

188. Attendance

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

Apologies: Sharyn Coulston, Jax Barlow

In attendance: Helen Rich (Minutes) Linda Jonkers (part meeting), Noni Seagrim and Amanda Apperley, Belinda Hopley

Visitors were advised by the Chair that this was a meeting of the SMC, not a general membership meeting. SMC is happy for them to be involved but ask that they respect the confidentiality of the meeting including the documents sent out with the agenda as nothing has been approved. Referring to the AERA delegates SMC will discuss the AERA agenda for meeting of 12 November. Happy to move the AERA agenda items to the top of the meeting if required. Noted that Noni Seagrim was in attendance as an AERA delegate. Belinda Hopley will be joining the meeting as an AERA Delegate as soon as she can.

189. Business arising from Minutes of 6 September 2023.

Swabbing was undertaken at the Queensland State Ride.

MOVED Susan Woodward, Clare Fleming
THAT the Minutes of the meeting of 6 September 2023 be amended in point 141 by removing the words “no swabbing” as swabbing was undertaken at the QERA State Ride.

Carried Unanimous.

Discussion - Motion in Email Trail of meeting of 3rd October in regard to approval of State Champs to Dual Affiliate with Victoria to be amended so that correct person who tabled this motion could be added.

MOVED Wayne Hegarty, Susan Woodward
THAT the Minutes of the meeting of 3 October 2023 be accepted and approved for publication on www.nswera.asn.au.

Carried Unanimous.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes of 3 October 2023 –

190. Email received from Karen Anderson

This email concerned the recent Watagan Ride fire situation. KFS spoke at length about this matter at the last meeting. It was sent by Karen Anderson to the Watagan RO, cc: Linda Henley, NSW SMC Secretary and NSW SMC President on 22 September 2023. Related to the recent fire that could have had an impact on the Watagan ride. It also made reference to Karen Anderson's subsequent withdrawal from the ride due to these perceived risks. The writer requested improved hazard communications and to provide 100% refund as a result of unexpected events, such as fire. This email was tabled in correspondence in meeting of 3rd October 2023.

191. John's River report

The Johns River Ride horse catastrophe report has been sent to the AERA Secretary together with Chief Stewards Report.

192. Etag discussion – (attach correspondence from Kim Moir of 27Sept23)

This was mentioned in business arising. Seeking approval for NSW members to be issued with an Etag. Believe they are initially provided but if you lose your tag, you would pay for a replacement.

MOVED Susan Woodward, Sarah Pollard Williams
THAT NSWERA accept QERA's proposal that NSW riders who enter QERA rides be issued with a permanent e-tag linked to their NSW membership number

Carried Unanimous.

Reports

193. Registrar report – 8 November 2023.

PART 1: MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Adult	324	344	344	293	352	342	399	413
Junior	38	45	59	35	49	49	49	50
Intermediate	32	16	13	13	23	34	24	31
Associate	12	12	5	9	14	13	15	20
Honorary	9	11	11	11	8	8	7	6

Total	415	428	432	361	446	446	494	520

PART 2: RATIFY NEW MEMBERS

Dillon Harvey Smith. No 305248. Senior from Morisset.

MOVED Linda Henley, Wayne Hegarty
THAT NSW ERA accepts the new member.
Carried Unanimous.

PART 3: RIDES CONDUCTED – ENTRIES RECEIVED.

Ride Name	Date	Intro	Train	80-99km	100-119km	120-159km	160+	TOTAL
National Cap	15-10-23	11	22	43				76

OTHER BUSINESS – Registrar's Report

Last week I had a zoom meeting with Linda Tanian and Tom McCormack to go through the new "On-line" membership for 2024. The QLD registrar was also present. We have had a play with the Test format and given Linda some feedback on a few glitches. Otherwise, it seems very user friendly. Linda is hoping that we will be ready to go live for 2024. I will be away from Friday 2nd November for 2 weeks, but when I come back I will have another tutorial to learn the back end reporting from AERA and then we should be good to go. I will give another report at the next SMC meeting.

Discuss timeline

- November – review ride stationery.
- If Members want ribbons sent to them, postage is required to be paid.
- Booklet for the AGM dinner dance.
- No membership forms anymore.
- Pricing for 2024 membership.
- Acknowledge NSW Government support.
- Office of Sport logo is currently on the website.
- Play by the rules. Someone on each RO needs to have done this program. Concerns working with Children.

MOVED Linda Henley, Susan Woodward
THAT we accept the Registrar's Report.
Carried Unanimous

Belinda Hopley now in attendance. [7:26]

Executive reports

194. **President- Annette Bailey**
Report is attached.

195. **Vice President – Darryl King –**
Report attached.

196. **Secretary – Susan Woodward**
Correspondence in/out – Attached.

197. **Treasurer's report attached**
Profit and Loss report is attached.

MOVED Wayne Hegarty and Sarah Pollard Williams
THAT the executive reports as presented be accepted
Carried Unanimous.

