

306. ATTENDANCE

Present: Tony Warren (chairman), Alam Dastani (part), Belinda Hopley, John Howe, Kim Stephens, Kylie Jonkers, Andrew Jonkers, Noni Seagrim, Faith Robinson, Kerry Fowler-Smith,

Apologies: April Newman

In attendance: Helen Rich (Minutes), Jax Barlow (part), Brian Swan (part), Charlie Gauci,

307. Conflicts of Interest declaration.

None declared at this time.

Brian Swan arrived on line at [7:45]. Brian was questioned on where he got the login details as they are different for every meeting. He was told members should notify the secretary that they wish to attend a meeting. Helps with the minutes etc.

308. Acceptance of minutes of meeting.

Kerry asked for changes to be made to the December minutes. Discussion ensued. Agreement the requested changes are to be made.

Discussion on inserting the term 'Registrar' into the section calling for tenders. Discussion on whether there were four positions up for tender or three. Eventual agreement to add the word 'Registrar' in front of the word 'Secretariat' where appropriate. Three positions to stay rather than changing to four.

MOVED John Howe, Kim Stephens

THAT the minutes from the tele conference Meeting of 3 December 2021 with the amendments notified at this meeting, be accepted.

Carried Unanimous

309. Business arising from last meeting (action log review)

Minutes	Who	What
Oct 167	Jax	Timeline of tasks ongoing. Ongoing.
Nov 279	SMC	Succession planning ongoing
Mar 43	Kim	Set up Combiz account signatories for IBDs OG?
59	Kerry	Dick Collyer about state of origin. Held over to 2022>
62	All/Alam	Review position descriptions! Alam to collate updates. This is underway, anyone who hasn't done it yet please get to it.
Dec: 282	Belinda	Discussing possible child protection workshop? Easy to get on the course. Search Play by the Rules and they all come up. New SMC could look at moving meeting to a time when it could be done by all the committee. There was mention of someone coming in to give a talk but Belinda felt we should be doing the on line course first. Minute that the committee formed after the AGM should get members to complete these courses. Doing this is a condition of our Sport and Rec funding. Belinda will update the SMC on their individual course status.
288	Noni/Kerry	Tender doc for secretariat, registrar, newsletter, minutes sec done Kim said we need to reform the minute taking format because unfortunately Helen does it the way she does it and we don't seem to like that. The new person needs to know what we require. Think about the minute taking format because taking verbatim minutes leaves us open to ridicule or slander if we are caught saying 'XYZ'. May be we need to note that we look at this at the first meeting after the AGM. And discuss this with whoever gets the position and we can give them guidelines as to how minutes should be done. So we can use the best format that's required. Kerry said you could put something in the position description. Could add that minutes are to be done in a format agreed with by the committee. Put this to a vote? How do you feel about this? No comment forthcoming. Alam dialed in at [8:03]. Tony asked if we can discuss this with the new committee. John suggested we leave it open and leave it fluid. Kerry said she has changed the wording to 'in a format agreed to with the SMC' in the position description. Tony believes this is all we require.
289	Noni	Clarification on sponsorship proposal. Ongoing. Will send an email onto the committee this week. What was the consensus? Was this a good idea? Contract to be drawn up and see if we are happy with it and then sign it. In the last minutes there was something about where the marquee went?

		Was that resolved? This is part of the ongoing negotiations.
293	Bel	Progress Ride docs (agenda item). Refer to RO panel?

Regarding the AGM, DJ booked in. \$100 deposit paid. If we can't dance inside then we lose our \$100 deposit. Only costing us \$500. The rules on Covid will no doubt change.

Is the venue still asking for everyone to be double vaccinated? The previous minutes state that this is a requirement. This was a requirement at the time. It is also thought that this is no longer relevant.

291: AGM book. Discussing AERA delegate selection, we would ask for expressions of interest at the same time as the AGM. Kerry thought that it was a random draw but not according to the minutes. Discussion on what was in the last minutes. What's in the December minutes is not what Kerry wrote down. Asking for other peoples' recollection of what took place.

