

165. Attendance

Present: Annette Bailey (Chair), Darryl King, Linda Henley, Talea Hasko Stewart, Clare Fleming, Wayne Hegarty, Susan Woodward (part meeting), Brandon Dick, Avril Cummings, Sarah Pollard Williams

Apologies: Sharyn Coulston, Jax Barlow

In attendance: Helen Rich (Minutes) Belinda Hopley, Kerry Fowler-Smith, Amanda Apperley, Noni Seagrim

166. Emails up for discussion

Talea took the chair for this part of the meeting.

Email from Belinda Hopley [BH]. BH outlined her concerns and complaints as follows:

- Not happy with the inference in the September minutes regarding the completion or otherwise of the motions register by Kim Stevens.
- Handing the Kids Register over to Jax Barlow.
- AGM date problems – SMC was advised on more than one occasion that the date is set in the Constitution.
- SMC should be in a better position that it currently is.
- Late payments.
- Dual affiliation of rides so far out is not in the best interests of the sport.
- What has happened to the State of Origin competition?
- Chair not allowing Amanda Apperley to speak earlier at the September SMC meeting.
- Chair should be more courteous in the treatment of people.
- Has the SMC signed a Code of Conduct and if so can it be put on the website. If not, why not.

Reply from Talea Hasko-Stuart [THS] on the comments outlined above:

Motions Register. At the time of the relevant meeting, the SMC did not have the USB containing the updated motions register and no one knew where it was. This was sorted out before BH's letter was received, when AB rang Kim Stevens. AB now has the updated Motions Register. There was no insinuation that Kim did not do the work just no one knew where it was.

AGM date: This was discussed by the SMC with a date finally being selected. It has now been announced to the members.

NSWERA Inc Active Kids Registration with Service NSW had been an ongoing matter since March 2023. It was mutually decided with the Registrar that the best course of action was to have an account set up for NSWERA Inc with Service NSW so that receiving and processing for payment of Active Kids vouchers became a simple process conducted by the Registrar. The Registrar would then be the fixed contact with Service NSW. Although a protracted process to achieve this outcome, it was the best option, removing personal Service NSW identification of SMC members and replacing with NSWERA Inc registration.

Dual affiliations: Usually up to the individual committees to seek dual affiliation. At the last meeting there was a lot of discussion and some confusion about dual affiliation. Northern Rivers Zone rides are automatically dual affiliated. There was discussion about a Victorian ride which was a trainer.

Code of Conduct: relates to those attending SMC meetings and was not a code of conduct relating to the general membership and, therefore, was not required to be on the website.

State of Origin - Yes there will be a State of Origin competition – one team with spares have been selected. Applications have now closed

Further comments from BH. Any NSW ride would be affected by dual affiliation of the Victorian State ride! You are narrowing that window. Why would you dual affiliate at this time? This is not backing NSW rides. NSW AERA delegates are not sent copies of the minutes so they are not well utilised.

THS said SMC is happy to have them as delegates of the SMC.

At this time THS handed the meeting back to Annette Bailey [AB].

AA commented on her treatment at the last meeting. AB apologised for how her comments were perceived. Should have let AA speak at the beginning of the meeting.

Email from Kerry Fowler-Smith [KFS].

KFS reinforced what BH said regarding the AERA delegates being underutilised. It was noted that the delegates are welcome to attend NSW ERA meetings.

3. **At the request of KFS, THS once again took over to chair this part of the meeting.** This request was rejected and AB resumed as chairperson.

KFS advised that she wants to record a sequence of events that happened prior to the recent Watagan ride and she wants the minutes to record that she is only speaking on her own behalf but the Watagan Club knows she is speaking to the SMC tonight.

This relates to the Neath Fire and the precautions taken by the Watagan Club in regard to that fire. The Club became aware of it on the Sunday before the ride.

Wednesday was the greatest day of concern but the fire was downgraded on the Thursday to watch and act and the weather forecast was good. Communications with the land owner and the RFS showed that they were not concerned but at this time the Watagan Club decided to advertise no fires at the ride base.

On Friday an email was received from a NSW member suggesting the Watagan committee was putting the ride at risk. The NSW President phoned KFS asking for written advice on the fire. KFS asked for urgent approval to post a notice on the official NSW website.