198. **Email discussions/motions and resolutions.**
Email trail attached.

MOVED Darryl King, Wayne Hegarty
THAT the email trail motions be approved
Carried Unanimous

Sub Committee Reports

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

No report this month. Need to discuss whether the AGM will be an online meeting. Need to confirm dates for posting of notices. Documents for the booklet and motions etc.

AGM discussion as follows:

- Life membership. Linda advised there was a motion to change the word honorary to life at an earlier AGM. Now refer to life membership.
- 6 January is the kick off for the notice of the AGM to be sent out.
- There will be no hard copy booklet. Life membership nominations to be received by the SMC not less than 28 days prior to the AGM.
- Noted asking people to scan is difficult. Need to design things so that electronic signatures can be used. Like the EOI forms.
- Talea will work with SW on AGM forms.
- Talea, Avril and Darryl will now be working on getting things organized for the AGM.
- DK advised the Trophies are all organized. Only one not fully approved. Just need to send the money and supply an address for delivery.
- Will need to decide on who will do the engraving.
- Chat section for the AGM. If people want their comments recorded – they need to know they need to use the chat section.

Business Arising from Portfolio Reports attached

200. **Marketing – LH/TH-S – see attached report**

2024 Sponsorship Proposals

Not a lot to add to the marketing report. Lots happening. Pony Club is keen to do a promotion on endurance. May be good to do competitive endurance.

Getting quotes for mini runs on booklets. Working with Karin Santoso on the Hawkesbury social ride.

Question on lifetime registrar update for horses. Which horses are alive and still competing.

201. **Ride Calendar Report – CF. see attached report**

The written report is attached.

2024 Ride Calendar Applications form received -

The following rides for 2024 have been discussed. They are now on the calendar. Some have Dual Affiliated [DA with **VIC** or **QLD**].

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 5,10, 20,40 Sun 40, 80->100 - 30/31 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 Sat 20/40 Sun 20/40/80 – DA [**NSW/VIC**]

Shahzada - 26 to 30th August Mon to Fri 120/400

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

Neville Trainers – 17/18th February Sat 10, 20, 40; Sun 10, 20, 40

Kiwarra - 13/14th July Sat 10, 20, 44; Sun 20, 42, 84 - DA [**NSW/QLD**]

Wyndeyer Mini Marathon & Endurance Long Weekend – 15/16/17th March Fri/Sat/Sun 3 x 40; Sat 40; Sun 40/80 . Wyndeyer has asked for amended date This date has been changed to 5, 6 and 7 April 2023.

Moved **Clare Fleming, Avril Cummings**
That **the date for Wyndeyer Mini Marathon be changed to 5, 6 and 7 April 2023.**
Unanimous.

Tooraweenah would not be interested in the March weekend.

Linda Jonkers advised Bumbaldry cannot change their date to March. National Parks will not let them use the National Parks before March due to fire risks.

AA advised she and BH are trying to organise a training day. Suggestion they could consider the March weekend.

Willow Vale Mini Marathon Event – 3/4/5th May Fri/Sat/Sun 3 x 20 and 3 x 50

Willow Vale – 6/7th July Sat 5 Ride & Tie; 20 Sun 40; 80 ->100

Bom Bom – 13/14th July Sat 20, 40, 100 FEI* [no ride form received yet]

Kiwarra – 3/4th August Sat 10,20,42 Sun 20/42/84

Johns River – 7/8th September Sat 20 Sun 40/80

Wyndey – 21/22nd September Sat 40; Sun 40/80

Other State/National Championships -

VIC – Elderado - 6/7th July 160km

QLD – Widgee – 20/21 July 160km

TQ24 – 19/20 October 160km

Other 2024 Rides approved via email:-

Hills & Hawkesbury - 25th November 10 – 15km social ride

Booking forms HAVE BEEN RECEIVED and forwarded to relevant people Jac, Talea, Linda & RCC for VERA/QUERA for DA process].

Emails have been sent to ROC's confirming affiliation with NSWERA.

Other Rides to be approved for 2024:

Mt Lagoon – 11/12th May Sat 20/40 Sun 40/80

Move – “to affiliate Mt Lagoon Ride 11/12th May 2024” – Clare Fleming

Second

Watagans – 25/26th May Sun 20/40/80

Move – “to affiliate Watagans Ride 25/26th May 2024” – Clare Fleming

Second -

Bumbaldary - 27/28th April Sat 5, 10, 20 Sun 40/80 [did advise this was directly after two other NSW rides – Rapville and Tooraweenah – “don't care” was the response. No alternative date was provided or would be considered by ROC.

Move – “to affiliate Bumbaldary Ride 27/28th April 2024” – Clare Fleming

Second –

National Capital Ride – 5/6th October 22/40/80

Move – “to affiliate National Capital Ride 5/6th October 2024” – Clare Fleming

Second –

National Capital ride for 5 and 6 October 2024.

