

**Minutes of the W.A.E.R.A. SMC Meeting held on
Saturday 25 November 2017 at George Street, Jarrahdale.**

Meeting commenced: 10.10am.

1. Members Present.

Deb Jewell (Chair), Rachell Nell, Richard Jeggo, Ross McCamish, Ieva Peters, Abigail Bartell, Carly Miller, Karly Arnasson, Cara Allen.

2. Apologies.

Deb Ryan, Anne Barnes, Caren Earl and Terry Sweeney.

3. Visitors.

Nil.

4. Welcome by President.

Deb J thanked everyone for coming and also thanked Carly for allowing us to have the meeting at her house.

5. Confirmation of Previous Minutes.

***Motion: that the minutes of the WAERA meeting held on 22nd October 2017 are accepted.
Moved: Cara Allen/Ross McCamish. Carried.***

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes (Action Sheet).

- FEI Ride 2018: sponsorship confirmation letters received from Julia Lockwood and West Coast Arabians. Still to get confirmation from Toft's as they originally wanted to sponsor a 2* ride, not sure about a 1*. We can do 1* and 2* at the same ride, if we want to.
- Ride pack: Cara is working on this as well. Let her know of any changes.
- Entry Form: we can accept e-signatures. As long as they can be legally upheld in case there is an issue.
- Swabbing: 4 horses were swabbed at the State Champs. No results as yet.
- Horse Yards: there were some issues at the Margaret River ride. Ross had a word with the people concerned.
- CRC: need to register our trails at Collie and have some permanent markers, as discussed at the last meeting. The more we invest, the harder it will be to take the trail access away from us.
- Insurance: We used to have to have the towing vehicle covered by fully comprehensive insurance. Is that still the case? Abigail will find out.
- Membership Fees: PA insurance is doubling for adults. Some small rises from the AERA and we will be advised. Vet fees for next year are also going up.
- Chief Stewards: Richard has advised the CS of the fly veil requirements.
- Shaylen Park Al Jah Zure: Deb J has advised Lyn Lucas of the horse's disqualification due to breach of the age (horse) rules and that Zali Spencer needs to do another ride at novice pace.
- Website: Current WAERA constitution is on the website.
- Inez Al Nimir Trophy: has been updated.
- TQ18 Tasmania: sponsorship invoice has been received and paid.
- Treasurer: Confirm receipt for Greenhills sponsorship and show on the financial P & L statements. The money was received in July and was included in the August/September financials.
- Treasurer: Abigail has organised a "view only" access to bank accounts for Karly and Carly re: sponsorship. Richard suggested that we could all have "view access" for all SMC members. Probably not necessary.
- Membership Form 2018: Include compulsory volunteering at one ride per year. Our constitution doesn't allow us to suspend a membership. We can refuse to accept entries. Do we need a penalty for not volunteering?
- Property: Shelving in the ride trailer has been fixed.
- Ride Trailer/Float: Terry will have a chat with Dale Gavinlocke about a horse float. Abigail has had a chat with Mike and Lisa Wood who have an Imperial Float dealership. Perhaps Terry could have a chat with them as well. Richard has weighed the current trailer it in the past and it weighted around 2 tonne whilst it was full. Need to take the ride trailer weight into consideration and the need for electric brakes.
- Chief Stewards: Advise the CS of free membership offer for next year. Those that have CS this year get the free membership for 2018. No PA insurance. Review again late 2018.

- CS Workshop: See if Gerard Bou is available for another CS workshop early next year. Ieva has been in touch with G and we're talking about a date in Jan/Feb. Ross suggested do it in 2019. It was agreed to do this in 2019, not 2018.
- Dryandra Incident: Rachell has written to the 4 people concerned. Put a reminder on FB and newsletter re: course etiquette. CS have reiterated ride etiquette at the briefings.

7. Correspondence Outward.

- Letters sent to Frances Overheu, Kieran O'Driscoll, Leigh Hopkinson and Caren Earl.
- Letter of reference - Mikaela Thambert.

7.1 Late Correspondence Outward.

Nil.

8. Correspondence Inward.

- Letter – Kieran O'Driscoll. Wants the names of the complainants from Dryandra ride. Member confidentiality is a concern. At least two of the people concerned don't want Kieran to contact them. An SMC member shouldn't discuss this with the people concerned due to confidentiality issues. WAERA considers this matter closed. The names will not be disclosed.
- Anita Fortsch - Trophy Rules - email below. The WAERA points and distance includes all WAERA affiliated events and the TQGC.
- Kim Moir - email below.
- Kim Moir - New Volunteer Sheet - attached.
- Jane Radny – re: rides included in the WAERA pointscore.