KFS commented on the time wasted in trying to sort this matter out with NSW ERA. At the same time the RO was trying to continue with the organisation of the ride, mark the course, set up the office. KFS needed to reassure her committee that they were not in trouble with the SMC. New committee, new ride base. Did not need this stress. At this time KFS was not at the ride base and had issues sending emails from her phone.

KFS expressed a lack of consideration offered by the SMC on its requirements regarding a fire that did not exist at the time. Shows a lack of trust on both sides.

AB advised she had phoned KFS on Friday prior to the ride to find out what the exact situation was at the time as she had been receiving phone calls from members whether to continue to the ride and was copied into an email from a member concerned with fire and smoke risk. KFS explained that there were no fire or smoke issues and that she had spoken to the relevant authorities and had been assured all was safe. AB had thanked KFS on her due diligence and immediately approved a statement on NSW Endurance Facebook provided by KFS advising that all was safe and the ride was proceeding. AB stated that she was perplexed at the direction of KFS's insinuations as this was not the understanding of their conversation.

Linda Henley [LH] gave a reply and brought the meeting up to date with what was happening at her end during this event. While most of this was going on the NSW rider in question had already withdrawn. She contacted the Watagan committee and didn't receive a reply from them.

LH advised the fire started on the Saturday prior and burnt till Thursday. It burnt out around 300 acres. It was all over the local TV and media. Two Chinook Helicopters and 12 Fire Trucks were involved in controlling it. The NSW rider who withdrew contacted the Watagan's Facebook page and was told the next day was a high fire risk so they'd get back to her after that but when she didn't get any further contact she withdrew. The SMC only heard after she'd withdrawn.

LH contacted a Watagan committee member and requested they take photos of the ride base and put them online.

By this time the email had already been sent to the SMC and as none of the SMC were on site, or anywhere near the ride base, the SMC couldn't speak or post on behalf of the ROC, it needed local knowledge and the SMC thought it would help the Watagans ROC if they confirmed with a more detailed written message/ post.

KFS response: Appreciate any assistance offered. Would have cancelled if there was a problem. She has an emergency background. KFS is the Club President. Not the secretary. Problem is that this was not just a matter of a phone call it was the demand for a response in writing. If they had a phone call with a request for advice, this matter would not be a problem now.

KFS advised that this matter revolves around how a future ride committee would perceive these events and how this matter could have been handled better. She does not want other ROs to have the same problems. She is seeking to advise the SMC on how to handle things better in the future. She noted all her recommendations are constructive.

Discussion on dual affiliation with Victoria.

There was mention made at this time concerning the dual affiliation of the Victorian State Ride. This was further discussed below. Query as to emails received by the SMC regarding dual affiliation. How many emails were received on this matter? AA wanted to know what the outcome was. AA can forward the emails to the SMC is required.

MOVED Wayne Hegarty, Brandon Dick
THAT the Minutes of the meeting of 6 September 2023 be accepted and approved for publication on www.nswera.asn.au.
Carried Unanimous.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes of 6 September 2023 –

167. **Microsoft License – NSW Computers**

Believe approval has been given to update the computers. Just need to find the computers.

Reports

168. **Registrar report**

New email address has been updated. The only one who has it is Jax Barlow. It is user pays. New email address for Jax Barlow registrar@nswera.info

Membership

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Adult	322	344	344	293	352	342	399	413
Junior	37	45	59	35	49	49	49	50
Intermediate	32	16	13	13	23	34	24	31
Associate	8	12	5	9	14	13	15	20
Honorary	9	11	11	11	8	8	7	6
Total	408	428	432	361	446	446	494	520

New Members

DATE	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	NUMBER	CATEGORY	ADDRESS
12-09-23	Ellyce	Walker	305246	Senior	MORISSET
18-09-23	Danielle	Fotheringham	305247	Senior	WYEE POINT

Rides Conducted

Ride Name	Date	Intro	Train	80-99km	100 up-	120-159km	160+	TOTAL
Watagan	23-09-23		27	56				83
Woodstock	10-09-23	15	24	68				107

Noted Jax away Friday 3rd November to Wed 15th November

Executive reports

169. **President- Annette Bailey**

No written report.