Mt Lagoon 11 and 2 May would be the weekend after the mini at Willowvale and weekend before Tenterfield. Getting another Zone One ride up and running and the organisers are super keen.

Second one – Watagan on 25 and 26 May.

Third Bumbaldry – 27 and 28 April. Organisers are happy to go with this weekend.

Then National Capital Ride. 5 and 6 October 2024.

Moved Clare Fleming, Wayne Hegarty.

That the rides shown above for 2024 be approved

Unanimous.

TH-S discussed re Mt Lagoon and Willow Vale being on a week apart but less than 300kms. Willowvale had not booked an 80km ride and that it was a mini marathon, which should not cause problems.

Amanda Apperley told the meeting she is going to amend her ride application form to include an 80k ride. She further advised it makes no difference to her if she runs at a loss.

CF advised that right now the SMC can only deal with the rides before them and the applications currently received.

Amanda Apperley reiterated that she will be putting in a request to amend her ride by putting in for an 80k event.

It was pointed out that by doing that, the date of her ride may affect Mt Lagoon. The SMC would like to support Zone One getting up and running again. They should be provided an opportunity to have a successful ride. When they picked their ride date they knew there would be no 80k event in the week before or after their ride. That's why they chose the date.

At this time, Linda Jonkers asked what support had been offered to the South Coast Zone.

The rides seeking approval are a mini Marathon for Willowvale and an 80 plus event for Mt Lagoon. Mt Lagoon did the right thing when it put in its ride application form.

CF advised Amanda Apperley that this was discussions for the SMC. Asking her to please wait until general business.

Woodstock - [traditionally the second weekend in September – RCC had reserved 14/15th September for this endurance event]. ROC has requested 7 & 8th September.

RCC spoke to ROC and said it was already taken by the Johns River Committee [affiliated with NSWERA and QERA; and on the 2024 calendar]. Johns River held its ride on the first weekend of September 2023. The 7 & 8th is the first full weekend in September in 2024.

Lengthy discussion on the Woodstock ride date and Johns River.

By way of explanation, Linda Jonkers spoke at this meeting to discuss the issue that the Woodstock and Johns River ride have booked on the same weekend.

Discussion as to how this could be managed so that both rides were not compromised.

While Johns River had provided their Ride Booking form first. Woodstock considered that their ride's traditional weekend was the 2nd Sunday in September.

CF advised that the Woodstock ROC did not discuss this ride application with her. The form was sent in with no discussion. Had they checked they would have seen that NSW ERA have affiliated and dual affiliated and approved the Johns River ride on 7 and 8 September. This ride has been moved numerous times to accommodate other ROS. Restricted weekends when the grounds can be used so not totally flexible on their dates.

CF suggested that NSW ERA stick to its already agreed dates for Johns Rider. Do not affiliate Woodstock on the same weekend. Putting a ride on the same weekend is not going to be beneficial to that ride.

AC discussed that Woodstock is 588 kms away from Johns Rider. Why not approve both dates?

Discussing the traditional ride date for Woodstock.

Linda Jonkers said their traditional date is the second Sunday in September. Been on that date for 32 years. What happens to supporting a club that runs many teaching weekends, put on the State Champs four times? Asked to run again. Linda's ride is almost 600k away from John's River.

Lengthy discussion on the reasons for not affiliating the Woodstock ride. Suggestion that Peter Kelly is the president for Zone 6 and he should be here to discuss the dates.

Linda Jonkers was under the impression that traditional ride dates still applied. This no longer appears to be the case. If she moved her ride date to later in September, it would clash with Central Ranges and she is not willing to do this.

March 16 and 17 is now available. Linda Jonkers advised this date did not suit her ride club. Busy organising Bumbaldry. LJ will email her club and put the matter over to them.

Suggested that all parties must agree if a ride is to be held on the same date.

Linda Henley declared a conflict of interest as she is the ride secretary for Johns River.

Resolved that the Zone 6 President, Peter Kelly and President of LERC, Linda Jonkers needed to both attend a meeting in order to find a compromise to this issue.

Resolved Clare to coordinate a this meeting to resolve this matter.

Concerns for 2024:

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

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.

- Email ROCs with the Bio-Security form – requesting completion prior to hosting their 2024 Endurance Weekend

FORMS:

- reviewed State Championships guidelines

- reviewed Refund Policy

- in the process of reviewing the Dual Affiliation Policy

Query on the criteria for a Mini marathon. Novice horses can take part but need to have a blue logbook. The rider has to have done 2 x 40k rides.

The June long weekend has been reserved for a 2024 NSW State Ride. **Resolved** LH to add the State ride EOI to the next ramble.

Clare will be asking for BIO forms well in advance of running a ride. Almost no one is putting the forms in. Amanda Apperley advised she had completed her form but she had no address to send it to.

Noted that the new forms have an address on the forms.

202. Governance – SC

Report attached.

