

## Summary Report, NSWERA SMC meeting held 3 December 2021.,

### ATTENDANCE

**Present:** Alam Dastani (chairman), Belinda Hopley, John Howe, Kim Stephens, Kylie Jonkers, Andrew Jonkers, Noni Seagrim, Faith Robinson, Kerry Fowler-Smith, Peter Kelly, April Newman,

**Apologies** Tony Warren, Charlie Gauci

**In attendance:** Helen Rich (Minutes), Jax Barlow, Fia Hasko-Stewart, Talea Hasko-Stewart

**Conflicts of Interest. :** None declared at this time.

**Acceptance of minutes of meeting.**

**MOVED** Peter Kelly, Belinda Hopley

**THAT** the minutes from the tele conference Meeting of 22 October 2021 be accepted. **Carried** Unanimous

**Business arising from last meeting (action log review)**

Minutes	Who	What
Oct 167	Jax	Timeline of tasks ongoing. <b>Ongoing.</b>
Nov 279	SMC	Succession planning <b>ongoing</b>
43	Kim	Set up Combiz account signatories for IBDs <b>Held over to 2022</b>
Apr 55/69/78	Kerry/Noni As reminder	Grant workshop as agenda item when open, m'ship fees, newsletter cost,. Noni sent a report through this afternoon. Can discuss later on tonight or do by email as it is not urgent. Any questions please get back to Noni. Thanks to Kerry who has worked hard with the grants. Alam offered thanks from the entire SMC to Kerry for doing this.  Kerry gave a report on the application. Thanks to the executive and Jax got the appropriate information in. \$19,500 for NSW, AERA and more than likely money for each club. ACT clubs are not eligible. No confirmation in writing about the clubs just yet. Do not publicize anything yet in case nothing eventuates. Noni and Kerry registered for the Office of Sport where eligibility of the clubs will be assessed. Return to sport expenses and another thing is event cancellations costs. Start to think about how your clubs might be able to use up to \$1000 for cancellation of events and restarting. Everyone asked to have a look at the grant guidelines and see how it will work for them. This item refers to the COVID 19 recovery support program. The previous grant program that we have had for projects does not exist at the moment. We do have the Organisational Support funding of \$6,500, payable when the report is complete. . Online newsletter access cost for November meeting. <b>Hold over for an email discussion.</b>
59	Kerry	Dick Collyer about state of origin. <b>Hold over to 2022.</b>
62	All/Alam	Review position descriptions! Alam to collate updates. <b>Ongoing</b> as nothing has been received by Alam. This needs to be done. Have a read over the weekend and even if everything is the same, let Alam know this. If changes to be made, make a list and send it on. This is about succession planning. This is about the SMC working out how these different rolls will be passed onto the next person. If some one of the executive was not there next year. We are looking for succession planning not just position description.

Noni said it is a good opportunity right now to get onto the position descriptions. Could go onto our website. This is an opportunity to catch up on things

**Secretariat Report & Ride Calendar: Jacky Barlow and Kylie Jonkers.**

### PART 1: MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
<b>Adult</b>	344	293	352	342	399	413
<b>Junior</b>	59	35	49	49	49	50
<b>Intermediate</b>	13	13	23	34	24	31
<b>Associate</b>	5	9	14	13	15	20
<b>Honorary</b>	11	11	8	8	7	6
<b>Total</b>	432	361	446	446	494	520
Newsletter	136	145	155	195	213	226

#### PART 4: STOCKTAKE

Logbooks -33

Logbook covers- 33

#### PART 5: ENDURANCE HORSE REGISTRATIONS (Year to Date)

ANNUAL - 11

LIFETIME - 47

#### PART 6: OTHER BUSINESS

Membership forms for 2022 and AERA insurance forms.

When will these be going onto the website? Answer: In a day or so. Should have the forms in the next week or so. AERA is rebuilding its website.

With the new rulings from the AERA for social rides, under 20, Snowy Zone AGM and 8 klm rides, Jax has put that on AERASpace on the calendar. Question: Do these rides need to go onto the calendar and do riders need to fill in membership forms? Yes, and yes is the answer. Have to be affiliated to be covered by insurance. Must fill in the day membership forms as well. This appears to apply if people are not a member of the Association. Noni to check this. Have riders been advised of this information? No, not advertised as yet as the rule hasn't come into effect. Once finalised by AERA with the new website, this will happen.