170. **Vice President – Darryl King** - as per report attached to these Minutes

Susan Woodward left the meeting. [8:30].

171. **Secretary – Susan Woodward**

Correspondence Received

Email from B Hopley – in attendance
Email from K Fowler Smith – in attendance
Email from K Moir re Etags – hold over until next meeting
Email from K Moir re Horse Catastrophe – hold over
Emails from various re DA of Vic SC.

172. **Treasurer's report attached**

Treasurers Report till 4/10/23 Invoices that need to be approved and paid (Attached) 1- Helen Rich \$740 may, June, August, September Approved Invoices attached and paid since last meeting 1- Office of Sport inv 231 (\$1100) 2- AERA inv 1774 (\$1650) 3- AERA Inv 1775 (\$934) 4- Henley Design inv 4 July/Aug (\$350) 5- Henley Design inv 5 aug/sept (\$245) 6- Jacky Barlow Sept (\$2300.34) 7- Mary Lou Reimburse Quilty 2023 (\$179.04) 8- Swabbing Watagans (\$229.74) 9- Windsor RSL AGM (\$300) 10-Willowvale State Champs (\$6350)

Profit and Loss attached. Report for September

MOVED Brandon Dick, Wayne Hegarty.
THAT NSW ERA accepts Panorama Accounting as accounts for the 2023/2024 year.

Carried Unanimous.
MOVED Wayne Hegarty, Darryl Kind.
THAT the executive reports as presented be accepted
Carried Unanimous.

Sub Committee Reports

173. **AGM Presentation & logistics - THS**

Dual affiliation of NSW State Champs – merged in with the Victorian State Champs.

AGM presentation: THS sent an invoice for the deposit for the AGM and will now move forward with the rest of the organization. Need to move forward with the AMG paperwork.

Need to get motions in for the AGM.

174. **Promotions Sub Committee**

Next meeting date still to be set. Have a couple of people who may be interested in forming a subcommittee.

Business Arising from Portfolio Reports attached

175. **Marketing – LH/TH-S – as per report attached**

Need Sydney address for delivery of the banner for the State Ride. Brandon said his address could be used and he could take it to the ride.

176. **Ride Calendar Report – CF. Written report attached.**

Discussing Victorian State Ride. Question on dual affiliation approval.

Linda has taken this off the calendar. This matter has not been properly discussed.

Sarah – discussed putting together some guidelines for dual affiliation, possibly on the SA guidelines.

General discussion on the dual affiliation of the Victorian State Ride.

- Some SMC members are for dual affiliation, others are not.
- Dual affiliation this far out is not appropriate and not in the best interests of the sport.
- There may be another NSW ride application lodged for the same weekend.
- NSW rides always take precedence over dual affiliation.
- Possibly hold off for now and see what happens with NSW rides.
- NSW has not officially approved the dual affiliation with Victoria.
- NSW did dual affiliate this ride.
- Consider that all State Rides should be dual affiliated.
- Alternative view that membership is so small we should be dual affiliating where possible.
- There is an AERA points score and a NSW points score.

Differing opinions expressed on this matter therefore **Resolved** to move 2024 Victorian State ride affiliation to the next meeting. Agreement to discuss this by email as well.

Seeking approval to affiliate the rides listed below for the NSW 2024 Ride Calendar at tonight's meeting.

Neville Trainer - 17 & 18th February; Sat 10, 20, 40 Sun 10, 20, 40

Kiwarra - 13 & 14th July Sat 10, 20, 42 Sun 20, 42, 84 DA [NSW/QLD]

Tumut - 2nd & 3rd November Sat 5, 10, 20 ->40 Sun 20 -> 40; 80 -> 100

Burrumbuttock - Easter Carnival Weekend - 30/31st March Sat 20, 40 Sun 40, 80->100 DA[NSW/VIC]

Resolved to approve the rides as listed above. Discussing rides that were approved at the last meeting.

177. **Governance – SC – as per attached report**

Apologies – looking at updating risk management. SMC keep looking at portfolios for governance.

