



AGM MINUTES

Sunday 4 December 2016

1. Meeting opened 11:30am
2. **Apologies** (Laine Ray, Cherie Causby, Maggi Winn, Jil Bourton, Sam Uren, Christabel Gurr, Bob Gurr, Deidre Wood, Denis Sugars, Kimberley Van Eck, Tania Drever)

Present: Deb Sheldon, Shirley Ellis, Steve Ellis, Tracy Brandon, John Newton, Jean Sims, Cass Organ, Kelly Phillips, Taylor Schroder, Jody Smith, Stella Harbison, Paula Van Eck, Tony Van Eck, Faye Gallagher, Rose Ross, Bob Masters, Rachel McLarty, Melissa Bright, Bill Harbison, Melanie Scott, Rachel Barnett, Jess Aistrope, Jill Ross, Susan Biffin, Ken Smith, Amanda Smith, Wendy Grundy, Jodie Luck, Alannah Luck, Cheryl Bullock

3. **2015 Minutes:**
The draft minutes of the 2015 AGM (available to members via SAERA website since February 2015) be accepted

Moved: Mel Scott

Seconded: Jean Sims

ALL in favour

4. **President Report**

President Bill Harbison provided a verbal overview of the year and some of the challenges for the club into the future

Acknowledged and greatly thanked our new ride organisers in 2016 – Amanda Smith, Anita Trenwith

Effort is being made for the 2017 ride calendar not to clash with VERA. Expect there will be more dual affiliated rides in the future

Outlined a few significant future projects for the club:

- hosting of 2017 Tom Quilty and a reminder that consistent with SAERA's Biosecurity policy – any horses coming from risk area will require vaccination; and
- new ride trailer. This is a significant (and exciting) investment (approx. \$18k) and members were asked if they supported the project? ALL were in favour

Acknowledged the success of the Pink Up Kuitpo fund raising \$1,750 and donated to Breast Cancer Foundation

Recognised the need for ride volunteers – in particular ride secretaries and noted the Chief Steward training day in January Friday 20th evening and Saturday 21st all day. Open to all members and mandatory for current Chief Stewards

Acknowledged Jess Aistrope effort for the success of the Introductory Day

Reminded members of their use of social media and their responsibilities as members by being mindful of the public image portrayed of our sport when posting comments

5. Treasurer Report

Treasurer Rachel Barnett tabled Interim Profit and Loss Statement
Thanked Shirley and Cindy for the ride reconciliations
Thank you Mel S, Mel B and Lainie for support

A query was raised by Paula Van Eck regarding the cost of State Champs. Usually a loss maker, where did 2016 end up? Treasurer advised that individual ride budgets will be completed by the end of the year which will give a better understanding of where the significant costs were

Treasurer report filed

6. Logbook Registrar and Membership report

Faye Gallagher reported that 21 new logbooks were issued in 2016
A request was made for members to be more careful with horse identification sheets. Microchip number is not enough and future applications will be returned if inadequate.

7. Proposed Constitution Amendments – Attachment 1

It has been some time since SAERA's constitution has been reviewed. Comparison between AERA and other State constitutions will be undertaken throughout 2017 by the incoming committee for presentation and consideration at the 2017 AGM. Attachment 1 provides an example of the type of changes that may be considered

Concerns were raised about the time lapse required to administer and on what basis the membership will be rejected. Membership felt that the current Constitution's ability to rescind a membership was adequate

Amendment REJECTED

For 2

Against 8

8. Election of Committee

- (a) President – Bill Harbison 1 year remaining
- (b) Secretary – Melissa Bright 1 year remaining
- (c) Treasurer – Rachel Barnett 1 year remaining
- (d) AERA Delegates – to be determined at first committee meeting
- (e) Committee members
 - (i) Rachel McLarty 1 year remaining
 - (ii) Lainie Ray 1 year remaining
 - (iii) Cherie Causby 1 year remaining
 - (iv) Mel Scott 1 year remaining
 - (v) No further nominations for committee members made