203. Ride Feed Back Report – CF

No report

204. Bio Security/Vet Liaison/Horse Welfare – SPW - see attached report

Nothing further to report.

205. AERA – CF/SP –

AERA Meeting Agenda Items up for discussion – meeting is on 12th November 2023.

Moving on to discuss the next AERA meeting.

- AERA Representatives to ask what the AERA Online Membership platform fees will be for both DAs and members. Required to work out 2024 membership fees.
- If possible to reconcile invoices for each ride's affiliation fees, insurance etc. Could the program be changed to supply more information so that it can allocate it to each ride?
- Discuss the merits of National Dual Affiliation of all 160km & Marathon Rides – suggestion that all 160km and marathon rides be automatically included in the National and DA Point scores. Discussion needs to determine if this will affect riders in Tasmania and WA.
- 7.2.4. Were any other quotes obtained for the supply of Quilty buckles? Were quotes requested?
- NSW ERA spoke to Neil Clarkson regarding documents in storage.
- 14.3. AERA social media pages. Do they have to be approved before they go up? Not appropriate for members to post things when they don't know what's gone before.
- Ride 'n tie. Second vote. Talea wanted to add something. AERA sent a letter of questions concerning how it is run. Getting information together and will get that to Clare ASAP.
- 15.3.4. Public disclosure for minors. All the EADC rules need to be looked at. Opportunities to use the tribunal should be written into our rules.
- 16.1. That NSW AGM will have electronic voting during the meeting – not before the meeting.
- Discuss AERA increasing its fees for 2024.

Resolved the items listed above will be put into a written document and forwarded to the AERA delegates.

BH referred to anomalies within the rules for ride 'n tie. **Resolved** BH will send her comments on to Talea.

BH advised Searle Johnson was an honorary life member. Query as to whether the SMC sent flowers to his funeral. No, but his passing was acknowledged on Facebook. Kristen Proudfoot passed away on Sunday.

Discussion re AERA not freezing of fees for 2024. AERA Reps voted against increasing of Fees at last AERA Meeting.

206. Early Warning System – DK –

No further report.

207. IDP – DK

No further report.

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

Financial Assistance – Introductory Day 25th November 2023

MOVED THAT Susan Woodward, Linda Henley
an amount of \$350 is allocated to the Hills and Hawkesbury riding group as a start-up for their introductory day ride on 25 November 2023.

Carried Unanimous

MOVED THAT Darryl King, Wayne Hegarty
the portfolio reports be accepted as tabled and read

Carried Unanimous

GENERAL BUSINESS –

209. Discussion – Dual Affiliation/State Championships/Refund Guidelines

Work towards getting refund guidelines organised prior to the AGM. Can discuss via email.

210. Youth Camp Proposal – Sonia Bonham

There could be grants money available to assist with this idea. TH-S spoke to Sonia Bonham last week. Mapped out a proposal. Will have a full meeting next week and see what might be possible and work on a proposal to bring it back to the SMC for consideration. Suggestion of an online forum for juniors to discuss ideas.

211. Horse road safety program – Bec Hogan Correspondence 5 Nov23

This proposal was discussed.

Resolved that NSW ERA is happy to support Bec Hogan's proposal on this matter.

212. Wayne Hegarty

Discussion on honorary/life membership requirements.

Nominations need to be received by the secretary 28 days prior to the AGM. Need to be nominated and seconded. Do a Profile - why do you think they should be honorary life members.

Clare: AERA is compiling a list of names to go into an honorary list of members. Does NSW have anyone who could be nominated? Possibly have a think about this and bring it to the next meeting. Something that makes them worthy of being on a list. Ascertain the criteria. Hall of Fame type thing.

213. Endurance Chatter post by Amanda Apperley

The Chair advised the meeting that she had just been advised by a member by text message that Amanda Apperley had just posted details on a public Facebook site of what was being discussed at the meeting whilst she in attendance and criticising the SMC in public on social media.

Discussion held whilst Amanda Apperley was still at the meeting re this post.

General discussion on Amanda Apperley's post to Endurance Chatter. The comments posted by her were incorrect. Not appropriate that a posting be made during a meeting. Totally inappropriate that this has gone up in the middle of a meeting. Violated the Code of Conduct and social media policies. Suggestion that she should receive a formal letter stating violation of AERA Social Media rules and should not be allowed to attend any further meetings.

Discussion as to whether the SMC can stop people attending because they criticise the SMC. Could be considered overreacting.

General consensus was that this was a violation of the Code of Conduct and Social Media Rules.

Amanda Apperley noted that she knew the meeting is recorded. Trying to prove the SMC doesn't follow the constitution. She advised the meeting that the SMC "don't follow the Constitution": "were a bunch of self egotistic people". "Need the NSW members to know who is running the sport". "For you to get the facts straight. You're all a disgrace". Amanda Apperley then left the meeting.