**Resolved** to wait until this rule comes through from the AERA before we do anything further.

#### **RIDES FOR APPROVAL**

Watagan Mountains (amendment) – Adding 20km Saturday 30th April and 40/60km elevator Sunday 1st May 2022. Kerry wants to be recorded as a conflict of interest for the Watagan ride decision. Duly noted.

**Approved** unanimously other than Kerry.

Glen Innes – (amendment) – Sat 19th March/Sun 20th March 2022 – both days 40km and 80km. Possibly seeking clarification because of the vaccination status of Glen Innes rides. Noni said it had been accepted by the NSW SMC already and this is merely a change of the ride distances. Kylie was not on line at this time. Andrew believes the bio security is under control as it is the same as they had for the last ride.

Kylie Jonkers joined the meeting at [7:49]. Yes, Glen Innes has an amendment as shown above. No issues with that. **Approved.**

Can we confirm the date of the Glen Innes ride? There are two Glen Innes rides. Not wanting to discuss Glen Innes but the 8 klm ride whether it is under the new rules, not needing vetting at all. Even though it is in AERASpace. Noni confirmed no vetting – just insurance. Approved by AERA but we do have to have it registered in the calendar but will double check on this one.

Amendment for Johns River on 2 and 3 April but they now want an amendment of 20k on Saturday and 40/80 on the Sunday. **Approved**

#### ***Standing Items***

**Ratification of decisions made between meetings.:** RK CS extension. Yes extended until June.

#### **State Championship 2022**

Kylie to give the report. All going well. Still a long way out but a lot is up and going. Concentrating on the rides to be held earlier in 2022.

#### **Play by the rules training**

Ongoing. Everyone needs to be up to date with their Working with Children Check. If you haven't done it please get onto it. When completed send the certificate to Belinda.

Faith is having trouble with this and has tried to get onto this website but it has changed completely. Confusing on how to get on and do your training. Alam has not done it yet. \$6,500 grant. Need to do the training with regard to this grant. Suggestion made that we have a workshop and go through some of these courses together. We could perhaps get someone to come and give a talk on one of the suggested training subjects. Child Protection stuff. There is a box that needs to be ticked to say that we are doing training. Could we set up a training weekend in the New Year? There are things on the website that could be done now. It is about sports governance as well as child protection. Belinda to have a look and put a plan together. Belinda noted that she sends out a note at the beginning of every year with a list of who has to do what and who has done what but people don't get back to her.

Who is supposed to do these courses? Belinda was asked to incorporate everything that should be done into a workshop. Kerry went through and named some of the courses that can be found and done on the Play by the Rules website. Would this be the same courses that teachers have to do? Not sure.

Alam asked that the links mentioned be recorded. Link to be inserted into these minutes.

Play by the Rules Online Courses - Making Sport inclusive, safe and fair.

<https://www.Playbytherules.net.au/online-courses>

## **2022 AGM (place holder) 19-20 February venue Capital Country Park**

Everything is booked. Conference room takes 100 people but this depends on spacing. See Belinda's report for more details. Note that there is a certain level of information that we need for the AGM booklet. Need to be a bit more specific with regard to food etc.

## **TQ2021 and TQ2022: update, 2022 AERA agreement.**

Agreement for 2022 signed and taken care of. Having a meeting next Saturday and a much fuller report will be prepared after that. Tom McCormack and Matthew Walker will be attending as will John Howe.

**Ride Organizers' Panel (Charlie Gauci convener).** Fia is attending this meeting in place of Charlie.

## ***General and New Business***

### **AGM reports due 20 December 2021.**

Everyone asked to get their reports prepared and sent to Kerry. Everything cannot be left till the last minute.

### **Conference Etiquette**

This agenda item was requested by Faith. Concerns meeting protocol. Would like to initiate a system whereby participants can raise their hand virtually in order to be heard. How do we achieve this? Suggestions please. Email has been sent concerning GotoMeeting asking if they could install something. Alternatively, change the platform to Zoom or Microsoft Teams. In a room everyone can see that the hand is raised. How are we going to deal with this problem?

