



## AGM MINUTES

Sunday 10 December 2017

1. Meeting opened 11:20am
2. **Apologies** (Cherie Causby, Deb Smith (Sheldon), Jody Smith, Tarrant Smith, Rachel McLarty, Julie White, Catherine Hollingsworth, Faye Gallagher, Dennis Sugar, Rebekah French-Davis, Rose Ross, John Newton, Ray Heinrich)

**Present:** Bill Harbison, Melissa Bright, Rachael Barnett, Melanie Scott, Naomi Leavesley, Taylor Schroder, Lainie Ray, Tracy Brandon, Jill Ross, Jean Sims, Stella Harbison, Jessica Aistrophe, Jil Bourton, Cheryl Bullock, Jodie Hockley, Ian Hockley, Susan Biffin, Cazz Schroder, Bob Masters, Amanda Smith, Mandy Barth, Andrew White, Karen Alderton, Cassie Organ, Shaaron Coe, Susan Biffin, Dessi Fisher, Janet Watts, Ian Hockley, Brian Chapman, Dianne Neil, Mandy Carapetis, Tina Garrard, Karen Robertson, Megan Robertson, Cassie Organ, Brian Chapman, Lyn Chapman,

3. **2016 Minutes:**  
The draft minutes of the 2016 AGM (available to members via email and SAERA website) be accepted

Moved: Mel Scott  
Seconded: Jean Sims  
ALL in favour

4. **President Report**  
President Bill Harbison provided a verbal overview of the year

Our 2017 ride calendar ended with an affiliated ride in Victoria (Dergholm). Our State Championships were a couple of weeks earlier run at Mundulla in the South East of SA, again affiliated with Victoria. Last year at Mil Lel (outskirts of Mt Gambier) there was a burst of comradery with the Victorians and a desire to run an interstate series of team events covering three or four rides either side of the border. We discussed it at length but it hasn't gone far. The truth of the matter is both SA and Vic are struggling for rides to fill their calendar and any dual affiliations should be welcome. Not everyone agrees but I think for the moment they are a good idea.

Our State Champs were supported better than expected thanks to a good crowd of Victorians. The course left a bit to be desired but mainly due to the fact that if you wandered too far off the verge you sunk to your hocks in mud. Yours truly went down a couple of weeks before and got bogged as well. Its been a good lesson and I think that country is better as an autumn ride rather than a spring. Most of the prizes went over the border – payback for Dergholm two years ago when we pinched all theirs.

Congratulations to Martin Mizzi whose horse won the event and looked jaw dropping the next day.

TQ17 – South Australia hosted the 2017 Quilty this year at Wirrina Cove. I don't want to dwell on it but just to make a few points:

- Overall I think it was a success – the course, the venue – all went well on the face of it.
- Behind the scenes TQ17 took an enormous personal toll. As per usual, well out from D day there was a busload of volunteers on the committee but by the time of the event it was down to a dedicated 3 or 4 people who paid a heavy price for this commitment – enough said.
- I have been involved in varying degrees in quite a few Quilts over the years and all I can say is we are slow learners. Every year the wheel gets reinvented and the lack of continuity or rolling wisdom is as ever. G had a good suggestion of AERA having a container which travels the country and in it is all the wherewithal and wisdom that is required to run a Quilty. I think also there needs to be personal continuity with 3 to 4 TQ17 members contributing to TQ18 etc
- The other thought I had was that “has the Quilty done its time as a travelling road show?” Should we establish a permanent course that's as central as possible and leave it there – Broken Hill? Yunta? Deniliquin?
- The hospital ran well, no deaths, minimal dramas run by Robyn Mathes and Sandra Harbison. I think that the treatment team needs to be thought about very carefully. Interesting change of staffing this year. There are few vets in Australia who really know their job in the hospital but plenty who think they do. Think about it and plan carefully.

South Australia has finally splashed out and bought a new ride trailer which has been a long time coming – at an approximate cost of \$24,000. It still needs some final tweaking and decoration with logos etc but it should last another 20 years or so. It does concern me how people look after stuff – the trailer already has some dings and scratches and we have already lost stuff out of it. I think the entire membership need to assume some ownership and care for it.