For the sake of completeness the relevant section from the December meeting is repeated below:

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.*

Discussion on this section of the December minutes ensued.

The committee was going to draw up a short list and from there we choose our delegates. There is something in the AGM booklet which is not the same as the minutes from the December meeting. The AGM booklet may need to be changed. Phil the printer may be able to change the booklet. If not, will have to do it another way.

Email to Kim Moir asking how many delegates we are entitled to have. Noni was not sure. Wait for Kim to clarify this.

AGM Order of Business: Charlie commented on the order of business at the AGM, as listed in the AGM booklet. Is there somewhere that lists why the order is the way it is? No, but it's been done that way for the last 20 years or so. Just been carrying on the way that it has always been done. Charlie asked if we want to change the order, how we go about this. He would like to see the notices of motion discussed before the election of the new SMC. Rather than after.

As it currently stands, we discuss notices of motions after the election. If this was the other way around, we would know how the people who are up for election are thinking about the motions up for discussion.

The meeting was told that while we cannot add to the agenda, there is no reason why the order couldn't be changed around.

We know how the AGMs roll. We don't want to run out of time. If this was changed around we would have to limit the time for discussions but we would know what people were thinking. Discussion items affect the next SMC coming in.

MOVED Kerry Fowler Smith, John Howe
THAT the order of the AGM be changed in order to hold the election for SMC vacancies after the discussion items and before general business.
For Tony Warren, Alam Dastani, Belinda Hopley, John Howe, Kim Stephens, Kylie Jonkers, Andrew Jonkers, Faith Robinson, Kerry Fowler-Smith
Against Noni Seagrim,

It was noted that if the AGM book itself cannot be changed, the changes will have to be noted at the actual meeting.

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

PART 1: MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Adult	80	344	293	352	342	399	413
Junior	12	59	35	49	49	49	50
Intermediate	1	13	13	23	34	24	31
Associate	0	5	9	14	13	15	20
Honorary	11	11	11	8	8	7	6
Total	104	432	361	446	446	494	520

Newsletter	38	145	155	195	213	226	233
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PART 2: RATIFY NEW MEMBERS

DATE	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	NUMBER	CATEGORY	Address
03-01-2022	Meisha	Readman	168260	Junior	Burra
03-01-2022	Trystan	Readman	168261	Junior	Burra
04-01-2022	Edwina	McCarron	168262	Senior	Little Hartley
05-01-2022	Sasha	Toepfer	168263	Junior	Mullengandra
06-01-2022	Jemma	Touzell	168264	Senior	Panuara
10-01-2022	Maria	Griffiths	168265	Senior	Tucabia
13-01-2022	Damir	Cokas	168266	Senior	Franklin
13-01-2022	Bianka	Micic-Cokas	168267	Senior	Franklin
14-01-2022	Kim	Ruehe	168268	Senior	Lower Southgate
14-01-2022	Kristy	Maxwell	168269	Senior	Wilberforce

Question: Was Jo Arblaster on the list of new members? Yes she was on the list issued previously as she is not a new member but a returning member. It was noted that no one objected so we assumed she was approved.

MOVED Tony Warren, John Howe
THAT the new members as listed are approved and their names will be published in the newsletter
Carried Unanimous

PART 4: STOCKTAKE

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RIDES FOR APPROVAL

311. **RIDES FOR APPROVAL**

312. Eldorado Endurance VIC– Dual Affiliation request – 12-13th March 2022 – 20,40,80km. **Approved**

Bullio FEI Qualifier – 12-13th Feb 2022 – Sat 100km FEI one star open and Junior – Sun 120km FEI one star open and junior (no alt date). Same weekend as Woodstock.

