

Wilga and Bridgetown are OK to go ahead.

Meg Woodhouse is the secretary for the Collie Classic. Collie Classic distances are: 90km (3 leg), 55km (2 leg) and 35/20km. The event will be held on Sunday as it's a long weekend.

Deb Dowden asked for expressions of interest for a ride at Challa in 2017. The last time we ran the Challa ride, they provide the venue and that is all. WAERA pays for the vet fees and extra costs incurred by the vets and the CS (travel). It is essentially a WAERA ride. Plus WAERA supplies the prizes and rugs. It was

agreed to keep the Collie ride on the long weekend. Perhaps hold Challa/Payne's Find every two years? Thanks to Deb J for all of her hard work in putting the calendar together. Two three week breaks are also in there. There are some gaps in the calendar that need to be filled. Should we look into the tracks and trails, should we have a three week break? We do the best we can with what we've got and sometimes there is a three week break, but ideally two would be good. Abigail suggested that people may not be able to travel where rides are a fair drive i.e. Mt Barker.

Elsje: won't get to rides before Easter and that could affect the Marathon. Perhaps have a month break and leave the options open and let the horse have a good rest. It might be a good idea at having that first 160km later in the year. The 160km is earlier this year as a Quilty Qualifier, that's why it's earlier in the season.

Sarah Adams: concern over the fortnightly frequency, we are not getting enough 80km participants. The business side, to make these rides viable, if you're working, then maybe you have to suck it up and apply for annual leave. Need to review how the calendar is worked. Let's look at it later in the season and see if we're getting the numbers for the 80km rides.

Deb J: better to have 14 well attended rides, than 18 not so well attended rides.

Kerryn: the weather played a part in last year's rides as well.

Liz M: every time we have a Quilty, the numbers drop, and then pick up again.

Clinic will be at Wandi on the 4th March. The Pony Club want some help with the canteen. Start time for the ride may be changed if the weather is too hot. Sarah Adams suggested we get a group of us together to discuss the ride.

6.2 Chief Steward Liaison.

My first year as CS liaison officer has been a pleasure in many ways, first and foremost for the experience of having a great team to work with. The dedication of these guys, the time, effort and expertise they bring to each event needs to be recognised and applauded, they are instrumental in making our sport tick.

From the time the first entrants arrive until the last entrant leaves they have to be in control and have a firm finger on the pulse which at times can lead to making some unpopular decisions, but we are there to administer the rules in a fair as way as possible. We do take on board all comments and concerns and address them as they should be.

We have had a few issues this past year concerning some incidents on course, in camp and some treatments. None of these need to be discussed here as they are dealt with at the time or the very next SMC meeting whenever possible. There is of course and always will be room for improvement and we welcome constructive comments which assist in achieving this.

Probably the most difficult situation is the work load where there are dozens of jobs and positions filled by a few. Let's turn that around and have a few jobs filled by dozens. Looking forward to the coming season and look forward to catching up with all.

Regard Richard Jeggo

6.3 AERA Report.

At the Annual AGM held in March 2016, the following positions were filled:

President – Melanie Scott (SA)

Vice President/s – Simon Bain (NSW), Pat Hodgetts (Tas)

Secretary – Ieva Peters (WA)

Treasurer – Steve Swan (Qld)

Other delegates are: Deb Jewell (WA), Gerard Bou (Qld), Wendy Randt (Tas), Jessica Aistrope (SA), Tamara Atkinson (Vic), Sioux Reid (Vic).

The AERA delegates meet three times per year in Melbourne: March, July and November.

Quilty 2016

Our VERA family hosted the event for 2016 at Lexton. The inclement weather prior to the event proved challenging as parts of the course deteriorated underfoot and the course was changed due to dangerous mud. However, the completion rate was comparable to other Quilty events with a 51.5% completion rate. Congratulations to Bruce Hullet, Emma Swarbrick and Rita Perry for their successful completion.

Commiserations to all of our WAERA members that made the trek across to Victoria but were unsuccessful. Good on you for having a go.

Special mention must be made of Frances Overheu's achievements with her horse Poseidon Moon. They achieved their 10,000km successful completion benchmark. It is a rare thing for a one horse/one rider combination to achieve this! Well done.

WAERA sent two Chief Stewards (Lizzy Cullam and Meg Woodhouse) and two vets (Anne Barnes and Arun Ramachandran) to the Quilty. Thank you to you all for making the time to attend and bringing back your valuable knowledge and experience to WA.

Discussion re: TQ2016, Victoria.

