

342. **ATTENDANCE**

Present: Kylie Jonkers (Chair) [KJ], Noni Seagrim [NS], Belinda Hopley [BH], Talea Hasko-Stewart [THS], Duncan Satchell [DS], Andrew Jonkers [AJ], Tony Warren [TW], Kim Stephens [KS], Sarah Pollard Williams [SPW]

Minutes: Prepared by Helen Rich from the transcript of the GoToMeeting recording.

343. **Apologies:** John Howe, Helen Rich, Peter Kelly

344. **Conflicts of Interest declaration**

None at this time.

345. **Secretariat Report and Ride Calendar (Jacky Barlow, Kylie).**

17 adults 9 Honorary. 26 in total. No one signed up for the newsletter. No rides conducted.

JB offered thanks to those who she has worked with over the years. Wonderful experience. For those who do not nominate, she will miss them.

346. **Acceptance of Minutes**

Noted that only part of the end of year ride results went into the Nov/Dec newsletter. No points. THS to remind editor to put the results in the next newsletter. JB advised she sent all the results to the editor and will now follow up on this and send missing results again.

Ride to Time – no minimum time component.

MOVED Kylie Jonkers, Noni Seagrim
THAT the minutes of the meeting of 18 November 2022 be accepted.
Carried Unanimous

MOVED Kylie Jonkers, Noni Seagrim
THAT the minutes of the meeting of 9 December 2022 be accepted.
Carried Unanimous

All minutes approved with a change to be made to 9 December by removing some of the words relating to AERA.

Discussion on social media postings. Suggested the comments made by Annette Bailey and Sharyn Coulston were purely their personal opinions. It is their perception of what happened and this cannot be taken as a criticism of the SMC.

MOVED Kylie Jonkers, Noni Seagrim
THAT the minutes of the meeting of 15 December 2022 be accepted.
Carried Unanimous

Standing Items

347. **State Champs 2023**

No one has nominated to run this as yet.

348. **Ratification of decisions made between meetings:**

Tumbarumba - regarding their twilight ride. Moved the ride start time forward. Wanting to make the Sunday event meaningful.

Shahzada - accepting of Mogendoura to run the weekend after it. Need Shahzada to be as big an event as possible. Lost a lot of money.

Chief Stewards and TPR vests ratified. Cost around \$400 in total.

349. **Play by the Rules training**

This has been mentioned in KJ's report for the AGM.

350. **2022 AGM**

Correspondence received regarding the AGM. Emails from Brian Swan, Ian Dreghorn and Charlie Gauci. All along similar lines. Seeking clarification of the voting for the SMC at the AGM.

Discussing on line voting. Five x two year terms and four one year casuals. In the past casual vacancies were filled as required by the people left over from an election - in order of votes received.

- Voting will open as in the AGM booklet - 12.45pm and close at 4:30pm on 18 February.
- Only open during the hours of the meeting. Not done at any other time.

- Meets the Constitution.
- Voting for up to 5 people.
- Clear break between the two year terms and the casual vacancies.

NS to put some dot points together for the web to try to make the voting procedure clearer to the members via the website.

General discussion on why members should be allowed to vote for up to nine nominees if they wish. . This is where the misunderstanding is coming from with the members. Noted that it would be difficult to make changes as the AGM booklet had already been printed and it states voting for five. SMC members were previously asked what they wanted to do and general agreement was vote for five.

Resolved to leave the voting as set out in the AGM booklet and published on the web.

Candidates will be introduced at the beginning of the meeting. On line people will not be disadvantaged. Everyone will have to vote on line. No hard copies counted or used for voting.

The SMC is doing its best to please the members and explain the situation as clearly as possible. NS to prepare a notice for the Social media.

One SMC member stated there is a certain group of people doing all the complaining and the rest of the membership are happy. Discussion on the emails sent in. The writers are speaking for the members around them. SMC needs to listen and answer them.

Agreement a formal email is a better way to contact the SMC rather than stirring things up on social media.

Nothing has been organised for the Sunday after the AGM. TPR course on line is 8 February.

In order to keep AGM matters together, moving down to correspondence from SPW. She has the following questions:

- (a) Website link for Subcommittee
- (b) AGM Candidate advertising
- (c) AGM Streaming
- (d) AGM Independent election officer
- (e) AGM second venue

The streaming issue was covered previously. Jax Barlow will be the election officer. Discussing second venue. Wi fi reception in the Snowy is not good. People can get together at someone's house for the AGM. Agree we did have a long discussion on the subject of having a second venue. SMC needs to support Forster. Snowy can organise whatever they want.

Need to book dinner tickets. Hopefully there should be a lot of Zone six people there.