Noni said we need to stick with Goto as it is quite flexible. Participants can have a landline, mobile, very versatile format and through Covid Noni has become good at virtual meetings. Yes, it does get confusing, can be frustrating. Noni can mute people if she needs to. You could send an email to Noni or the Chairman saying that you would like to speak. It can be used by the entire group. This is how you raise your hand on this platform. Send an email. Can send to the whole group. Patience please. Fair bit of work was put into going with this platform and it is the best one that meets our needs. Not everyone can be on the computer. This is definitely the pick of the platforms. Noni did a lot of research on this.

Alam said, yes there are frustrations associated with this way of attending a meeting but, all things considered, it is working well. Covers people on landline as well and this is way this particular platform is used. Hopefully face to face meetings will be held next year. Deal with this for now. Faith you have been heard and your comments taken on notice. Faith said a lot of this problem is not knowing the protocol. Faith would like to propose a motion: Propose a motion: "To initiate a system where online meeting participants can "raise their hand" in a virtual way and be addressed by the chairperson on a first hand up basis.

Faith said her motion is about the whole meeting and the way our meetings are held not just about her.

Kerry said this is more about the process of the meeting and it depends on the chairperson keeping an eye on it. Up to the chairperson to look at the list and work through it. Does not agree that a side chat amongst the whole group would work. Faith accepts side chats are not helpful. Everyone can be aware to see who wants to chat. Alam said he would put people in order. Fia has nothing to add. Other platforms, contrary to what Noni said, do include multiple platforms, not just Goto Meeting.

Belinda lives out of town but her internet is crap. Cannot use the landline so she either uses her mobile or her computer. People drop in and out. That's the way it is for her. If you don't have access to fast internet you are in trouble. Hold on until we can have face to face meetings.

Faith happy as long as we have a protocol for the future, all good.

### **Call for tenders – Secretariat and Newsletter Editor Positions.**

- Newsletter Editor – contract term ceases 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022
- Minutes Secretary – contract term ceased Jan? 2014
- Secretariat/Registrar – contract term ceases 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

Noni said on checking back as far as 2014 for the minutes secretary position, nothing has been found since then. Found the motions where we accepted the tenders for Newsletter, Registrar/Secretariat. Cannot find a minutes secretary contract. Need to go out for tender and advertise all three positions. These are financial arrangements that are for fixed terms. Not something that can just be renewed.

Positions need to be advertised. Use forms as used in the past.

What is the minimum term? Secretariat/Registrar and newsletter usually run at the same time. CPI pay increase built in. Two years x two years x one year subject to meeting performance criteria Advertise for these terms as previously done. **Resolved:** Use the forms previously used. Cut off 28 February to be considered at meeting early March for a start on 1 April. Noni said if necessary we can have an electronic meeting for a single subject.

## Sponsorship Proposal (NSW ERA)

Noni said email came through this afternoon. . Radicon, is a Veterinary Imaging Company that wants to sponsor NSW rides next year. Details outlined in the document sent. Has anyone looked at the proposal? Some discussion on the document concerned. Faith commented on the responsibility of ride organisers. The RO has to foot the cost to send the tent back. Noni said not everyone has to use this. It can be freighted back if need be. There are still minor details to work out. Come up with suggestions and Noni will pass them on.

Once NSW ERA signs off on this, what is the procedure moving forward? No doubt the ROs will learn of this offer and they will get to it if they are interested.

Talea has a copy of the document. One thing the SMC should be aware of is that the sponsor is seeking some input into which committee gets it. Noni said there will be two or three sets organised. She will seek clarification as what is meant by the sponsor seeking input. Fia thought it would be good if we had someone on the SMC to organise this. Consider NSW SMC organise a freight account to facilitate returns. Query: will the vests be high viz? They probably should be. John: We have an AGM in February that would be a good time to publicize this. Perhaps the potential sponsors might like to attend our AGM so we could meet and thank them. **Resolved** unanimously to go ahead with this offer.

## National Sponsorship

This involves paperwork sent out by Noni yesterday. This is outlined in the document sent out to the SMC. NSW is the only state that has not replied. What does NSW want to do? Faith: amazing document. Good luck. What are the vehicles endurance riders use? Do a feedback form on what is the most popular vehicle. Call for yes or no vote with the majority expressing no. **Resolved** by majority vote asking for the format to be changed and go back to AERA expressing NSW concerns.

Kerry thinks this needs some more thought. Things should not be written in the first person. Should be written by the organisation. Reluctant to agree to the figure suggested. Could lose more than we might gain. Naming rights for the Quilty is worth a lot more than what is suggested in this document. There is a need for more discussion.