Also in the “new and updated” arena, the committee have also instigated a new website. Far be it from me to comment on things IT but even I find the current website a bit DCB. Thank you to Naomi Leavesley for the new website and a HUGE thank you to Shirley Ellis for the years served as our web master.

Members have also recently been asked to vote on new logo options. 37 members registered their vote and Logo 1 was the winner.

2017 calendar dates have been set with the usual three week gaps and I am pleased to see a sprinkling of new courses and ride organisers poking their heads up. Putting rides on for the first time takes a lot and we should all make an effort to support and encourage them and think twice before you unload your criticism.

We still have the usual band of riders that just come, ride, go home and do nothing but complain but they are thankfully declining in numbers. Reminder to all members that you are required to volunteer at least one ride per year.

While on the negatives, the nasty social media crap that has plagued the committee over the last couple of years seems to have finally settled down. We have one last diehard who sticks the knife in every now and then but tries to do it under a false name and false email account. Members were reminded that no social media or email accounts are entirely anonymous and that the Committee is fully aware of the identity of the non-member behind the ongoing nuisance emails. Personally I find it hard to comprehend the mindset of such people – surely we all just want to enjoy an interesting calendar, pleasant riding and train our horse? I would appeal to the rank and file to continue to do just that and with a bit of luck the keyboard warriors will get tired of the vitriol and you never know they might even help!

A reminder and invitation from John Newton has been extended to vote in the upcoming AHSA AGM

## **5. Treasurer Report**

Treasurer Rachel Barnett tabled Interim Profit and Loss Statement Second year on the committee and it was much easier

Audited Profit and Loss 2016 by K&M Accounting. Thank you to Sam Uren for supporting the preparation of accounts

We will make a loss in 2017 – some significant expenses include the ride trailer, water tubs and website. While membership is up the ride entries are down by around \$10,000

Most rides this year made a profit. Thank you to ride organisers

Treasurer encourages all ride organisers not to pay costs from the till but rather keep receipts

Thank to Mel S, Mel B and Lainie for their support and to Shirley, Cindy and Mel B for the ride reconciliations undertaken

Treasurer report filed and accepted

Moved: Mel Scott  
Seconded: Jill Ross  
ALL in favour

## **6. Logbook Registrar and Membership report**

Faye Gallagher reported that x new logbooks were issued in 2016

83 members in 2017

## **7. Proposed Constitution Amendments**

No amendments were proposed

## **8. Election of 2018 Committee**

- (a) President – Bill Harbison
- (b) Secretary – Amanda Smith
- (c) Treasurer – Cheryl Bullock
- (d) AERA Delegate – Jess Aistrophe, Stella Harbison
- (e) Committee members (5 positions available)
  - (i) Tay Schroder 1 year remaining
  - (ii) Naomi Leavesley 1 year remaining
  - (iii) Jodie Hockley
  - (iv) Cazz Schroder
  - (v) Lyn Chapman

Vote of thanks to retiring committee members: Lainie Ray, Melanie Scott, Rachael Barnett, Rachel McLarty, Cherie Causby, Melissa Bright

## **9. Other Business**

- (a) Set 2018 fees
    - Adult \$140
    - Juniors \$132.50
    - Family (2 Adults and 2 children) \$425
    - Training \$85
    - Non Riding member \$65
- Moved: Mel Scott  
Seconded: Amanda Smith  
ALL in favour

Ride Entry fees

\$1 per kilometre ridden except \$90 for 80km rides

Proposal from Jil Bourton that \$5 volunteer fee be extended to shorter distances

Moved: Jil Bourton

Seconded: Mandy Barth

ALL in favour

- (b) Intermediate Rider Award – Attachment 1  
Mandy Barth's proposal

Mandy Barth happy to withdraw the proposal and 2018 Committee to consider alternative options to encourage training ride members and to encourage membership

- (c) Tom Quilty 2017 Wrap Up  
Jean Sims (TQ17 Event Director) presented to members. Vote of thanks to all involved in ensuring the event was the success that it was.

Quilty made \$500 profit

Vote of thanks from AERA President Mel Scott

- (d) Bob Masters queried the cost of running a ride for Ride Organisers, in particular the fuel costs. Current reimbursement is \$2 per kilometre

The 2018 committee to consider reimbursement options for the Ride Organisers using the Volunteer fund

Meeting closed 1:10pm

## ATTACHMENT 1: Constitution Amendment

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