Sarah Adams: fabulous standards regarding the horse welfare. Horses vetted out metabolically at the Quilty are all sent to the vet hospital as a matter of precaution. This needs to be advertised.
Ross: high time that the AERA take a view of when there has been a prolonged period of inclement weather and effected the tracks, start time could be amended. The Nanango Quilty 2007 was a start time of 5am. Start time is not written in stone and is open for discussion with the ride organisers.
Apologies to Julia Lockwood and Cara Allan for missing them out of the report. Congratulations to them both for their successful completions.

Deb Ryan: lack of ride results being sent out via AeraSpace was annoying. Carol Dixon's site was good for information. Ieva responded that there is a huge amount of data uploaded and downloaded through AeraSpace when it's running live, especially when run in conjunction with the electronic timing system (which worked really well). TQ16 venue was isolated and there was an internet connection, but it wasn't always reliable or available. Ieva attended the SAERA State Championships in 2016 and ran AeraSpace live as there was a good internet connection. It is hoped that will be the case for the Quilty in 2017.

Anne B: a lot of discussion since the Quilty about the number of standards that exist in the AERA Quilty Document. The specific things may not be sufficiently rigorous for today's standards. Communication feedback needs to be increased. Ieva responded that communication is always open and suggestions and feedback is welcome. The document was reviewed at the last AERA meeting.
Richard Summerfield: has been involved with the last 3 Quilties. Can't guarantee that certain things are going to be pristine for that particular day. Wagin had a lot of fog. Always have an alternative in mind. Last year's event went through a paddock that turned to mush.

Cara Allen: rode the course, it was unfortunate but was changed as soon as possible. Didn't know that the horse would have problems and the ground looked perfectly fine.

Anna Erickson: The Chief Steward and ride committee addressed it as soon as it was obvious. Didn't think it was safe and withdrew. We must ride to the conditions.

50th Quilty Coffee Table Book

There are still some Coffee Table books available for purchase. Please visit the AERA website for purchase details. These would make wonderful presents for the endurance rider that has everything.

AeraSpace

AeraSpace continues to be a work in progress. The program continues to be updated and upgraded on a regular basis, most of which is not seen on the website.

The Electronic Timing System has been tried and tested for the last 18 months at events in the eastern states and was used at the Quilty in Victoria. This was very well received and apart from a few minor glitches (which were quickly fixed) things went very well and there was very positive feedback from the riders. I am still working on getting the ETS here for an event here in WA!

Chief Stewards' Workshop

WAERA organised a 2-day Chief Stewards workshop with Tom McCormack and Gerard Bou, and it was held in April 2016. Ten of our Chief Stewards attended. Tom and G shared their wealth of knowledge and many different scenarios which created healthy discussion and debate. I would hope that this type of workshop would be an on-going bi-annual event, as I think we all learned something!

AERA Biosecurity Statement

The AERA adopted a national biosecurity statement in March 2016 which included the adoption of Horse Health Declarations for all affiliated events on a national level.

Below is a summary of the AERA biosecurity statement for Riders and Trainers:

**Information for Riders and Trainers: the AERA Biosecurity Document, and the Importance of
Completing Horse Health Declarations**

Simon Bain BVSc MANZCVS and Kerry Spratt

March 2016

Biosecurity means using a comprehensive approach to managing infectious diseases to reduce the risk of disease transmission. This summary of the AERA Biosecurity Statement identifies the essential considerations for riders and trainers. Biosecurity includes hygiene practices, measures to prevent infectious diseases entering an endurance ride venue and surrounding roads and tracks and to manage infectious diseases should they enter a ride venue. The full AERA Biosecurity Statement will be available following the March 2016 AERA meeting.

It is important to understand that the Biosecurity Statement applies to management of infectious disease risk in general, which could include strangles, diarrhoea and respiratory illness. Information specifically relating to Hendra virus risk and its potential to cause illness in humans is included.