General and New Business

351. Ride and Tie

Discussion on whether we can run 'ride and tie' events. Insurance could be a problem. KJ spoke to Fia Hasko-Stewart explaining why they cannot run their ride and tie.

BH gave a report on what she has discovered regarding the rules. They have just gone through the whole insurance stuff for the Brookvale ride. No one in Australia can run a ride and tie.

Discussion continued between NS and BH on Ride and Tie events. There has been no conversation with the AERA regarding this.

BH advised we should write to AERA to ask about insurance for ride and tie events. Discussion on what is written in the rule book. Need to see if insured; and can it be run under the current rules.

NS expressed the view that the 'ride and tie' can be run under our current rules. We have an AERA meeting next weekend. Come back to the SMC and have an email conversation and discuss the outcome of the AERA meeting. No point in continuing this discussion at this point in time.

TW disagreed with BH's interpretation of the rules. It is up to Scenic City to check whether their insurance is covered. Not something we should take to AERA. It's the responsibility of Scenic City. Agrees with NS. It's not against the rules.

THS advised that for Scenic City the main issue was the mistake in the rule book concerning 'full membership'. It was a mistake so this is something that needs to be fixed. If there is an official view point from AERA regarding insurance, this would be great to know. Need to clarify insurance position in order to move forward.

NS suggests we come back from the AERA meeting and report to the SMC to make things clearer. Everything needs to be in writing rather than discussing through phone conversations.

On checking the AERA agenda, cannot see anything about Ride and Tie. Looks like it has been put to the insurance company.

352. Ride to Time

BH has put everything together to send through to AERA on this matter. Seeking their approval for this to start happening. Will bring this up at the next AERA meeting this coming weekend. Minimum Optimum and Maximum time.

[8:20] JB left the meeting at this time.

353. Subcommittee report

SPW reported on the subcommittee meeting. She summarised the last meeting. Trying to contact other riding clubs to promote endurance within pre-existing equitation clubs. Requesting details from NSW ERA to have a survey for possible reasons for entry and exit to the sport. Trying to find out why people are leaving the sport.

SPW sent the minutes out to the SMC. **Resolved** SPW to send copies of the attachments to the original subcommittee minutes to NS for distribution to the SMC. Would like a link to the website.

NS reported on the progress with the website. Sourcing a variety of images. Was not going to go with a rotating banner. Rather have a mixture of images throughout the site.

Committee Reports

354. Kylie Jonkers President, Zone 3 Delegate, Ride Calendar, Governance

No written report. Not a lot happening over Christmas. Did Newsletter and AGM reports. Trying to get people to nominate for the SMC. Zone 3 AGM to be held on 21 January. Governance covered in the AGM booklet regarding a few changes that need to be made. Thanks for NS for compiling this.

355. Belinda Hopley Vice President, Child Protection, CS/TPRs, Vet Liaison, Biosecurity, AERA MC, Zone 5 Delegate

Bio security. Nothing happening. Vet Liaison, contacted vets. Couple still to be checked. Report to go to AERA for accredited vets.

South Coast

11 TPR students. NS to set up a GoTo meeting. Could do practicals at various rides. Belinda seeking agreement to submit fuel receipts for reimbursement. **Resolved** BH be reimbursed for her fuel expenses with reference to the practical part of the TPR course that is required and she is organising.

Zone report: Need to offer Mogendoura start-up money. Got missed in the minutes because the SMC didn't follow this up. THS stated Mogendoura would like to get markers for their rides. NS advised she was going to bring this up in her report as she had been speaking to Duncan McLaughlin.

356. Noni Seagrim Secretary, Public Officer, AERA MC, Website, Social Media, IDP, Grants

NS spoke to Duncan McLaughlin regarding arrows. Yes, the ride would like to apply for the money

MOVED	Noni Seagrim, Kylie Jonkers
THAT	NSW SMC provide to Mogendoura Trail Blazers Tom Foolery RO an amount of \$350 for the purchase of ride arrows.
Carried	Unanimous

NS will work out the process with Duncan McLaughlin.

We need to call for expressions of interest for Quilty Chief Stewards and have a think about what vet we would like to ask to go as our NSW representative. Deadline is close to our AGM. We should put out an EOI now and the new SMC can decide on whom to appoint.

Discussion on who to appoint as the NSW vet to the Quilty. Suggestions include: Georgia Ladmore; Matthew Walker; Darren Feary; Emily Streckfuss.

Resolved that NS send around a note seeking an expression of interest from the vets.

NS advised she still has letters to write. Will try to get these organised ASAP.

AERA meeting this weekend.

Did the report for the Covid Recovery grant report. Finalised and sent off.