8.1 Late Correspondence Inward.

- Collie Race Club Bore - Quotes below (Deb J – has attachment for 2nd quote). Southern Irrigation and Think Water (Bunbury). The bore is already installed. This quote is for the pump and electrics etc. What are WAERA contributing and what is CRC contributing? Ask them to confirm this is in writing. Rachell to write to the CRC Secretary and thank them for the quote and please clarify what WAERA's contribution is going towards the project and provide a tax invoice.
- Jane Radny – suggested that WAERA could do an award. On the AERA database for 100% completions for the year which are categorised. We haven't had done this in the past and it is done in some states. Don't want to bring a new award in at this stage of the year, this needs to be advertised so that everyone can participate. AGM agenda item. Bring this in for next year.

Motion: that the correspondence inward is accepted and the correspondence outward is endorsed.

Moved: Rachell Nell/Ross McCamish. Carried.

9. Portfolio Reports.

9.1 Treasurers Report.

Abigail addressed the meeting.

Unfortunately, the financial statements weren't prepared in time.

Need someone to help out the Treasurer. Abigail to talk to Ali Healy to see if she's available to help. The main issues are some things are time sensitive and Abigail sometimes struggles to get things done on time. Individual rides require a lot of attention. Looking for someone to do the ride treasurer's job and liaise with the ride organiser, pay some bills, do some banking. Richard Jeggo has offered to help. Using something like trybooking.com would make life a lot easier. There is also nominate.com. Cara will do this at trybooking.com.

Motion: that the Treasurer's report is accepted.

Moved: Abigail Bartell/Deb Jewell. Carried.

9.2 Veterinary/Horse Welfare/Early Warning System.

Nothing of any note to report from the local vet and welfare side of things.

No doubt most of you will have seen the wider issues being aired on faceache etc, to do with vets especially the availability of ride vets and also back up referral hospitals in Hendra risk zones (pray we never get the bats and virus here!); and also the appearance again of welfare concerns in rides in the Middle East. The Endurance Committee of Equestrian Australia is again trying to have a voice in coming up with ideas that may limit some damage – those in the know reckon horses are being nerve blocked for rides in ME, which makes them must more at risk of fractures. Therefore, checking for nerve blocking could be introduced as part of the checks at events – as happens in other disciplines. I guess that doesn't change the culture of win at all costs, but might assist in identifying problems before they happen.

If there are any specific things you would like veterinary feedback/input on, please ask.

Anne Barnes.

Richard has two IT forms from Manjimup and Margaret River. No rest orders. Richard reckons we've only used 5 litres of fluids this year.

9.3 Ride Calendar 2018.

- Yarloop date has changed to 19th May.
- Quindanning date has changed to 16th June. Unfortunately, Jumbo passed away a couple of months ago. Shannon has been talking with the farmers and they may be on board, but could be made possible with continued communication.
- Need to remove Meg Woodhouse as a contact from the ride calendar.
- FEI Ride: we are OK to go ahead with a 1* and a 2* ride at the same time. Probably 5-6 airfares. 1* could be 85km and 2* 120km. Need to speak to Joan Deetman about horses coming from Hendra Zones. We don't have any 2* horses here in WA, so would be a waste. Unless horses come from the eastern states. Sponsorship confirmed: Radny \$1,500, Lockwood \$300.
- Collie Classic date may have to be changed to 30th June.
- Dryandra is 14th July.
- Should we be holding a 160km ride on the long weekend in June for people wanting to quality for the Quilty? 160km elevated, 120km elevated, 40km and 20km. Will be a WAERA ride. Ride starts Saturday midnight.
- Margaret River ride won't be held next year.
- Tom McCormack is coming to WA at Easter to do the ETS. Are we going to have an 80km ride at the Easter Marathon? Ross would like to see more members have the option to go to the Marathon ride and do an 80km ride. We are catering for non-members when we should be looking after our riding members. 80km and 40km on the Sunday and get them to stay presentations and dinner. Rachell to put a question out on FB about testing the ETS and asking the members if they would attend an 80km and 40km ride at the Marathon on the Sunday.

9.4 Secretary

Nil.

9.5 Sponsorship & Fundraising.

- Awards night trophies are pretty much organised for the AGM.
- President's Cup trophy needs to be purchased.
- Karly has a FIFO job. Not sure if she can continue in the same position next year. Carly's husband might be FIFO as well next year, so she may not be able to continue.
- Carly and Karly would like to do more of the publicity portfolio next year.
- Mike and Lisa Wood (SW Floats) may be involved more with sponsoring next year.
- Cara is prepared to take this over for next year.

9.6 Property.

- Ride Trailer is at Ross's place at the moment.
- Trailer needs to be dropped off at the Van Uden's to be serviced.
- Scales need to be calibrated as well.
- There's a leak in the roof that needs to be repaired. Ross will do this.
- Can we get some more Jnr bibs made up? Yes, Janice can do this for next year.