While this document is not specifically related to Hendra virus and associated outbreaks, it is important to note that the **vaccination of horses against the Hendra virus is recognised as the single most effective means of controlling the spread of this virus**. Hendra disease in horses has a low incidence but can be spread to humans. As at March 2016, Hendra infection of horses has been restricted to coastal Queensland and a coastal area of NSW from Kempsey to the Queensland border, but because of the flight patterns of the bat species which carry the virus, government authorities are hesitant to define what are normally known as endemic areas. For the purpose of the document the areas where Hendra has occurred are known as Hendra Risk Zones. In NSW the local government areas in which Hendra cases have been identified are: Ballina Shire Council, Byron Shire Council, Kempsey Shire Council, Lismore City Council, Nambucca Shire Council, and Tweed Shire Council. Hendra Risk Zones also include adjoining local government areas: Bellingen Shire, Clarence Valley, Coffs Harbour, Macquarie Hastings Shire, Kyogle Council, and Richmond Valley. Infectious diseases in horses are associated with body temperature increases. Monitoring and recording of body temperature is an essential part of managing the risk of infectious disease and are a central part of the AERA Biosecurity Statement. Temperature records and a declaration by the rider or trainer responsible for a horse that the horse is healthy form a 'Horse Health Declaration'. A Horse Health Declaration must be provided for every horse taken to an endurance event venue. This includes companion horses.

There are two types of Horse Health Declaration (HHD), the difference being the length of time for which temperatures must be recorded:

- Horses which have not been in a Hendra Risk Zone: temperature logs for 3 days before arrival at the ride venue is required
- Horses vaccinated against Hendra: temperature logs for 3 days before arrival at the ride venue is required
- Horses not vaccinated against Hendra going to a ride in a Hendra Risk Zone: temperature logs for 10 days before arrival at the ride venue is required
- Horses not vaccinated against Hendra and from a Hendra Risk Zone going to ride in an area which is not a Hendra Risk Zone: temperature logs for 10 days before arrival at the ride venue is required
- At the Tom Quilty (National Championships) and FEI rides horses travel from a broad geographic area and decisions about the duration of the temperature log will be made by the Ride Organising Committee and the Head Veterinarian.

As stated at the start of this document there are equine diseases other than Hendra that can debilitate a horse and possibly put other horses at rides at risk. With Strangles horses show temperature rise early in their illness, as can horses infected with Herpes virus which causes severe respiratory disease and sometimes neurological symptoms. It is essential for all riders and trainers to ensure that they take the temperature of their horses in the days before an endurance ride, and that temperatures are accurately recorded. If your horse has a temperature over 38.5 C and/or shows other signs of being unwell, do not take it to a ride without obtaining clearance via an examination by a veterinarian. If you take an unwell horse to a ride, other horses catch its illness and/or the ride is subsequently shut down as a result, you are going to be extremely unpopular and potentially financially responsible!!

Other recommendations in the Biosecurity Statement that apply to riders and trainers are:

- Minimise direct nose to nose contact between horses that are not regularly in contact with each other
- Everyone handling horses should wash or sanitise their hands between contact with different horses, especially other people's horses
- Horse floats and trucks should be cleaned and disinfected before departing to the event
- Competitors are responsible for cleaning up manure from yards and placing it in designated areas
- Competitors are required to advise the event organisers immediately if a horse is unwell, to stop all non-essential contact with the unwell horse and not allow other people to have close contact with the horse.

It is correct that horses likely have nose to nose contact in communal water troughs during the ride, because water is obviously an essential component of horse welfare. The risk of infectious disease transmission will be reduced at that time because every horse will have had a veterinary examination, including wellness check.

Veterinarians and Hendra Risk Zones

Veterinarians are essential to endurance to monitor the well-being of horses and provide treatment when needed. In that role vets are the arbiters of equine welfare from within the sport. There is some unease amongst vets required to monitor and treat unvaccinated horses in and coming from Hendra Risk Zones. At this time Hendra has not occurred at an endurance ride but if it did occur vets, and in particular, treatment vets will be at risk. In addition, state government Work Health and Safety legislation is putting additional demands on vets regarding procedures if a Hendra case occurs.

We are in danger of losing some vets from the sport. Clearly, vaccination of endurance horses which come from Hendra Risk Zones and or attend endurance events in Hendra Risk Zones is the best way to address this situation.

Discussion – Horse Health Declarations:

It's not just about Hendra. It's about all other contagious diseases. Anne Barnes thinks that AERA has done an exceptional job and be really responsive. There are lots of infectious diseases. It's a really important part of us being able to keep ill horses away from our rides and riders taking responsibility for their horses. It is a bit onerous, but it's a great idea.

Lyn Summerfield: wondering how that is going to be managed at the ride. Need an article about what is normal temperature and what is not.

Anna Erickson: we've all be signing declarations for two seasons already. You would have had to take your temperatures. PI codes, Anna has some forms here for those that need to get a PIC number.

Chell Clifton: there is three lines on the entry form that you sign. Forms off the website seem confusing. Ieva will re-hash the document and put it on the website.