## Choosing AERA Delegates for 2022

Kerry asked for this to go onto the agenda. AERA constitution allows us to nominate the delegates. How do we do this?

Suggestions include:

- Possible discussion item in the AGM booklet and call for nominations off the floor and have people vote?
- Keep a list of names and we could draw them out.
- The SMC could approach and select the delegates.
- Our delegates have been absent during the year.
- Need people who are prepared to participate.
- Newsletter and FB, ask for expressions of interest

Need to decide now so that the information can go into the AGM booklet.

Could ratify at the AGM. Need people to want to participate. Fia suggested that in any publicity you spell out what the whole of the position is. How many times do they need to attend in person? Is a trip to Melbourne a possibility? Specifications would be helpful in helping people decide whether or not they are interested.

**Resolved** to publicise this matter and put a timeframe which is seven days before the AGM. Close on the same date as the SMC nominations.

Suggestion made of putting names in a hat and drawing from that. Noni voted against the hat drawing. We need to acknowledge that this matter is important. We need people there with a level of commitment and some experienced. People nominate on an expression of interest basis and the NSW SMC can then choose from those who nominate. Kerry does not like a random selection either. Could select by ballot or put to a vote at the AGM. If we have nominations at the AGM we could vote on them. We could treat it like a committee nomination.

Andrew agrees with Noni and Kerry and so does Kim. Andrew said he was a delegate this year and he was disheartened with how things happened. Absolutely no input required by him with the exception of the first meeting. You need people to put in the work and people who will agree to vote the way the SMC tells them. We need to be careful in the people you select.

Belinda said probably its best that they are chosen by the SMC or the membership. April also agreed with Noni and Kerry. Peter happy to go along with the majority. John said that we need to advertise and then the SMC can appoint but also believes we need to explain to the membership at the AGM how we are doing this and why. We need people to be dedicated.

Faith acknowledges how hard the AERA delegate job is. Thanks to everyone who has done it. She will go with the majority. **Resolved** to advertise and that we call for expressions of interest and close off 7 days before the AGM (same as a SMC nomination).

How are we going to vote?. **SMC or AGM. Resolved** that the selection should be done by the SMC.

### **Menu and cost for AGM – Lunch options for AGM**

AGM - No Saturday lunch and the venue is BYO!

Confirm dinner numbers 2 weeks before. Dinner approximately \$47 per head with 2 choices of mains, salads, roast vegetables, bread role. Cakes/slices and fresh fruit for dessert. Tea and Coffee. Can cater for any dietary requirements. Need the numbers two weeks before.

Need to get people who are going to attend the AGM to register. Possibly need to start the AGM early.

Suggesting NSW SMC subsidise the meal by either \$5 or \$10. Should have two microphones. People need to be double vaccinated.

What's to happen with the Sunday Forum? Suggesting we could have our first SMC meeting on the Sunday. We could maybe do portfolio allocations. If not, discuss some of the items that we have standing over going into the New Year.

Discussing the menu. It's a buffet. Kerry said we have to have this information nailed down. We have to tell people what they are spending their money on. Need to know what the mains are, confirm the cost. If we are going to change the meeting time, we need to know that now.

Belinda suggested we change the start time. Kerry said meeting due to start at 12.30. People are travelling.

Assuming there are no further restrictions. Belinda to send out an email on this once again.

Noni – the pub up the road is not very big. Best to think about external catering for lunch. The pub wouldn't be able to handle lunch. Question: Are we going to subsidise the dinner.

Kim was asked what our current financial situation was with the reply that as at end of October, we have \$73,991. Has not done November figures.

**MOVED** John Howe, Andrew Jonkers  
**THAT** NSW ERA subsidise the AGM dinner to the tune of \$10 per head  
**Carried** All in favour for except for Kerry.

Prior to the voting Fia and Talea were asked for their opinion on using the member's money to pay towards an AGM dinner. Replied they do not think it is outrageous but it could be a little less. Dinner is a social event. Money well spent. Talea said \$47 is rather expensive for a dinner. If the SMC wanted to help out that would be great. The motion was put to the vote with the result as noted above

No music sorted. Ask the venue for suggestions.