214. Clare Fleming: Logbooks.

There is a current rule regarding not defiling logbooks. Ruling lines across the logbooks with Vet out. Not really necessary. Still happening. Any horse that did not elevate on the last weekend ride had the same ruled lines written across the page with DNE. Should not have been put there. Not the correct practice. What should have been written was "Completion 120 and DNE". No need to draw the lines across log books. Would like something to go the ROCs who are dealing with the log books that this should not be done.

Resolved Sarah will send out an email to the vets advising them of the rules relating to what goes into the logbooks.

215. Electronic timing by Tom McCormack – Belinda Hopley addressed the meeting

If Tom does the ET system, Tom is not to be a Chief Steward at that particular ride. ROs are slow to embrace their knowledge of the ETS. Were hoping for one in north, one in the south and one in the west.

Resolved to put up a post on Endurance NSW Facebook asking for expressions of interest for people to be responsible for the ETS. This has been put online in the past with a list of the requirements and rewards. Nothing has eventuated from this. Need to get this out there again.

Resolved BH will update the appropriate document and send on to LH for posting. WH-asked what computer knowledge is required of a person to take on this role. This needs to be stipulated as well.

216. Discussion on Equestrian Australia -

Discussion - incentive to stimulate people to become Swabbing Stewards. Possibly cover costs for training and costs of membership. They would not be expected to do it at every single ride. Problem is lack of training opportunities.

Sport pays EA over \$8,000 for affiliation fees and they won't run any swabbing clinics. Possibly 2024 or 2025 at the earliest. Not getting anything back from EA for our money.

Wrap up of Discussion - need to work together and utilise information. No need to reinvent the wheel. Great group of people working really hard for the sport. Hopefully we can get members more involved in some of these tasks.

217. Future meetings

Resolved the next meeting will be via Zoom on 6 December 2023 commencing at 7pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:50.

These Minutes of NSWERA SMC were approved by the NSW ERA SMC email trail discussion.

Annexure A

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 8 November 2023

The State Championships at Wandandian was a very successful weekend. Congratulations to the ride organisers. The ride base looked sensational decked out with banners and floral decoration and the effort to gain sponsors and prizes provided a great standard for the State. The administration and vetting area were streamline, with an enormous amount of experience being on hand. The marking was sensational and there was no opportunity for anyone to get lost! If there was a downside it was the number of motorbikes on the course. The ride organisers had given warning that the event was being run which was not heeded by many recreational bikers. Requesting closure of the Forestry and National Parks to bike riders is an expensive option but may need to be addressed in the future to ensure safety of horses and riders. The course was very challenging, made even more so by heavy rain creating slippery conditions. However, having cool, wet weather was definitely in preference to heat and humidity. The completion rate in both rides was a credit to the riders respecting the course.

Sarah Parker riding Cooroora Allyjah in a time of 12:28 is our new State Champion. Three riders took the option to withdraw at 120kms which allowed for riders to complete part of the course and use discretion to not continue and still gain "mileage" for their horse and rider history. The 80km ride was a testing course over the 2nd and 3rd Legs of the 160km course and was won in a time of 7:54 by Jill Kalkman riding Miss Muppet. Again, the experience of those riding was evident in the completion rate.

I hope the last few meetings of this present SMC can be given over to developing plans to provide financial assistance to both ride organisers and riders. Economic downturn and cost of living are two critical areas that we need to recognise so that we can provide incentive for participation and to grow the sport.

Vice President's Report – EWS – IDP. Darryl King

EWS

Nothing to report but once the State ride is Finalised there may be one letter to send out.

IDP

Nothing to report

Vice President

It appears the State ride was a tough course and with the rain making it more technical, but overall, a successful and well run and organised ride with good completion percentages. Congratulations everyone for looking after your ponies. I would also like to congratulate my fellow committee members with their placings and completions in the 160km and 80km rides. It shows our committee is a strong committee in so many ways. It was fantastic to see our selected team took out the teams' event as well.

I phoned Neil Clarkson regarding the stored SMC boxes etc. in his shed. He informed me that some of it could be tossed but that's not his responsibility, in which I agreed. I told him the SMC was happy to pay for a courier to pick up the items. Neil indicated he wasn't moving for a while and it wasn't urgent, that he was happy to bring it all down and will contact me when he's heading this way. I told him the SMC will cover his costs.