This has been discussed with the Woodstock committee and it will have an effect on the vetting situation. The biggest worry is that we should follow our guidelines. Both rides are very close together. The SMC needs to think about this. We have already said no to Windeyer to run their ride and there was considerable distance between Windeyer and the ride that's on the same weekend. The ride is seeking approval from the NSW SMC but do they have to affiliate with NSW? Can they run without NSW approval? For an FEI ride Jax has to set the ride up in AERAspace. NSW gets fees from an FEI ride. Primarily affiliated with EA but possibly

they need to be affiliated with NSW ERA. Noni said in order to be run as an FEI event and be recognised they do have to affiliate with NSW ERA.

Windeyer wanted to run an event on 26/27 February, the same weekend as Glen Innes. Windeyer wanted to put on a training weekend with a three day trainer. We said no to Windeyer because it is on the same weekend as Glen Innes. Kerry asked Brian Swan what he thinks about this matter. In hindsight if Windeyer were allowed to run we wouldn't be in this position. Kerry: What about the FEI ride up against with Woodstock? Brian thought the FEI ride should be allowed to run. Why was it a good idea to discourage a training ride? From the outside looking in, if you had allowed Windeyer and Glen Innes to run trainers on the same weekend, we would not have had to adjudicate this. If we had let both rides go ahead, we wouldn't have to decide about a ride in Woodstock and a ride at Bullio.

Kylie said Glen Innes lost money last year because there was another trainer on the same weekend. Kylie discussed it with Glen Innes and they were not happy for a ride to be run on the same weekend. Also throughout the last 12 months we have clear discussions that the ROs do not want two rides on the same weekend. That's why we said no to Windeyer running.

The ride under discussion is an FEI event. They may only get 10 to 20 horses at this event. It is last minute booking and again that is not great for their case, Kylie feels we need to approve this ride. Under these circumstances, it is an FEI event. Woodstock is happy for it to run even though it is making their life more challenging. Just wanted to discuss the fact that we were running two rides on the same weekend. Brian would have let Windeyer and Bullio run.

Alam talked about dates for FEI rides and the restrictions imposed on them. They cannot change dates. Involves a lot of money. Alam would like to support it. Last year they could not run the Bullio ride. Give them an option to book in advance in the future. Costs a lot of money for an FEI event, they could run an AERA ride at the same time. Wouldn't work this time because of the conflict as it currently stands. FEI need at least three months in advance to book. The matrix is one ride per weekend. This is why Kylie is asking. If Woodstock is not too concerned, we allow Bullio to run. Charlie was asked his opinion. There is a set of rules and if we keep changing them, there will be someone down the track seeking the same compromise.

This is completely an FEI only event. Could take a vet or two away from Woodstock. We should support people with overseas aspirations as well. Need to be mindful of our decisions. These are two completely different levels of event. It is an important opportunity for members in NSW to be able to take part. Windeyer won't be happy.

A horse that has done three 80k rides can do a One Star without a passport. Bullio could have put in their ride date earlier and if they did, we wouldn't have this problem. On the other hand, there was talk that Bullio had trouble getting a date. It is a small ride for people with overseas ambitions. It is also publicity for us in Australia. Whichever way the vote goes, there will no doubt be feedback from the membership. Kylie will have a discussion with Chris Bailey regarding future ride dates. They cannot do this again. Write a formal letter to Bullio regarding their lack of consultation. Also write an open letter to the membership explaining the SMC's position on this matter.

John said wearing his Zone Two hat that Chris was too late putting in his application. Understand all the rationale however as the Zone Two delegate, he must say Zone Two votes against approving the ride.

[8:54] Alam had to leave the meeting at this time. He is an apology from now on. His daughter fell over and is on her way to hospital.

In favour: Alam, Kylie, Andrew, Noni, Kim, Belinda,

Against: John, Faith, Tony

Conflict: Kerry declared a conflict of interest.

Resolved to approve the Bullio ride. Kerry to write a letter to Chris Bailey setting out the NSW SMC position. This to be done in consultation with Kylie.