### **RO Feedback re- Ride Booking, Capping and Pre-Paid entry procedures**

Nine replies received on this matter. Some questions on the matrix. Reply from Shahzada. Added them back in. Mention of traditional dates. Rides are automatically affiliated with Queensland and but not with Victoria. Most comments concerned ride capping. Some comments on refunds. How much is up for discussion. Up to ROs to decide.

We need to be careful to remember what Charlie wants to do. Fia said if something is tabled at the meeting then it becomes part of the meeting and therefore part of the record. Agreement to open the meeting for general discussion on this matter at this time.

Fia appreciates that work has gone into this matter. After listening to Belinda – feels more thought is needed. These proposals are not ready to be voted on. Not recognising the point of the SMC or ROs.

Refund policy says 'this is the policy – guidelines to be used by all rides'. Very heavy handed while a little misguided but there are positive aspects. Don't think we need a sledge hammer at this stage. The SMC does not really have to be involved in a refund policy and the other one is the capping. Not wanting to talk about the ride calendar and you will never get everyone happy.

In relation to the capping. ROs do a good job. None of you would be sitting here, nobody would be riding on a course with arrows. ROs are the heart of the sport. Not the SMC, not the riders. It is the ROs who are the ones who run the sport. Capping arose due to a misinterpretation of the AERA constitution. An RO will not use a cap unless it has to. You want people at your rides.

Fia - If an RO needs to put on a cap on their ride then they can speak to the SMC. The SMC should be there to help ROs not tell them what to do. At times there is a heavy handed approach that it not necessarily needed. It's great that the SMC is thinking about this issue.

Alam noted that Belinda has been talking to ROs on behalf of the SMC. Re the capping, yes there is a policy on that but others can talk about that. Thanks to Fia for her input.

Talea thinks the documents need to be worked on a little bit more. There are inconsistencies and contradictions between the documents. They could cause more confusion than they could resolve. Reiterates what Fia has said previously. **'No entries accepted on the day of the ride'**. Ride organisers

have said if they want to accept entries on the day, what's the issue with that? Why can't they accept entries on the day. Great concept but not in the current form. The documents are too strict by saying ROs have to adhere to such and such. They are probably a lot more convoluted than they need to be.

Noni. NSW SMC has a great number of ROs on the committee. Therefore we know a bit about running a ride. Not here to make ROs lives hard. It is here to represent the riders and the ROs. The refund policy has nothing to do with what Fia put up. It has to do with the fact the ride organisers have very different expenses and thus very different refund policies.

However there have been a number of times where individual ride refund policies have been grossly unfair to a rider. Noni gave an example of a rider who entered a two day weekend ride, couldn't enter on the day, rode on day one and vetted out, they would not get a refund for day two. This caused the SMC to make some action. The SMC is not here to make members' lives hard. NSW is not alone in this other states are looking at a generic refund policy.

When AERAspace comes on with an online platform there will be a generic refund policy that will apply across Australia. Don't shoot the NSW SMC. A lot of us here know what it's like running a ride. We do understand the other side of the matter. Understand the long hours. Some feedback can be disheartening.

It's disappointing if Belinda is criticised as an individual person. She is there representing the NSW SMC. Commending Belinda for the work she has done. Reiterate that these documents have come from the SMC as a whole. Not just Belinda.

Kerry said with her Shahzada and Watagan hats on, we are all ride organisers. Agree with Talea. There are things that need to be clarified. Kerry thinks that Shahzada thought they may be losing their traditional date. This was due to the wording. With Watagan there are problems with the refund policy. The whole SMC needs to take responsibility not just Belinda.

Fia said the documents came from Belinda and she spoke on that basis. If the document came from the SMC, then that needs to be made clearer. Glad we have had this discussion. The paperwork does need more work. It is a proposal that has not been thought through well enough.

Belinda agreed that this was discussed at various SMC meetings and everyone was asked for input. Paperwork was sent to the SMC members for proofing before she sent anything out. Regarding the refund policy, that's the one that has been current on the NSW website for three years. It does have a comment that cancellations the day before is up to the ROs as to whether they refund or not. There are things that are not clear. There are some things that Belinda thinks are clear and people have missed. Thanks Fia for your input.

Perhaps if these things were guidelines rather than rules, that should work better. Perhaps we should all sit down and have another meeting rather than an SMC meeting. Fia, Charlie, Bec Hogan to name a few. Would that be an option?

Fia would like to propose that the SMC appoint a committee of volunteers to consider this issue within a set time frame and bring back proposals to be considered by the SMC.