I received an email from Danny of Realities Cold Cast Bronze to say the trophies & plaques are ready to send out by Startrek once payment is received and will need a delivery address. I have forwarded the invoice on to Brandon. He informed me that he doesn't organise the engraving anymore but supplied me with an email for the company that has been doing them. Jax will be able to supply a list for the engraving around the 17th of November.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Report 8 November 2023

Correspondence In/Out

Date	Correspondence	Action
5.10.23	Email to K Moir re etag	
5.10.23	Email to K Moir re horse catastrophe Johns River	
5.10.23	Email from K Hocking re Zone 2 revival	Responded
8.10.23	Email from S Bonham re Proposal for youth squad	Fwd to Cttee
10.10.23	Emails from N Clarkson re storage of NSWERA documents	Responded
12.10.23	Email from K Moir re AERA MC meeting	Fwd to Cttee
16.10.23	Email from Office of Sport re grant acquittal	Fwd to SC
17.10.23	Email from Office of Sport re grant allocation	Fwd to Committee
17.10.23	Email from Office of Sport re Level Playing Field programme	Fwd to SC & Cttee
19.10.23	Email from K Moir circulate MC minutes	Fwd to Cttee

20.10.23	Email from K Moir circulate recommended vet fees	Fwd to Cttee
21.10.23	Email to S Bonham re youth squad support & Level Playing Field grant	
21.10.23	Email from F Meller re access to Wards Track	Filed
24.10.23	Email from Debrillators Australia re grant program	Fwd to Cttee
24.10.23	Email from C Banwell re ride fees	Fwd to Treasurer
25.10.23	Email from T Franke re Letter of No Objection	Sent to Tahlia & UAE
28.10.23	Letter from S Bonham re Youth Development Squad ideas	Fwd to Cttee
30.10.23	Letter of Concern re rider at Wiangaree endurance ride	Fwd to Cttee
30.10.23	Email from Rochelle KA re Anglo for sale	Responded
1.11.23	Letter from AERA re horse catastrophe	Fwd to CS & vets
1.11.23	Letter from AERA re Ride & Tie rule change	Fwd to Cttee
2.11.23	Email from K Moir attach AERA meeting Agenda	Fwd to Cttee
3.11.23	Email from Office of Sport re Grant Acquittal	Fwd to Exec
4.11.23	Letter from SPW re Horse Welfare	
4.11.23	Email from N Clarkson re Horse Welfare	SPW responded
6.11.23	Expense claim for swabbing from E Olaisen	Fwd to Treasurer
6.11.23	Email from B Hogan on horse rider safety on roads	Fwd to Cttee

Treasurer's report – Brandon Dick

Already Paid Invoices:

AERA inv -1807 \$2150
AERA inv -1808 \$1744
Henley Design inv 6- \$1145.24
Panorama Inv 26642 - \$88.85
Jax invoice October - \$2300.34
Engraving King - \$85.90

Invoices to be paid once all approved:

AERA inv 1844 \$525
AERA inv 1845 \$956
Attention Signs Uniform \$371.25
Australia Post Reimburse Swabbing \$91.35
Swabbing State Champs \$1491
Helen Rich Email for Costs pic attached \$370 (Oct Nov)
Realities Cold Cast inv 3042 - 2290.40

MOVED Brandon Linda Henley
THAT the accounts as tabled be paid.
Carried Unanimous

Profit and Loss NSW Endurance Riders Association For the 2 months ended 30 November 2023 OCT-NOV 2023

Trading Income

Advertising - Newsletter	(222.73)
Day Membership	836.37
Interest Income	69.06
Logbooks Sold	479.11
Membership Received	227.27
PA Insurance Received	363.64
Registration Fees & Owner Transfer	463.63
Ride Fees Received	4,585.45
Total Trading Income	6,801.80
Gross Profit	6,801.80

Operating Expenses

AERA – Personal Accident	1,500.00
AERA – Rider Entry Fee	(2,822.73)
AGM - Catering, Hire, DJ	272.73
Bank Fees	26.91
Postage	13.09
Promotions	113.64
Refund of ride fees	240.91
Secretariat, Sec Allowance	2,300.34
Subscriptions	12.09
Swabbing Expenses 2	08.85

Telephone	86.36
Total Operating Expenses	1,952.19
Net Profit	4,849.6

Ride Calendar report – October summary - Clare Fleming

2024 Ride Calendar ride application forms received

The following rides for 2024 have been discussed. They are now on the calendar. Some have Dual Affiliated [DA with VIC or QLD].

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 5,10, 20,40 Sun 40, 80->100 - 30/31 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 Sat 20/40 Sun 20/40/80 – DA [NSW/VIC]

Shahzada - 26 to 30th August Mon to Fri 120/400

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

Neville Trainers – 17/18th February Sat 10, 20, 40; Sun 10, 20, 40

Kiarrak - 13/14th July Sat 10, 20, 44; Sun 20, 42, 84 - DA [NSW/QLD]

Wyndeyer Mini Marathon & Endurance Long Weekend – 15/16/17th March Fri/Sat/Sun 3 x 40; Sat 40; Sun 40/80

This date has been changed. To 5, 6 and 7 April 2023.

Moved Clare Fleming, Avril Cummings
That the date for Wyndeyer Mini Marathon be changed to 5, 6 and 7 April 2023.
Unanimous.

Tooraweenah would not be interested in the March weekend.

Linda Jonkers advised Bumbaldry cannot change their date to March. National Parks will not let them use the National Parks the March date.

AA advised she and BH are trying to organise a training day. Suggestion they could consider the March weekend.