178. **Ride Feed Back Report – CF**

No report.

179. **Bio Security/Vet Liaison/Horse Welfare – SPW - as per attached report**

Biosecurity

Biosec plans STILL not being submitted, despite reminders to all ROCs (this prompted one incomplete plan).

AERA prefer that biosecurity plans come in the same time as ride applications. Not always practical to do this. A NSW bio security form has now been designed which will make it easier for our ROs to fill in.

Horse Welfare

Four swabs taken at Watagan
No reports of ITs on AERAspace at time of checking

Vet Liaison

No change at this stage. A number of vets have signed up to the accreditation course.

Chief Steward's report on John's River ride. NSW needs to send a report to AERA advising that this was an accident and no further action required. Horse Welfare subcommittee of AERA will make the final decision. Email from Kim Moir seeking information on this.

180. AERA – CF/SP –

AERA Meeting on 12th November – discuss Agenda when received
Wayne Hegarty was unanimously accepted via email trail as an AERA MC Representative
Clare Fleming prepared a written report and sent it out. This report stands.
Next meeting due on 1 November – can discuss AERA then. Need to discuss a new date.

181. Early Warning System – DK –.

Nothing to report

182. IDP – DK

Nothing to report

183. New Ride Assistance/CS & TPR training – WH

Contact Zones to see if they can put on a ride for people in their area.

Belinda Hopley had the following comments and questions:

- Why is the ROs committee on the website locked up
- Why is it password protected?
- Email received from Noni Seagrim asking the same thing.
- Ride refund policy should be on the ride booking form.

Linda explained the SMC has been requested to not include private contact details and addresses for multiple Vets & Chief Stewards. The level of SPAM now online creates many issues for everyone with public contact details but many of our Vets and officials don't wish their private details to be available to the general public. The ROC page has been password protected for 6 months with very few complaints. The password is supplied to 50 officials once a month via the ROC Ramble, and is available via an online email contact to Linda.

BH suggested it would be helpful if there was a page on the NSW Website that can have all ride previews where all information is put in one spot. She also added the information is not on the calendar. .

Linda advised that the Ride Previews which were supplied are added into the NSW Calendar. ROCs are mainly publishing their ride information on their Facebook Pages now so if we aren't sent a Ride Preview we use what they publish on their Facebook page.

AB said the SMC will take BH's comments on board and see what can be done. KFS advised she would like to see the ride refund policy on the website. AB advised the SMC is working on this.

GENERAL BUSINESS –

184. Ride Organizer's Mentoring Program

Work in progress.

185. Zones – 2024 Introductory days

Need to try and encourage Zones to have more introduction days.

186. Step up program - THS

Step up program. Tracey Wong. She has done 315km. Did do a 100k ride in 2000. Would like to approve her for a refund.

Discussion on an accident that happened at Watagan and the assistance that was offered. Naomi helped the rider and withdrew. She received an encouragement award. It was pretty substantial. Possibly a rug. Discussing helpers at the ride and possible formal recognition. Thank you cards have been sent in the past. KFS will come back with her recommendation on recognition of the First Aid person.

MOVED Talea Hasko-Stuart, Linda Henley

THAT The SMC congratulates Tracey Wong (303905) for their successful completion of the Endurance NSW Step Up Program. Tracey has completed 315km in introductory and intermediate rides. The SMC approves reimbursement of up to \$125 for their first entry into an 80km+ event.

Carried Unanimous

It was noted that Darryl King gave up winning that ride to help a junior. He lost first place at the ride by 36 seconds. Well done Darryl.

187. Future meetings

Resolved the next meeting will be via Zoom on 8 November 2023 commencing at 7pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:40.

These Minutes of NSWERA SMC were approved at the NSW ERA SMC meeting of 8 November 2023 as per Item No. 189.

Annexure A

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 6 September 2023

No written report.

Vice President's Report – EWS - IDP

I emailed Danny from Realities Cold Cast Bronze on the 18th September to check on how the trophies were going. Danny replied they were still making them and looking at another month before they are complete. Upon emailing Avril & Jax, Jax realised that this was the company NSWERA had been using previously.