The RO forum is not really an effective grouping to make decisions. It's really more to gauge feelings. It's an informal input system. If we had a subcommittee to deal with the ROs and the SMC it might make life easier for all concerned. We have people who are good at getting together great ideas. Let's gather the talent we already have. Fia will write to the SMC outlining her thoughts. Suggesting we set up a subcommittee.

Kylie has spent a lot of time with Belinda going through these forms. Lot of it has been taken out of context by some of the ride organising committees. The big one for Kylie is the ride calendar – everything we put out there is what we already do. Just putting the information out there to remind people. One of the key things on our ride booking form is *"please discuss your ride dates with the RO person before you apply"*.

Over 90% of the ROs do not discuss dates with Kylie before they apply. When she comes back to them and tells them their date has not been approved, not happy, the majority of problems could be resolved by discussing dates with Kylie prior to putting in their form. It has been discussed a lot within the SMC and the SMC thought they had things sorted but what came across was not what was intended. Didn't come across all that well. Maybe a smaller group of people discussing this matter would be a good way of sorting these problems out and getting the documents to work for everyone.

On receipt of the replies, Belinda went back through the document. Did a draft with the comments. Some were taken straight off the website. It won't take much time to include all these changes so could have these out by Sunday. The aim is to have this ready by the New Year so everyone knows what to expect.

Fia happy to have another look at the document but not sure that will address all the concerns. Just puzzled by what Kylie said. Is there something on the form that requires us to discuss dates before applying for a ride date? Yes, there is a note there to discuss before applying. Fia suggested that this note should be at the top of the ride booking form. People don't necessarily read everything when they know what they are doing.

People are doing the best they can in the time they have. There should be a line drawn where an elected committee that has been elected to do a job, is allowed to do it. ROs need to understand that the SMC has to

do a job. Sometimes the job is not pretty but we need to have direct solid legal lines to work from. Alternatively, just because somebody complains you don't have to bring in new law. These should be guidelines not rules set in concrete. It's being too heavy handed. No matter how something is written, everyone interprets something differently.

Perhaps the SMC needs to work out what it is trying to do. You won't please everyone all the time.

Faith suggested that we have a forum after the AGM. The ROs and maybe the SMC or part thereof, on the Sunday, come up with the document. In the meantime the ROs will get together and put in some good information. Back and forwards with the document. Make a deadline.

Kerry: Could it work that Belinda supply the next set of documents? Kerry is confused about the purpose of Charlie's panel. Suggest that the next set of documents be sent to Charlie's forum to consider and they be charged with setting up a subcommittee to consider the next round of drafts. Submission made back to the SMC. Get this ready by the January meeting. If we have a RO forum, hope to have a bigger attendance than what we have had in the past. We get very poor attendance. Hopefully if we have a RO forum people will turn up.

**274. Noni Seagrim: Acting secretary, AERA MC, Website, Facebook**

No further secretaries report at this time.

**275. Kim Stephens: Treasurer, Snowy Zone delegate, Volunteer Coordinator**

The liability payment that we have to AERA has gone up. Consider increasing our membership fees to cover this? Can we discuss this over email?

Noted we need a budget with what our projections are. We need to discuss fees now.

Kim said all insurance has gone up by 20% and gave the figures of the increase.

Alam. Kim have you sent an email containing this information? Kim said no. Noni sent an email to Kim but she has not sent this on. Kim, if you have a plan could you please send that through.

With the 20% rise, Kim can do that. Alam asked Kim for a plan for raising the figures we need.

Noni said she thought Kim would have this ready for this meeting. We need to finalise this either today or in the next few days or so. The message was sent to Kim last weekend in the hope that something would have been organised for this meeting. We need to decide on membership fees for 2022. John said he put in a previous report recommending the figures shown for membership fees.

Kim said her recommendation is to increase adult by 6% and round up to \$150. Increase family to \$300.