Open letter to the membership via the newsletter explaining the situation regarding why the NSW SMC made the decision it did. Alternatively the letter could go on the website in the next week or two. After we have spoken or contacted Bullio.

Need to consider that FEI rides are difficult to arrange. The calendar is worldwide. We need to provide an opportunity for our members to compete at an international level. Belinda to prepare a draft of a suggested letter to go either to the website or the newsletter. This letter really needs to be out in the next two weeks. Kerry to copy Belinda in on the letter she writes so that the letters are consistent point wise.

Standing Items

313. Ratification of decisions made between meetings.

- Kerry was reinstated as Secretary. Thanks to Noni and thanks to Kerry for coming back on board.

- Noni referred to an email sent after the last meeting. Passing of a motion on increasing the subscription fee for the newsletter to \$40. Motion was moved by Noni and seconded by Belinda.
- Also clarified that Kylie is the second person on the TQ22 committee.
- Few things concerning the AGM booklet were decided.

314. State Championship 2022

Not much to report. LERC concentrating on the training ride weekend. Roseberg had to cancel because of problems with the Forestry and tracks.

315. Play by the rules training

Need to reinforce to the new committee, the need to do these courses. Child Protection needs to be done. There may be some changes to the Child Protection legislation. Belinda will have a look at who is up to date and who isn't. Kerry has a working with children check that runs for five years.

316. 2022 AGM (place holder) 19-20 February venue Capital Country Park. Meeting day jobs.

All good at this stage. Numbers for the dinner need to be in two weeks before. DJ booked. Not sure about the dancing regulations at this time.

Who will set up on the day? Belinda will be there early in the AM. Kerry – taking of memberships and handing out of voting slips. Allow 1:30 hours for this. Jax will be there. Tony will try and get there early.

Kerry wants approval to print the usual voting slips and appropriate paperwork for the AGM. **Approved.**

Belinda wanted approval to order a tray of sandwiches for those who are setting up for the AGM. **Approved.**

317. TQ2022: update

See John's report later in these minutes.

In addition John said he spoke to Peter Bonham and a number of people have made some generous donations. Have an old grader to update the track. Accommodation is currently a problem. Not much in the town and all accommodation is booked up. Thinking of having extra – people should bring their own caravans. It is a work in progress.

318. Ride Organizers' Panel (Charlie Gauci convener).

Charlie offered thanks to the SMC for involving ROs in the formation of these documents. ROs feel that at least they have been involved and heard. Belinda sent out a revised set. This is the most that the SMC can do in involving ROs. Now up to the NSW SMC to collate what you have.

General and New Business

319. Ride Documents. Belinda

Regarding the Electronic Timing System [ETS] – spoke to Tom McCormack. Both Locke's are interested in helping with ETS. Spoke to Tom about being CS and ETS person. Doesn't mind with short rides but said it doesn't work with large rides. The SMC to urge ROs to book a separate chief steward and ETS person. Not fair for one person to do both at rides.

Regarding the Ride Docs, three replies were received. With prepaid and refunds, do we need to approve? When they send in their ride booking policy, with nothing listed, we assume that they are using the NSW one. We want them to send in one so that we know that what they plan is feasible? Majority of those present agreed with this interpretation. Kerry asked that we actually name or minute the fact that this was a unanimous decision to accept these documents so that everybody is clear who is deciding on this.

Kerry made the point that if we are to use or adopt these documents, she wants to SMC to approve all the documents. Belinda said no, we are not yet ready to adopt the documents.

Faith offered thanks to Belinda for the work that she has done on these documents. Wanted to suggest some ways of simplifying the documents but unfortunately, she hasn't got around to it. Faith offered to help with the documents. Yes, Talea has provided some dot points. When Belinda gets things organised she will sent it to Faith.

Turning to entries on the day. Some do and some don't use this option at their rides. What does this meeting say? Should we allow entries on the day or not? Suggestion that this should be up to the individual ROs to decide, not the SMC. Discussing cancellation refunds. ROs could adopt the NSW idea or adopt their own. Just need to notify the NSW SMC as to what they want to do. Need to be clear that these documents are guidelines and not rules. Need to emphasise the guidelines point. Most rides do not take entries on the day.