Willow Vale Mini Marathon Event – 3/4/5th May Fri/Sat/Sun 3 x 20 and 3 x 50

Willow Vale – 6/7th July Sat 5 Ride & Tie; 20 Sun 40; 80 ->100

Bom Bom – 13/14th July Sat 20, 40, 100 FEI* [no ride form received yet]

Kiarrak – 3/4th August Sat 10,20,42 Sun 20/42/84

Johns River – 7/8th September Sat 20 Sun 40/80

Wyndeyer – 21/22nd September Sat 40; Sun 40/80

Other State/National Championships -

VIC – Eldorado - 6/7th July 160km

QLD – Widgee – 20/21 July 160km

TQ24 – 19/20 October 160km

Other 2023 Rides approved via email:-

Hills & Hawkesbury - 25th November 10 – 15km social ride

Booking forms HAVE BEEN RECEIVED and forwarded to relevant people [Jac, Talea, Linda & RCC for VERA/QERA for DA process].

Emails have been sent to ROC's confirming affiliation with NSWERA.

Other Rides to be approved for 2024:

Mt Lagoon – 11/12th May Sat 20/40 Sun 40/80

Move – “to affiliate Mt Lagoon Ride 11/12th May 2024” – Clare Fleming
 Second

Watagans – 25/26th May Sun 20/40/80

Move – “to affiliate Watagans Ride 25/26th May 2024” – Clare Fleming
 Second -

Bumbaldary - 27/28th April Sat 5, 10, 20 Sun 40/80 [did advise this was directly after two other NSW rides – Rapville and Tooraweenah – “don’t care” was the response. No alternative date was provided or would be considered by ROC.

Move – “to affiliate Bumbaldary Ride 27/28th April 2024” – Clare Fleming

Second –

National Capital Ride – 5/6th October 22/40/80

Move – “to affiliate National Capital Ride 5/6th October 2024” – Clare Fleming

Second –

Concerns for 2024:

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

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.

- Email ROCs with the Bio-Security form – requesting completion prior to hosting their 2024 Endurance Weekend

FORMS:

- reviewed State Championships guidelines

- reviewed Refund Policy

- in the process of reviewing the Dual Affiliation Policy

Winwywe nwws to change their ride date.

Marketing Report SMC Meeting 8 November 2023 LH

State Champs Promotion

Congratulations to the small but committed Willow Vale ROC for hosting the 2023 NSW State Championships with lots of wonderful sponsorship, prizes and entertainment, as well as a challenging course for the riders in both events. Six SMC members successfully competed at the event, four in the 120-160km, and two in the 80km event. We are now calling for EOI for the 2024 State Champs and interested parties should contact our RCC, Clare Fleming, for more information.

Pony Club Australia has requested using some junior imagery for their next online promotion of Endurance nationally as “inspiration” to their Pony Club members. We’ve supplied “something for everyone/starting out” content previously so we will now feature our two successful juniors in the 160km State Champs event as inspiration for Pony Club riders who may be competitive.

ROC Cost Cutting Exercise

Stay tuned for the next ROC Ramble for our cost cutting announcement.

Membership Analysis 2023

Analysis of the membership stats from 2023 has shown some interesting results. Whilst the overall membership is static with the last 2 years, the growth areas show positive signs. Ride entries also increased very slightly from 2022 (1848) but are still a long way off pre-covid entries (approx 2500) and this result is common in every State. Also worth noting is that none of our Intro Clinic entries (approx 100 for 2023) are included in the AERA figures as these events do not have rider/horse data entered into AERAspace.

We attracted 70 new members in 2023 (20 more than 2022) and 80% of those are under 50 years of age. 38 of those were new Senior Members. 31% were new Junior members which is terrific. We more than doubled our Intermediate Memberships over the previous year however there are still too many Day Memberships sold. Converting those into Intermediate memberships and then stepping up our 40km riders to 80km events is the next challenge.

Having the AGM mid to late February creates issues with memberships already being sold for two months prior to the AGM/change-over of SMC. In March it’s too late to start membership drives/promotions as most club memberships kick off on the 1st of January each year so we missed being able to do a membership drive in 2023 due to the peak take-up season being before we were elected. For 2024 we are working on some membership promotions prior to the new year to coincide with the launch of the online AERAonline membership launch which is planned for 1st January.

2024 New Member & ROC Collateral

The new Introduction to Endurance flyer which was promoted online with a QR Code to link to our website created 70 visitors linking to the Flyer on the Get Started web page and 52 downloads of the flyer in a couple of days. 43 of the downloads were new visitors to our site.

The Maxxis brochure “Starting out in Endurance” which is basically an extended version (28pp) of the above has now run out of copies and will be updated to be released in time for our Calendar of smaller events, mini and micro marathon events. This will also be available to download and possibly printed as well.

The ROC Operating Manual will also be updated shortly to include the online Noms etc, and we are working on Logbook applications and Horse Rego/Transfers all being updated to include the new Registrar email and Endurance NSW branding. All documents with the old Registrar email will need to be updated. Membership forms will be removed from the website before AERAonline launch.