**MOVED** Kim Stephens, Noni Seagrim

**THAT** we increase 2022 NSW ERA membership fees to \$150 for adults with family membership to be \$300. Juniors to remain at \$100 and intermediate membership to remain at \$100

**Carried** Unanimous

**Belinda Hopley: Chief Stewards and TPRs, Grants,**  
*21 - 12 SMC Report.*

*Rides – None.*

*CS/TPR – Hoping to run TPR courses next year. More CS's would also be good!!*

*Other – TQ 22 – Do they have an ETS person yet?*

*AGM - No Saturday lunch and is BYO!*

*Confirm dinner numbers 2 weeks before. Dinner approximately \$47 per head with: 2 choices of mains, Salads, Roast Vegetables, Bread Roll, Cakes/slices and fresh fruit for dessert, Tea and Coffee.*

*Can cater for any dietary requirements.*

*We will need to get people to register as we need to know how many are coming for space requirements – at this stage double vax is required. We need to decide on Sunday's agenda - either a RO or Rider forum, OR if not, we can let the candidates know and have our first SMC meeting to get some housekeeping out of the way. Any ideas?*

*MCP - I didn't make the MCP refresher course as my internet was \*\*\*\*\*! I have asked EA twice for the dates for a proposed new course and the next refresher and am still waiting. There is also a new EPSL list effective 1.1.22 which will be on AERA FB. Publish the link.*

*Ride Procedures – I sent these docs to all the ride committees on this year's and next year's calendar (21) of which 9 replied. Please read the replies sent to you.*

*Vet – Dr Luke Annetts has advised me that Dr Nigel Brown from Tenterfield, has done the AERA Vet Accreditation Course and has familiarized him with the requirements to complete this role. We need to recommend Nigel to AERA so he can vet early next year.*

*NSWERA and Ride Committees need to be sure to thank Surewise as they have provided sponsorship to AERA and also to TQ22.*

*That we submit Nigel Brown to AERA so tht he can become an accredited vet so that he can*

**MOVED** Belinda Hopley, John Howe  
**THAT** we recommend Dr Nigel Brown to the AERA to become an accredited vet **Carried** Unanimous  
Kylie said Bev Sutton has passed away with the funeral early next week. It would be nice for the SMC to send some flowers to the funeral. Funeral will be on line and in person. The Jonkers family will be attending the funeral. **Resolved** to purchase flowers and seek reimbursement from the NSW SMC. Cost range agreed.

**Alam Dastani – International:** No report.

**Andrew Jonkers – AERA Delegate, merchandise:** No report

**April Newman: Zone 5 delegate. Promotions, Grants**

Zone 5 report

*With another year disrupted with Covid Zone 5 is looking forward to 2022 and hopefully a full year of endurance and hosting multiple rides with 3 already up on the calendar for the zone and talk of possibility another 2 as well.*

*In other zone news Wingello ride organise Rebecca Hogan along with the Exeter CWA branch have successfully advocated a road safety campaign for horse and riders , they discussed the issue of horse and rider safety on roads at CWA Exeter branch which led to the presentation of a motion to CWA of NSW state conference for debate and voting . The motion became a policy of CWA NSW to advocate for the NSW government to amend the NSW road rules 2014 to reflect the NSW road users handbook with respect to safety around horse traffic, and to run a media campaign to increase driver awareness of horse riders . Well done and Thank you to Rebecca and the CWA . The media awareness campaign can be found on NSW road safety Facebook page to please go over and give it a share ! The more attention and awareness it gets the more chance of the rule being changed! Something that is very important to all endurance riders.*

*Cheers April*

**Kylie Jonkers: Ride Calendar, Zone 3 delegate, International, Ride Administration/Feedback**

No further report

**aith Robinson: Zone 1 Delegate, Grants, Promotion :** No further report

**John Howe: Zone 2 Delegate, Newsletter, Newsletter**

*Well the last Newsletter of the year is out and about.*

*Zone Two is in hibernation (Covid Style) Back next year.*

*TQ22 All is progressing well. Our onsite meeting will be held on Saturday 11th December and all the committee will be in attendance.*

*Things have been very wet in the Tooraweenah district with over 10 inches of rain falling in November. All locals are hoping to get onto the paddocks to harvest.*

*To date the Vets signed up are Matthew Walker Head Vet, Darien Faery Treatment Vet assisted by Harry Weaver from Queensland and Nadine Allen, a local Vet.*

*I'll be able to give a much fuller report after the meeting.*

*Kind regards, John Howe*

**Peter Kelly Zone 6 delegate.** No report

**Track Preservation Charlie Gauci/Fiona Meller :**No report

**Future meeting dates:** 14 January 2022

Alam offered thanks to everyone who attended and there being no further business the meeting closed  
**11:23pm.**