A rider would not want to pay for a two day ride in advance. Pay a day at a time. Nomination fees were a good idea. Early bird fee. Late entry fee. Leave it up to the ROs to decide what they want to do.

What about paying on the day? Rides are very individual. Some will have EFTPOS payments and others will require cash. Not fair to make blanket rules as to how an RO will accept its payment for entry fees.

Discussing Carnivals rides and entry fees. Should be up to the RO.

Event cancellation: discussing refund percentages.

Jax and Brian Swan left the meeting at [9:53]

Discussing rides late in the year. Suggestion that if there was a capped ride, another ride should be allowed to run on the same weekend. Discussing distances apart. Noted that people don't cap just because they want to. They cap because they have to but the ride distance of the ride matrix should be taken into account.

ROs must run an advertised ride on the particular weekend. Cannot advertise an elevator type ride and then decide not to run it on the day because only one or two people want to ride in the event. Alternatively, riders could be offered an alternative.

FEI rides need to be included in the document.

Kylie left the meeting at [10:03].

Ride capping discussed further.

Noni offered thanks to Belinda for all her hard work on these documents. Kerry offered thanks on behalf of the Watagan ride and Shahzada. As did Tony.

Have to presume that those who didn't reply must be satisfied with the documents.

Talking about social rides, they are just a way of categorising an event or gathering, merely a way of getting these rides under the insurance umbrella. A number of social rides could be held on the same weekend as they are non-competitive. We now have Introductory and Intermediate rides. Need to make sure that people understand these social rides are just that, social events. They are not to be held on the same weekend as when the RO is running a ride.

Resolved to leave out social events. It could just be confusing.

320. Online newsletter

Kerry said this was listed in the action sheet from the last meeting. Noni was going to get information on costings on this and she will continue working through her list of jobs to be done.

Committee Reports

321. Tony Warren: President,

Firstly let me say thank you to each and every fellow committee member your hard work and endless hours of dedication to the sport we all love is immeasurable, especially in the last twelve months we have had a very trying year.

I firmly believe you must have a screw loose in the head when committing to such a mammoth task. The roles we all play in keeping this sport ticking along are vital but sometimes the tasks we are served are testing trying to find the balance between what we personally feel and what is correct and proper for the sport is a terribly fine line. This group has certainly been tested, but we worked well together as a team and managed to survive and keep the sport alive.

Covid 19 once again reared its head just to make our lives a little more difficult but again the sport continued with some major challenges. Thank you every one.

Now something not so nice.

- *I want to advise all members of how disappointed I am, to receive phone calls by members advising me that there are persons from and associated to members of this committee soliciting proxies for the sole purpose of removing someone that is on rotation to be re-elected and some one that may be trying to be elected. This to me is such a bad representation of the committee and I find it totally disgusting that members would stoop so low but hey that's politics I suppose.*

This is our last meeting prior to the AGM, I hope this one is relatively quick with not too much trivial work to get through and we have a relatively early night.

Thank you all for your dedication. Cheers Tony

322. Noni Seagrim: AERA MC, Website, Facebook

No report.

323. Kim Stephens: Treasurer, Snowy Zone delegate, Volunteer Coordinator

Even though we again were hit with Covid the financial figures are similar to the figures in 2017. In other words we have had a successful year financially.

We made a profit of \$7261.84 which is made up of the Office of Sport grant of \$7150. Thank you to the Office of Sport.

We also had an influx of members joining, in December, which has helped the bank account.

We start 2022 with a healthy \$56,517.22 in the bank account

Happy riding in 2022

Snowy Zone

Snowy Zone are having their AGM on Saturday after the SMC meeting. We will be taking advantage of being able to run a social 8km ride in conjunction with the AGM and is covered by AERA insurance.