Vote of thanks to retiring committee members: Bob Masters, Maggi Winn and Jess Aistroke

9. Other Business

- (a) Set 2017 fees
 - Adult \$140
 - Juniors \$132.50
 - Family (2 Adults and 2 children) \$425
 - Training \$85
 - Non Riding member \$65
- (b) Quilty Team Selection – Attachment 2
Propose that a squad be selected. Members are asked to forward their ideas to the Committee. Some discussion over teams and “uniforms”. Consensus was SAERA could not afford to “uniform” everyone and a competitive team was the goal. Some discussion around timing of selection, could it be prior to event rather than after pre ride vetting.
- (c) Volunteer Levy – Attachment 3
Proposal to increase Endurance Ride entrance fees by \$5 per rider to fund volunteers. Committee will consider how to best manage this Moved Cheryl Bullock Seconded Wendy Grundy

Against – 3
Remainder for
- (d) 2017 Ride Calendar circulated for member information

Meeting closed 1:15pm

ATTACHMENT 1: Constitution Amendment

EXISTING

Application for Membership

8.

(1) An application by a person for membership of the Association shall:

- a) be made in writing on the current Application Form together with the correctly signed waiver; and
- b) be lodged with the Secretary/Registrar of the Association with the appropriate fees.

(2) The Association shall upon receipt of an application for membership and on payment of the fees as set from time to time, enter the applicant's name in the register of members and, upon the name being so entered the applicant becomes a member of the Association.

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(2) Within one calendar month of receiving a nomination for membership, the secretary shall refer the nomination to the Committee which shall determine whether to approve or reject the nomination.

(3) Upon acceptance of the nomination and receipt of payment of the fees (as set from time to time), the applicant's name will be entered in the register of members and, upon the name being so entered the applicant shall become a member of the Association.

ATTACHMENT 2: SAERA Tom Quilty Selection

In 2011 SAERA adopted a team selection policy based on putting together selectors and a competitive team and only those selected in the team would attract some form of state based merchandise (rug, saddle blanket, clothing etc).

Each year since this has been the practice and if there have been enough for more than one team, SAERA has put any reserves into additional teams at no cost to the individual.

There has been feedback that this is elitist, that every SA rider at a Quilty should attract state based merchandise. A competitive team was the goal set back in 2011 and as the numbers of participants travelling to Quilty each year has grown supplying everyone with team merchandise has become expensive. Another option would be to make team merchandise available for purchase.

In 2017 there will be many competing to be part of a SAERA team as it is a home event. The committee seeks some direction from the membership about how members would like to see us progress.

ATTACHMENT 3: Volunteer Levy

That SAERA add a \$5 levy to all entry fees to be used as a back up fund for paying travelling costs for Ride Officials ie. Chief Stewards & Ride Secretaries (without whom a ride cannot proceed) And through liaising with States such as Victoria & NSW a list be drawn up of officials that are available and willing to travel.

It is envisaged the fund could pay for airfares or fuel if official drives his/herself.

Rational:

We only have 7 or 8 Chief Stewards in SA and all but one or two are riders. It's all very well to say if each take a turn spread over the season then no one should miss out too much, in an ideal World! The situation is probably worse with Ride Secretaries because of the tech skills required and this job always seems to fall to the same few volunteers. The idea is that we pool our human resources with say Victoria & NSW creating a list of personnel who are willing to cross borders to officiate and through the suggested levy pay associated airfares or fuel costs to get these valuable volunteers to rides when needed.

As a CS I would be happy to officiate Interstate (of course when rides don't clash) and as a rider I am happy to pay extra at entry point to ensure we have the staff necessary for a ride to go ahead. If we go on as we are it is only a matter of time before a ride is cancelled due to having no CS or RS.

The total number of entries over the 2016 season was 727. If you x this figure by 5 you end up with \$3,635 - which would cover a few airfares. If we levied \$10 the fund could potentially amass to \$7,000 +

Moved: Jil Bourton. #5070

Seconded: Cheryl Bullock