I have sent out three SOO nomination forms to members and asked them to return them to Clare. Clare may have a list of nominations that she could forward to the committee. We also need to select a selection panel.

I will be removing myself as the State ride coordinator effective immediately.

I was asked to call the NSW State RO, which I did on Tuesday 26th 11.38am to ask if she was happy with NSW affiliating with Victoria for their state ride. Her response was very positive and said "whatever NSW endurance want to do she will be happy and go along with it and thought it would benefit her ride and not affect the ride being 5 weeks away".

That night 7.30pm, I received an abusive call From the RO saying she wasn't happy, I was in the middle of a family zoom. I told her to ring the ride coordinator, she wasn't happy to do that and said she'll ring the president.

The next morning a letter was emailed from the RO by the president, doing a complete turn around and labelling me as a liar. I messaged the RO, in a nutshell she said "my criticism was not directed at you at all".

Secretary's Report

Date	Correspondence	Action
2.9.23	Email from SAERA attach TQ Quest competition	Fwd to Cttee
3.9.23	Menor enquiry Rachel Ryman – Hawkesbury area	Secretary respond & fwd to Cttee
3.9.23	Email from M Dunn re whip change	Secretary respond & fwd to Cttee
3.9.23	Email to K Moir attach proxy vote for AERA MC meeting. Acknowledgement from K Moir	
4.9.23	To Office of Sport advise change of contact from KFS to SW	
5.9.23	Office of Sport acknowledge receipt of change of contact	Noted
6.9.23	J Sheppard re endurance riding	Discussed. Talea to draft response
9.9.23	Response to J Sheppard sent	
6.9.23	Office of Sport re activation of Active Kids Account in NSWERA name	Responded
7.9.23	L Henley fwd email from rider re horse accident	Fwd to C
7.9.23	AERA response to issue re duplicate horses on AERA database	Noted
8.9.23	K Moir attach AERA MC meeting Agenda	Fwd to C
12.9.23	Email to K Moir re new Delegate	
12.9.23	Email from K Moir acknowledge new delegate and attach confidentiality agreement and code of conduct	noted
14.9.23	Email from Kerri Gabb – VERA calendar coordinator request no DA for NSW State Champs due to existing Victorian event	Responded
17.9.23	Letter to National Parks on the Draft PoM For Blue Mountains and Kanangara Boyd National Parks re Blue Mountains	
18.9.23	Letter from Belinda Hopley	Fwd to Cttee
20.9.23	Email from P Nugent, Pres VERA request DA for Vic State Champs with NSW	CF respond
22.9.23	Copy of email from K Anderson to Watagans RO	Noted
22.9.23	Email from C Fleming to P Nugent re no DA for Vic SC	
23.9.23	Email from K F Smith re Watagans fire measures	Responded
25.9.23	Email from K Moir attach topics discussed at AERA MC Meeting	Fwd to Cttee
25.9.23	Email from G Fisher cancel Mudgee ride	Fwd to Cttee
25.9.23	Email from K Moir re Horse Catastrophe	Fwd to Cttee
27.9.23	Email from L Piddington re Vic SC DA	Pres Responded
27.9.23	Email from K Moir re Permanent etag for ETS	Fwd to Cttee

27.9.23	Email from B Hopley re Vic SC DA	Pres Responded
27.9.23	Email from J Hooper re Vic SC DA	Pres Responded
27.9.23	Email from F Cumming re Vic SC DA	Pres Responded
28.9.23	Email from N Seagrim & Jonkers family re Vic SC DA	Pres Responded
28.9.23	Letter from NSW Pres to P Nugent re rescind DA for Vic SC	
1.10.23	Email from V Matthew re newsletter & Vic SC DA	Pres Responded

Treasurer's report – Brandon Dick

Profit and Loss

NSW Endurance Riders Association

For the month ended 30 September 2023

Day Membership	327.27
Grants Received	900.00
Interest Income	39.10
Logbooks Sold	351.83
Membership - Full Adult	154.54
Membership - Intermediate	54.55
Membership Received	189.09
PA Insurance Received	454.54
Registration Fees & Owner Transfer	253.64
Ride Fees Received	2,283.64
Total Trading Income	5,008.20