We have all been discussing how to revamp the zone and have come up with some good ideas which will be discussed further at our general meeting after the AGM.

We are very excited about these ideas and hope those people that ride in mighty Snowy Zone like these ideas as well.

Looking forward to being able to report this excitement further down the track.

Have a great 2022

Kim advised that we will have an audit report for the AGM. She to send the document to Kerry for printing and putting on the website.

324. Kerry Fowler-Smith: Secretary, Public Officer, AERA delegate, IDP, Grants

Nothing to report on the secretarial side. Noni will sort out the correspondence and work through the responses. There are still has letters to go out from the last meeting. Kerry offered thanks to Noni for helping her out.

Grants: Half way through the reporting for the \$6,000 dollars. Takes hours and hours to do this. The plan is to get this done before the AGM. Covid recovery fund, been chasing Office of Sport. Nothing since then. Office was probably closed until around 11th.

325. Belinda Hopley: Chief Stewards and TPRs, Grants, Vet Liaison, Biosecurity

Other –

New rules

TQ update standing item

New Vets - Rhys and Nigel

New TPRs - Ian and Sophie

ETS update

MCP – TBA by NSWEA

Roseburg Logbook response

AGM – register, 1.5m distance, ?online

-will cancel Sunday

-? organise Sat SMC lunch

- DJ - no dancing, no refund

- m'ship raffle - 1/\$5 3/\$10

Discussing what would happen if we couldn't hold an AGM. What would be the dates involved.

Cancel Sunday as no body interested.

Going to order food.

Kerry – special resolution to the AGM to allow for on-line AGMs or special meetings. Allison and Kerry put up a motion to the AGM – wording out of the AERA constitution. We are in the 21st century now and need to move forward. Wherever our constitution is silent the model rules apply. We can get away with an electronic meeting but in a complicated fashion.

The AGM booklet has a note asking that people check on FB etc. for Covid related changes.

Should we start to look for an electronic option? It would be a mammoth task. General agreement that it is possible if we had to do it but probably wouldn't work within our current timeframe.

326. Alam Dastani – International

No report

327. Andrew Jonkers – AERA Delegate, merchandise

Noni ran a survey as to what people want.

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

No report

329. Kylie Jonkers: Ride Calendar, Zone 3 delegate, International,

Not much to report at the moment.

Ride calendar - we have the FEI ride that Bullio is putting on to look at & Eldorado duel affirmation.

I have tried to get the weekend that was Roseberg ride (after having to be cancelled) filled but with no luck so far. If you can think of anyone I could approve please let me no.

Zone 3 - we will be having our AGM at the Woodstock training ride weekend on the 12/13 Feb. I am in the process on creating at FB page to get this out there.

I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas & bring on hopefully a slightly more normal 2022.

Kylie

Kylie back on line **[10:00]**. Did try to find a replacement ride for Roseberg. See what the AGM brings. Tony offered his thanks for a job well done.

330. Faith Robinson: Zone 1 Delegate, Grants, Promotion

Zone One Report Jan 14 2022

Mountain Lagoon Ride organisers have contacted me regarding the proposed Prepaid Entry and refund guidelines. They have submitted the following, which we, as a Zone committee, support. It is clear and not so finicky at the 30% refund during days minus 3-1 (i.e. the Wednesday to Friday before the ride).

“Proposed Mountain Lagoon Prepaid Entry and Refund Guidelines

- No entries are to be accepted on the day of the ride.*
- All entries are to be paid in full at time of nomination.*
- Entries will only be accepted via our nominated platform*
- If the ride entry is withdrawn 7 days before the ride (i.e., Sunday ride the previous Sunday midnight), a full refund is given.*
- If withdrawn during the week before the ride (i.e., Monday to Friday midnight) 50% of entry fee is returned.*
- Horse or rider substitution will be allowed up until entry at the office at the ride base.*

To withdraw from the event, riders must contact the ride organisers via their official communication. We strongly suggest an email to MountainLagoonEndurance@hotmail.com”

I assume that the various procedures and guidelines will not be enforced until accepted by The Committee. I also assume that as it is a Guideline, R.Os need not necessarily adhere to them.