Richard S: who is going to collect the paperwork? Who is going to be qualified enough to take the forms and decide who can come into the ride base or not.

Abigail: perhaps when people are filling in the form, there should be info about what is acceptable and what is not. As a Treasurer and new rider, she is keen to see new members joining our club. We have to have a way to overcome that challenge. Deb Jewell will have a chat to Gerard Bou from Queensland.

Glenn Dix: put this as an item on the clinic. Free thermometers?

Chell: for new people that just turn up at the rides, attach the forms to the entry forms. We rarely get people that just turn up these days.

Jules Swinstead: ride secretaries need to send the form to the riders.

Terry Sweeney: would this apply to the clinic in March? Yes, it should. Is there any way we could make a video about how to take a horse's temperature. There are plenty of clips on YouTube.

Elsje: Put on the ride flyer that you need a temperature log. There is always someone around to help.

Linda Dix: not just the temperature, but washing horses and floats. Disinfection? Needs to be simplified.

Sharon Piscioneri: read the AERA biosecurity report. Forms have a different explanation underneath than what's on the WAERA one. Needs to be a bit less daunting.

Insurance

2017 membership forms are now on the WAERA website. WAERA Membership fees have not risen for 2017. The optional personal accident insurance has risen from \$55 to \$70 for seniors and from \$15 to \$18 for juniors. This is due to lower numbers of members choosing the PA insurance and the 2016 claim rate.

The Personal Accident insurance cover offered by New Market Grand West is still a very good deal, and we would urge prospective members to take up the option if they do not have personal accident insurance of their own that covers them 24/7 for horse riding activities.

Discussion - Insurance:

Elsje: members need to know. Investment incomes aren't included so we're not covered under loss of income. Ieva responded that the Personal Accident policy is a relatively cheap policy at \$70 per year. There are limitations, but there are also benefits. Make sure you read the PDS before subscribing.

**International
Horse Welfare – Group 7**

The on-going horse welfare issues in Group 7 continue to require further intervention by the FEI. The Endurance Committee, in conjunction with the EA have undertaken the following actions:

- Two further letters to the FEI have been submitted expressing our concern at the ongoing rule breaches and lack of improvement in horse welfare. These letters also expressed support for the FEI and its continued involvement.
- A meeting was held with Brian Sheehan to get an update on actions being implemented following the temporary suspension of rides.
- A meeting was held with the AERA and SMC Presidents to discuss the situation and to gather further suggestions on additional actions that could be implemented

These are currently being documented and a further letter will be sent to the FEI. This situation is not going to be resolved quickly but it is hoped that the current round of initiatives will continue to see improvements in horse welfare.

The Endurance Committee will continue to monitor the situation and will be proactive in prodding the FEI for further measures wherever required.

Discussion - International:

Eleven horse deaths and 7 positive swabs in the UAE. AERA has written to EA about this.

Nikki Gusterson: we need to publicise that our sport is nothing like endurance racing in the UAE.

Anne Barnes: is on the NESC EA Committee and they have also been having teleconferences about this. The FEI is the governing body internationally and can apply rules for FEI events, but most of the deaths are CEN (national) rides. Mandatory Rest Periods were discussed last year. We can't have it both ways. We can't control their national rides and not be prepared for the same level of scrutiny.

Liz Mulcahy: if people stopped selling horses and stopped riding there, it would be an improvement.

Anne doesn't think that will make much difference. They will keep going on their own.

Sharon Piscioneri: endurance world has a lot of say about how bad the situation is. Should be putting up more positive stuff. Have a look at eventing, three deaths last year. Put some positive stories out there. Need to highlight the positives.

FEI World Endurance Championships

It is noted that the World Endurance Championships were moved to Slovakia from Dubai as the FEI had serious horse welfare concerns. By now everyone will be aware of the fantastic outcome achieved by the Australian Endurance Team at the World Endurance Championships. For the first time in a number of international championship events Australia has had sufficient completions for a team result to be achieved. The goal set for the team was, in fact, a team completion so to also finish 4th was a bonus. While the team did not all ride together during the event the three remaining riders (Jodie Salinas, Sasha Laws-King and Alexandra Toft) crossed the line together and we have a fantastic photo of the 3 very happy riders.

Discussion - Youth Championships:

One of our riders to apply is Bec Radny. The event is September 22-24 this year. Bec has written a few articles which have been well received.

Trans-Tasman series is scheduled for next year at Stirling Crossing ride in Queensland.

Education for FEI Officials

Recently an education seminar was run for Officials, Vets and Stewards in Coogee, NSW. It was well attended and a number of people will now be nominated for advancement through the FEI ranks.