Gross Profit **5,008.20**

Operating Expenses

AERA - Affiliation	1,418.18
AERA – Horse Regos & Owner Transfers	386.37
AERA - Liability	7,916.36
AERA - Rider Entry Fee	592.73
Bank Fees	2.90
Chief Steward, TPR, Volunteer	162.76
Grant Expense	1,000.00
Merchant Fees	23.78
Offsite Storage	454.55
Promotions	318.18
Quilty Expenses	163.64
Secretariat, Sec Allowance	2,131.34
State Ride Expenses	5,772.73
Stationery	58.82
Total Operating Expenses	20,402.34
Net Profit	(15,394.14)

Ride Calendar report – Clare Fleming

2024 Ride Calendar

[ride application form received](#)

At the NSWERA SMC September meeting the following rides for 2024 were discussed and either Dual Affiliated [DA] or affiliated with NSWERA:-

[Eldorado](#) - Season Step up Ride - Sat & Sun [10, 20, 40] 3/4 Feb - DA [VIC/NSW]

[Scenic City Starter](#) - 20/40/80 - Ride & Tie 2/3 March

[Burrumbuttock](#) - Sat 20,40 Sun 40, 80-100 - 30/32 March - DA [NSW/**VIC**]

[Rapville](#) - NRZ - 19/20 April Sat 20/40 Sun 40/80 - DA [QLD/NSW]

[New Italy](#) - NRZ - 29_30 June Sat 20/40 Sun 20/40/80 - DA [QLD/NSW]

[Tooraweenah](#) - 20/21 April Sat 7/20 Sun 40/80

Tenterfield - NRZ - 18/19th May Sat 20/40 Sun 40/ 80/100 - DA [QLD/NSW]

[Mogendoura](#) - 15/16th June Sun 5/40/80 – DA [NSW/**VIC**]

VIC State Champs - Eldorado - 6/7th July 80/160 - DA [VIC/NSW]

[Shahzada](#) - 26 to 30th August Mon to Fri 120/400

Wiangaree - NRZ - Sat 20/40 Sun 40/80 – Date to be confirmed - DA [QLD/NSW]

[Booking forms HAVE BEEN RECEIVED](#) and have been forwarded to relevant people [Jac, Talea, Linda & RCC VERA/QERA[DA]].

Emails have been sent confirming affiliation or DA with NSWERA SMC committee at the September meeting.

Other Rides to be approved for 2024:

Tumut – 2nd/3rd November Sat 5, 10, 20->40; Sun 20->40, 80->100

Kiwarra - 13/14th July 40, 80 – ride application has not been received

Belubula or Neville or Roseberg Forest - 4/5 May - TBC ??? – no ride application received

Concerns for 2024:

- **NSW State Championships** – TBD – 40, 80, 160 – June Long weekend is available – 8/9/10th

FORMS:

Thanks to Linda and Annette who worked with me to update and finalise the following forms: -

- NSWERA Dual Affiliation Policy
- NSWERA Ride Refund Policy

Future:

- Continue to encourage ROC secretaries to submit ride application forms for 2024 ... to formulate a detailed ride calendar by the end of this year to allow riders/trainers to plan best for their horses in the coming year.
- NSW SOO Team & Event: - Invitations & applications were sent out to all endurance states calling for a team of 4 riders/horses to nominate to represent each state at the NSW State Championships. Horse and rider combinations were called for from the NSW membership.

If there are no other SOO Teams, I suggest the NSW Team be selected to enter the State Teams event. I am currently sourcing a set of 4 x blue towels to embroider as a Team prize. Halter lady o/s.

Nominations received from Avil Cummins[LWT] - received; Emma Ireland[JNR] - pending; Brandon Dick[MWT] - pending; Nadine Cooper[LWT] - received

Trophy to be collected from BH. Other nominations to be considered – in consultation with Daryl. SOO Team to be decided and announced at SMC meeting.

Marketing Report SMC Meeting 4 October 2023 LH

State Champs Promotion

State Champs promotions are well underway. A Press Release has been supplied to the State Champs ROC and the TQ23 Buckle Half Price offer has been distributed on social media. We are producing a generic 5m wide Endurance NSW State Championships banner for the NSW State Champs event that can be re-used at any State Championship ride in the years ahead.