Our Zone had proposed a New Rider support day/ social ride on Feb 27. A 10 km Ride to introduce some new people to the intricacies of our sport. Whilst I did contact Kylie, the form, at the time of writing this report, has not been submitted. With the current COVID risks, I am unsure whether the volunteers will want it to go ahead.

Being one of these “Social” affiliated events, how can we best apply for a simple educational event within all these new convoluted Procedures and Guidelines? We WILL want and need to limit our numbers: There is only float parking for about six floats – 8 maximum. We would like to give our new “mentees” some individual attention and we are acutely aware that this is a first for us so we do not want to bite off more than we can chew.

It is stimulating to hear that Snowy Zone has some new ideas for encouraging new riders and we look forward to hearing about that.

Let’s look forward to a successful 2022 with lots of new riders at entry level and lots of the more experienced riders aiming for The Big Three.

Faith Robinson, Zone One

Faith offered thanks to Kylie for her help with her proposed ride. Faith has not put in a ride booking form for her social ride, if they put in a form, would they get approval? Not sure about Covid at this stage.

331. John Howe: Zone 2 Delegate, Newsletter,

Newsletter: - The latest copy has been formatted, proof read and sent to the printer. Once again a huge task to produce a Newsletter in these difficult times.

Zone Two: - The Zone Two AGM will be held Saturday 15th January at Tooraweenah. Zone two is looking forward to Tooraweenah club ride in April, TQ22 in July and hopefully, a number of other rides, Covid 19 permitting.

TQ22;-The site meeting was held on 11th December at Tooraweenah. Reports were tabled by all committee members and all were extremely positive.

Sponsorship is coming in nicely and sponsorship packages have been prepared and distributed to potential sponsors.

Matthew Walker Head Vet brought us up to date on the Vetting team. Matthew as Head, Narelle Cribb as Assistant, Treatment Vet Darien Feary assisted by Harry Walker and Nadine Allen. On course Vet Kym Hagon.

Matthew is to contact all suitably qualified Endurance vets in NSW and offer them the opportunity of taking part. Dick Collyer has promised the assistance of 6 Queensland Vets and of course a vet will come from each division.

Tom McCormack will be Chief assisted by Mary-Lou Locke. Sandy Little will deal with the timekeeping and his partner, Bronwyn Cuthbertson will assist him.

The marquee has been booked and Tooraweenah would like to make use of the NSW radio for showground camping area announcements. Light towers, hot water donkeys have been organised. Currently the big question is portable showers. The ones constructed for the 1991 Quilty are still serviceable but are being refurbished. A new multipurpose building is about to be constructed for Data entry and first aid purposes. A grant has been obtained to upgrade the loud speakers at the hall and immediate vicinity this will be a permanent upgrade for the showground...

Track work is ongoing with rough sections that have been flood affected will be graded. An all-weather track in case of inclement weather is being sought. Hopefully, this won't be needed but in 1989 the state ride did 60 kms on Shire roads due to flooding.

Kylie Jonkers has been warmly accepted as NSWERA's second delegate to the TQ22 committee.

Other Stuff:-Zone Delegate position title. My only comment is Function 3 to hold and fulfil one or more SMC portfolios as agreed with the SMC. This means Executive positions? Obviously by majority vote of the entire SMC? Other question is if a casual vacancy occurs within the life span of a committee do Zone Delegates along with the rest of the SMC vote to back fill these casual vacancies?

332. Peter Kelly Zone 6 delegate.

No report

333. Track Preservation Charlie Gauci/Fiona Meller

No report. Charlie said he and Fiona talk regularly but nothing happening at the moment.

334. Future meeting dates

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There being no further business the meeting closed **10:49 pm.**

Chairman

Date