Social Endurance Trail Mentors

After a fabulous first social/intro clinic/ride the H&H Z1 Community will hold their first affiliated Intro Ride on 25th November at Scheyville National Park. We've supplied the last of the Starting Out Brochures to them. The SMC appreciate the efforts of all our Mentors to introduce new members to endurance and we are happy to offer support to these groups anyway we can.

Website/Facebook Stats

Our socials are growing well. Our NSWERA Facebook group has grown to 2.9K followers and the website is still attracting a good share of new visitors - 60% of site visits in the month of October were from new visitors. The human interest posts - rider posts after each event and the articles supplied (Little Miss Lani) are achieving the highest reach - averaging 2-3k per post, though the NSWERA bumper slogan post also rated well.

ROC Breakfast after AGM - Sunday 4th Feb

We are planning on holding a breakfast meeting on the Sunday 4/2/24 for representatives of ROCs/Mentors. More details will be sent in the next ROC Ramble.

New Local Sport Grants

ROCs have been advised of the next Grant round and also emailed a webinar to assist them with applications. We've added the Department of Sport logo to the website footer, and to the animated Sponsor slides on the home page of nswera.asn.au to support their sponsorship of endurance. Ian Dreghorn has also very kindly offered his services to ROCs needing assistance with Grants. (ian.dreghorn@gmail.com)

New Sponsor Negotiations

LH has a meeting with a prospective new sponsor early December.

Sarah Pollard Williams Reports

BIOSECURITY

Still no biosecurity plans received, including for the State Champs.
Need to review publicity on this for 2024

HORSE WELFARE

No invasive treatments recorded in NSW at time of checking database (4/11/2023). 12 swabs taken at the State Championships: 2 horses in the 80 km ride and 10 in the 160 km ride.

No ITs reported on AERASpace at time of checking (6/11/23)

VET LIAISON

No change.

AERA reports some issues with the online training- I will get in touch with Chris Nichols about this.

Governance report – Sharyn Coulston

I'm working through the acquittal for the \$6,500. I've got to make sure that I marry everything up with the right key deliverables. I know we are going to use some of the \$11k for the youth program but could you ask what else the committee might be interested in using it on. I can look into the risk management plan and put up a proposal for the next meeting.

EMAIL TRAIL – MEETING 8 November 2023

Confirmation required of a motion to pay \$145 for extra uniform for State of Origin team member

13/10/2023

Moved Clare Fleming
Second Wayne Hegarty

That the following rides be affiliated with NSWERA for the 2024 Ride Calendar

Johns River – 7th/8th September 2024 – Saturday 20km; Sunday 40/80km Ride and dual affiliation with QERA be requested.

Willow Vale Mini Marathon – 3/4/5 May 2024 – Friday 20/50; Saturday 20/50/ Sunday 20/50

Willow Vale Sussex South Coast Zone Championships – 6/7 July 2024 – Saturday 5km Ride & Tie, 20km; Sunday 40km/80 to 100km elevator.

Kiwarra Change of date to the 3rd/4th August 2024 – Saturday 10/20/42km; Sunday 20/42/84kms. Dual Affiliation with QERA remains in place as per original affiliation.
Carried Unanimous

Moved Clare Fleming
Second Linda Henley

That Johns River Ride on 7/8 Sept 2024 be dual affiliated with NSWERA/QERA 2024 ride calendars.
Carried Unanimous

13/10/23

Moved Clare Fleming
Second Linda Henley

That following rides be approved -
Central Ranges Mini Marathon on 15/16/17 March be approved –
Friday 40km Mini Marathon Day 1
Saturday 40km Standalone; 40km Mini Marathon Day 2
Sunday 40km Standalone; 40km Mini Marathon Day 3; 80km
Bom Bom NRZ 13/14 July – 20km/40km/FEI One Star Dual Affiliated NRZ
Central Ranges 21/22 September
Saturday 40km
Sunday 40km/80km
Carried

18/10/23

Moved Linda Henley
Second Wayne Hegarty

That 1200 bumper stickers (6 different stickers) be ordered from Sunne Printing for a total cost of \$948.00. Stickers to be printed on removable vinyl and to be used for promotional purposes and by the Registrar for new members.
Carried Unanimously

27/10/23

Moved Darryl King
Second Brandon Dick

That a replica State Championship winner's trophy be purchased from Engraving King, Crows Nest for \$85.90. Brandon Dick to pick up from Engraving King and bring to State Championships. Annette Bailey to pay for trophy on credit card and to be reimbursed accordingly.
Carried Unanimous

30/10/23

Moved Clare Fleming
Second Susan Woodward

That the Hills & Hawkesbury Endurance Riding Training Community Demonstration ride to be held on Saturday 25th November, 2023 over a distance 10-15kms be approved for affiliation pending receipt of Zone 1 Incorporation number.
Carried Unanimous