An FEI Veterinarian course was run at the Adelaide International 3DE. A number of endurance vets attended this seminar as well.

2017 FEI Ride Calendar

To date one ride application has been received for FEI rides. The Committee is aware that there is likely to be a further two events. While this is not a large number it will still provide good opportunities for our members to gain their qualifications for championship events.

Rules

There are no new rules for 2016.

There is currently a motion for discussion for 2017 submitted by NSWERA:

Every rider in every endurance and marathon ride are subject to the Rider Early Warning System (REWS). The rider attracts penalty points as per Table 15.

Discussion – Rules:

Generally agreed that the members support this concept.

Quilty Buckles – Discussion Item

The Quilty buckles have had many different styles throughout the 51 years of the event. One of the discussions of late is: is it 100 miles, or 160km? The original Quilty buckles were based on the Tevis Cup buckle and featured an American rider with the Sierra Nevada mountains in the background and “100 miles”. Decimal currency was introduced in 1966 and in 1974 the metric system of measurement was introduced on all Australian roads and throughout the transport system. The AERA constitution (1987) refers to the Quilty distance as 160km.

What do our members think?

Discussion – Quilty Buckles:

Considerable discussion about the Quilty buckles. Gerard Bou is going to be making some mock-ups of buckles. It was agreed that 160km is the wording that WAERA support.

In closing, this report is a small snapshot of the volume of work covered by the AERA and at its meetings. Please feel free to either contact myself or Deb Jewell if you have any questions or concerns regarding AERA matters.

Safe riding,
Ieva Peters

6.4 Merchandise Report.

To go in the newsletter. Everything apart from the shirts will be going out cheap. Merchandise will be at the clinic.

6.5 Sponsorship & Trophies.

This position is vacant. Thanks to Verna for the job she did last year. Recipients are asked to send a thank you to the sponsors.

7. WAERA Membership Fees 2017.

(1) Membership Category	(2) Base Membership Fee	(3) Personal Accident Insurance Fee
Adult - riding	\$130.00	\$70.00
Junior - riding	\$65.00	\$18.00
Non-riding	\$40.00	\$70/adult, \$18.00/Junior
Family	\$280.00	\$70/adult, \$18.00/Junior
Associate (newsletter only)	\$40.00	N/A

8. Notices of Motion.

Nil.

9. WAERA Honorary & Lifetime Membership 2017.

Nil.

10. General Business.

10.1 OTT Rides for OTT TBs and SBs (Submitted by Gail Ware):

Would like 4 rides to be sponsored by OTT for T,B`s & Standy`s. Horses will be awarded rugs etc- this is to motivate non-Arab owners to get involved in the sport. Gail will approach OTT to see if they will provide rugs etc. Nominated Rides for this event are:

Collie - 6th May

Yarloop - 17th June

Capel - 22nd July

And then we will assess this.

10.2 Tom Quilty Gold Cup 2020, Western Australia.

At the August SGM this was discussed. Subcommittee was formed. Could we get some ideas moving about this? Put together some guidelines. We need a date and a time line. All those things will be managed by the SMC.

Richard S: would like to have a meeting soon and then get together and discuss the matter.

Ross: Richard and Lyn should take a registration of people interested in being on the Quilty committee. SMC needs to create some time frames. Jane Radny is interested in helping. Anne Airey also. Put out a blast for E of I for people wanting to be on the committee and contact the Summerfields. Submission date needs to be decided and a date for the event.

10.3 New Category: Intermediate Category Award for the end of year.

This award is based on kilometres alone and we'll have an end of the year award for members.

Need to be a member and the horse needs to have a logbook. It's just for the intermediate and introductory rides. Starts of 2017.

Anna E: this is meant to be an encouragement award. Should be a one horse/one rider combination. Agreed by the membership. One award for the horse and one for the rider. Sarah Adams has offered to sponsor the trophy.

10.4 TPRing at Rides.

Ken Hobday: Ken has at times asked people to check their horse early to get them through when he was short of TPRs. CS didn't like it. Ken took the heart rate early. The rule says the vet is the final adjudicator. It is up to the rider to present within the time, if they want to use the max time, they are entitled to. Give the CS the logbook so the CS is aware of what time the horse needs to be checked. If you get a high heart rate, call the vet and tell them of the high reading. It's not up to a TPR to suggest taking the HR early, it is up to the rider and the TPR shouldn't advise them.

11. Meeting Close. 1.50pm.