Social Endurance Trail Mentors

Discussions have commenced with some keen endurance riders to develop local “training mentors”. We encourage this very important “local first” concept and will support anyone interested in carrying out a similar role in their own region.

2024 New Member Merchandise

We’ve revisited the stickers that are given out to new members and have come up with a new design with four variations and are producing them as removable vinyl so people can put them on their floats and cars as mobile advertising. They will be giveaways for Introductory Clinics and available for other promotional purposes throughout the year. The Welcome to NSW Endurance flyer that gets emailed to all new members is also being redesigned.

ROC Breakfast after AGM

The date has been set for our next AGM and we are planning on holding a breakfast meeting on the Sunday morning for representatives of ROCs to discuss promotion of our sport going forward. More details will be sent in the next ROC Ramble. We also welcome ROCs to join our Promo

Sub-Committee which was formed after the Bathurst workshop and for which contact details are in the monthly ROC Ramble.

ROC Ramble

The sixth issue has been distributed and we’ve increased the audience to include our Chief Stewards and some of our interested Vets who are all invested in our sport. We encourage those with ideas to reach out to the SMC. We are well aware how tough it is out there for many of our members and ROCs and we are currently reviewing how we can reduce costs for the 2024 season for ROCs and members.

Social Media

The socials are performing well. We are always interested in articles to help generate more interest in endurance or just a heads-up if someone you know is reaching a big milestone soon. We are working incredibly hard to reinvigorate endurance in NSW and as an SMC we are very committed and supportive of each other as a team. We have a zero-tolerance online social media policy. Poor behaviour online brings the entire sport into disrepute. If you want to be part of the solution and not part of the problem then think before you post anything negative about endurance in general or our hardworking volunteers on social media. It is not how problems are solved.

New Sponsorship Negotiations

We are still in negotiation with a prospective new sponsor and have found a couple of potential endurance ambassadors to present to them.

Promo Sub-Committee Meetings

Emails have been sent out to co-ordinate the next zoom meeting. This is an informal chat. It is not minuted. They are just open “brain-storming” sessions to discuss the way forward and ROCs are welcome as well as guests from the membership, or endurance community. Rather than post online where we won’t see your input come along and talk to us directly. Contact Linda for details on the next meeting.

Governance report – Sharyn Coulston

No report

EMAIL TRAIL – MEETING 2 August 2023

EMAIL DISCUSSION/RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS - MEETING – 4th OCTOBER 2023

10/09/23

Moved: Clare Fleming

Second: Susan Woodward

That Endurance NSW request dual affiliation of 2023 NSW State Championship with Victorian Endurance Riders Association and Queensland Endurance Riders Association.

Carried Unanimous

Notation: Dual affiliation of NSW State Championships with VERA removed after receiving email request on 14th September 2023 from Kerrie Gadd, VERA.

10/09/23

Moved: Annette Bailey

Second: Clare Fleming

That Wayne Hegarty is selected by the Endurance NSW SMC to fill the position of Casual Vacancy AERA Management Committee Representative, effective from the next AERA Meeting 17th September 2023. Kim Moir, AERA Secretary to be advised accordingly.

Carried Unanimously

20/09/23

Moved Talea Hasko Stewart

Second Wayne Hegarty

That email received from Paul Nugent, President VERA on 20th Sept 2023, requesting that NSW Endurance dual affiliate with the Victorian State Championships be refused. Clare Fleming to send email to Paul Nugent advising of this refusal.

Carried Unanimously

23/09/23

Moved: Brandon Dick

Second: Wayne Hegarty

That payment of \$179.04 for fuel for Mary Lou Locke to attend the 2023 Tom Quilty as a chief steward be approved for payment.

Carried Unanimously

28/09/23

Moved: Annette Bailey

Second: Wayne Hegarty

That dual affiliation with Victorian State Championship be rescinded immediately and that an email be sent to the President, Victorian Endurance Riding Association asking that the dual affiliation be removed from the AERASpace Calendar and that a post be place on the Endurance NSW Facebook page advising members to that effect.

Majority vote in favour.