With reference to the AGM: there are 10 special resolutions and one motion. Six relating to the changes to the Constitution. Four from members. One to remove zone delegates, one to make sure zone delegates are not on the executive. One to give intermediate members voting rights. The last motion relates to terms on the SMC.

357. Andrew Jonkers –Treasurer, Merchandise, Ride Standards/Feedback

Problem with last year's audit report has been sorted. Need to do an up to date stock take of the Association's assets. Need to put this into our audit to bring it up to date.

Accounts listed for payment.

\$500.00 – RJ Peirce – Audit 2021

\$555.00 - Helen Rich – Minutes for Meetings 18/11, 9 & 15/12/21

\$125.00 – Louise Cairns – Step Up Program

\$2222.20 – Realities Cold Cast – Points Score Awards

\$2300.34 – Jacky Barlow - Registrar Fees for December 2022

\$341.64 – Registrar Account – Top up Dec 2022

\$87.00 – Panorama Accounting – Xero Monthly Subscription – Oct, Nov Dec 22

358. Kim Stephens – Bookkeeper's report for year ending 31/12/2022

NSWERA ends the year with a healthy bank balance of \$68,993.23. Term deposits balances:

28/12/22 \$15,382.98

3/1/23 \$12,739.08

4/1/23 \$21,369.50

- With the grants received a profit of \$11,614.45 was made for 2022
- 2023 with the increased fees should see a budgeted profit of around \$11,000.00
- Membership for 2022 = 428, 2021 = 432 down 1%
- Newsletter Sales for 2022 = \$3920, 2021 = \$4798 down 22%
- Rides for 2022 = 17 with 7 cancelled, 2021 = 16 rides
- Rider Numbers for 2022 = 1813, 2021 = 2057 down 13.5%
- Day Membership for 2022 = 335, 2021 – 598 down 78.5%

OVERALL – Things are looking good and the Association will have enough money to progress the sport.

It is important, unfortunately, that the Association needs to keep increasing fees on a regular basis to be able to progress the sport and return some help to the rides.

Even though Membership and Rider Numbers are down, through promotion and financial awareness the Association will be better off for years to come.

MOVED Kim Stephens, Kylie Jonkers
THAT the accounts as presented be paid.
Carried Unanimous

KS tabled and read a letter/report that she had written with reference to her time on the SMC. Offered thanks to individual members for their support during her time. Specific thanks to TW. Thanks to KFS for her hard work with the grants. Membership does not know how the grants propped the association up. Thanks also to NS. BH with her reference to rules. KJ took on the president's job and did it well. Thanks also to Faith Robinson and April Newman. Achieved a lot during the past year. Only been on the SMC a short time. Took three years for her to get the accounts up to date and in order. Thanks also to JB for her help and assistance.

359. Tony Warren Early Warning System, Horse Welfare

No report.

360. Sarah Pollard-Williams Promotions Sub – committee liaison

No further report.

361. Talea Hasko-Stewart Website, Social Media, Promotions, International

THS has a couple of things to discuss. Most important is the 'thank you' for Radincon. They do want to sponsor us again this year. Would like to get the letter of thanks approved so it can be sent it out.

Would like to add to our Facebook page that we cannot approve horses for sale advertisements. Facebook won't allow it. Would like to put a note on the website explaining why we cannot accept these adds. **Resolved** that this is ok to go ahead.

With reference to content approval. Suggesting we don't need approval for routine posts and therefore they don't need to be accepted. The unwritten policy for the internet is any statements from or on behalf of the SMC, gets approval from the entire SMC. Routine posts do not need approval. Just seeking formalisation.

Discussing possible additions to position descriptions. We could put it in as an addendum to position description for media portfolio.

Feed XL has confirmed they would like to sponsor NSWERA again in 2023. THS currently in talks with them to put together a draft proposal for review by both Feed XL and the SMC.

Resolved to prepare a 'thank you' to all the sponsors for approval and then get these sent out.

Newsletter going to print on 16 January. Working with Ellen on this.

International: Contacted Chris Bailey and Annette Bailey advising that if they need anything from us; let the SMC know.

362. **Duncan Satchell – Zone One Delegate**

Zone One – No report. Urban sprawl making it difficult to put on a ride.

363. **Kim Stephens** Zone 4 Delegate, Volunteer Coordinator, Vet Liaison, Bookkeeper

No further report.

364. **Peter Kelly Zone 6 Delegate**

No report

365. **John Howe**

No report

366. **Next meeting dates**

Next meeting Wednesday 25 January 2023 starting at 8pm. Just relating to Ride and Tie.

There being no further business the meeting closed at about 10.35.

These minutes were approved by email between members of the 2022 SMC with agreement by the SMC 2023 that the document can be published.