9.7 Merchandise.

Can take some stuff to the Awards Night. Cara will use some of the merchandise as prizes next year.

9.8 Chief Stewards and TPRs.

- Richard will chase up some more Chief Stewards.
- Chief Stewards are entitled to a \$100 reimbursement for fuel.
- Richard Jeggo will have a chat with Deb Ryan.

9.9 Education.

Ross helped out some newbies at Margaret River.

9.10 AERA

- Ross required some clarification re: University of Adelaide expenses. This was for the services of the Head Vet for the TQ17 and requirements for the horse hospital.

- Ross suggested that to do a 40km intermediate ride you need to be a member of a State Division. Rationale: all members are issued with a rule book and should be obliged to read it. As members, they would be under the control of the SMC. Ross to put something together.
- Discussion items/motions:

26.8 Attendance at the pre-ride briefing is mandatory for all riders. Non-attendance by any endurance rider at the pre-ride briefing is not an excuse for failure to comply with a specific ride requirement communicated at the pre-ride briefing.

WAERA vote Yes.

46.2 An application for a novice horse logbook shall not be processed by the DA unless and until:

- a) the horse has been identified by a microchip implant, and*

WAERA vote No.

- Richard to send an E of I out to the Chief Stewards to attend the Tas Quilty next year. Not sure yet if we can send one or two.
- Abigail would like to do some promotional stuff and send some people to the TQ19 to promote the WA Quilty in 2020.
- From the minutes of the July 2017 AERA meeting, the recommended vet fees for 2018 are:

\$678 plus GST for 80 km rides;

\$492 plus GST for daily fees, eg marathons/multiple rides;

\$700 plus GST for 100 km rides;

\$762 plus GST for 120 km rides; and

\$949 plus GST for 160 km rides.

A new fee will be introduced for pre-ride vetting only of \$160 plus GST and \$500 plus GST for ride-day only.

Non accredited vets will be paid 75% of the accredited vet fee.

Vets may only be paid the GST providing that they supply a tax invoice.

9.11 Website/Facebook.

There was some argy bargy following a post about end of year awards for Jnr riders went a bit ballistic and was deleted.

9.12 Newsletter.

Need people to contribute. Hard copies are available at an extra fee.

9.13 Collie WAERA Ride Base

- Need to do a Busy Bee. Needs to go on the calendar. 10th March at the CRC. Need someone to coordinate this. Deb Ryan? Need a list of things to do and what is needed.
- Deb Jewell to send an email to CRC listing all our rides for next year at the CRC.

9.14 Volunteers.

Nil.

9.15 WA Trials.

A meeting was held recently, but Ross was unable to attend. He has been keeping up with things via email. Meeting early next year is quite vital as things will really start coming together.

10. General Business.

- 10.1** Junior Trophy – Rachell. Distance rider system for WAERA Junior Members from next year. Include social and intermediate rides. Total distance completed successfully. Don't need a logbook, but must be a member of WAERA.
- 10.2** Intermediate Rider point & Distance - How it gets calculated - QLD has a good system. We can hold an Intermediate competition next year. Rule 21.3 p24.

INTERMEDIATE COMPETITION

21.3 A competition based on successful kilometres, final heart rate and overall veterinary score in all intermediate rides within a calendar year. All horses and all riders are eligible to earn points, irrespective of their status (i.e. novice or endurance) provided the rider is a riding member of a DA and the horse ridden is issued with and utilises a logbook. Points are allocated as follows:

- a) Distance: one point per successful km.
- b) Heart rate: one point for each beat under 55 bpm.
- c) Points relating to the 'overall result' as scored in the logbook will be awarded as follows:
A=3 points, B=2 points, C=0 points.

Motion: that the WAERA adopt the Intermediate Competition award for the end of year awards commencing in 2018. To be awarded at the awards night.

Moved: Ieva Peters/Ross McCamish. Carried.

- 10.3** AGM Venue is now the Byford Trotting Track as it's air conditioned. Needs to be advertised. Deb J to book the venue and cancel Waroona Hall.

11 WAERA 2020 QUILTY.

Ieva Peters, Anne Barnes and Jane Radny are available to inspect the four venues, just need some dates. Will do Narrogin, Wagin and Collie in one day and Brigadoon on another day. WAERA will reimburse the fuel costs. Cara was concerned that there was some animosity shown towards the WAERA TQ2020 steering group and thought that it was uncalled for, and also that there is potential for a conflict of interest regarding the selection of the venue. Ieva agreed. Ross said he would withdraw his vote regarding the TQ2020 Quilty venue selection as he was very patriotic about Collie.

12 SES MOU – Review.

Rachell to send it out again for discussion.

13 Meeting Closed at 3.25pm.

14 Next meeting: Saturday 13th January 2018 at 10am at Williams. Abigail will book the venue.