



South Australian Endurance Riders Association

State Management Committee meeting

Jan 7th 2020 8pm

MINUTES*

*Please note that this meeting was an interim meeting – a quorum was present but it was not considered a full meeting of the 2020 SAERA SMC. As such the Minutes of the previous meeting were not ratified (this will occur at the first full meeting of the 2020 SMC on Jan 30th) and there was no Treasurer's report.

Present – Melanie Scott (Chair), Cheryl Bullock, Jodie Luck, Andrew Luck

Apologies – Melissa Bright, Kelsey Bright, Stella Harbison, Rachael Barnett

President's Report

The President presented a brief report concentrating on her concerns and vision for 2020 and beyond. These included;

- The effect of an extended hot summer on rides at both ends of the riding calendar, but specifically the two rides scheduled for March 2020. Horse welfare issues in hot weather and water supply were the major concerns.
- A lack of suitable qualified Chief Stewards in South Australia. Encouraging more members to take on this role will be a priority of the committee for 2020
- The development of a ride in the vicinity of the Mount Bold reservoir now that these facilities are open to the public. The vision is to run an 80km ride at this site in 2021 and the State Championships in 2022 as a trial event for the SA Tom Quilty that is scheduled for 2023.

Action - Full SMC to discuss the above in "Business Arising from Minutes" at next SMC meeting

Treasurer

The outgoing Treasurer (RB) requires the consent of the SMC to allow the new Treasurer (AL) to become a signatory on all bank documents and have access to Internet Banking

Proposed RB (in writing by text) Seconded MS Passed unanimously

Membership

The new Membership year has started with the rules from the 2019 Constitution in use for the first time. The option to provide a discount for those paying before Jan 31st was discussed;

Motion – “That the 2020 Membership fees be reduced until January 31st 2020 by the following amounts;

- Ordinary Membership by \$20 (\$140 to \$120)
- Junior Membership by \$10 (\$80 to \$70)
- Intermediate Membership by \$10 (\$80 to \$70)
- Non riding Membership by \$10 (\$65 to \$55)
- Family Membership by \$50 (\$425 to \$375)”

Proposed CB Seconded AL Passed unanimously

Action – Advertise discount on Facebook page ASAP (JL)

Action – Contact members not on electronic media directly (CB)

Action – Contact Lainie Ray to confirm that she will remain Membership officer in 2020 (JL)

Action – Remove 2019 Membership Forms from SAERA Website (MB)

Action – Discuss whether to continue with the category of Intermediate Membership in 2021 (All)

SAERA Policy Documents

The Committee Meetings Policy and the Disciplinary Policy were reviewed as per the requirement of the 2019 Constitution. No changes were recommended for the Disciplinary Policy. The following amendment was proposed for the Committee Meetings Policy.

Motion – “That Clause 1.2 of the SAERA CMC Committee Meetings Policy ie

‘The first committee meeting for the new committee should be held as soon as practicable after the appointment of the committee at the AGM, and no later than 30 days after that AGM’

Be amended to change the 30 days to 60 days.”

Proposed AL Seconded JL Passed Unanimously

JL raised a concern by some members that their image had been used without permission at the 2018 AGM. The current system has an ‘opt in’ for images to be used on each ride registration form (which is not without its own issues) but nothing for other SAERA gatherings.

Action - SMC to discuss options for the use of members (and others)’ photos and videos as SAERA events

2020 Ride Calendar

No new ride applications have been received but it was noted that it is early in the new year and the Christmas period has been challenging with many members affected directly or indirectly by bushfire, particularly the Cudlee Creek fire. This fire is not expected to impact any of the rides currently scheduled for 2020.

Jess Aistrope has been approached to run the SA State Championships at Polish Hill River on the June Long Weekend.

Action – JL to follow up

Action – Contact Amanda Smith to inform her that she can now advertise her ride for late March (JL)

Action – Previous ride organisers to be approached to ask if they would consider running a ride in 2020. These include Lisa Brown and Tanya Drever (MS)

Correspondence

1. VERA have approached SAERA to ask if we would dual affiliate the Victorian State Championships at Derghom on Oct 31st and Nov 1st 2020. This would be in addition to the SA State Championships in June
 - Motion – That SAERA agrees to dual affiliate with VERA at the Victorina State Championships in Dergholm 2020
 - Proposed MS Seconded JL Passed unanimously
2. Dr Dan Sims (Head Vet) has advised that he would like to attend the first full SMC meeting on Thurs Jan 30th

Other business

As noted above, many members have been affected by the 2019 Christmas bushfires in SA. In particular, long term members Bob and Christabel Gurr lost their house and all outbuildings. Of particular significance was the loss of Bob's Tom Quilty buckle from WA 2014. Several ideas were discussed as to how the SMC should respond to this tragedy.

Action – SMC to discuss an appropriate and sensitive way to recognise the Gurr's' loss and whether to provide some tangible recognition of Bob's achievement at TQ14

Future SMC meetings

Monthly meetings at the Woodside Council Building at 6.30pm alternating between Wed night and Thurs night until the State Championships in June. Two monthly after that. AGM on a Sunday in early December. A separate strategic planning meeting to be facilitated by Andrew Luck at a date to be determined but early in the year.

Draft meeting schedule

- Thurs Jan 30
- Wed Feb 26
- Thurs March 26
- Wed April 22

- Thurs May 21
- Wed July 15
- Thurs Sept 10
- Wed Nov 4th
- Sun Dec 6 (AGM)

Action – discuss and confirm SMC meeting schedule for 2020 (All)

Action – decide on date and format for SAERA Strategic Planning Meeting (All)

Meeting Closed 9.15pm

Action List

- Discuss issues raised by President in “Business Arising from Minutes” at next SMC meeting (All)
- Advertise membership discounts on Facebook page ASAP (JL)
- Contact members not on electronic media directly re membership discounts (CB)
- Contact Lainie ray to confirm that she will remain Membership officer in 2020 (JL)
- Remove 2019 Membership Forms from SAERA Website (MB)
- Discuss whether to continue with the category of Intermediate Membership in 2021 (All)
- Discuss options for the use of members (and others)’ photos and videos at SAERA events (All)
- Contact Jess Aistrope re SA State Championships at Polish Hill River June 2020 (JL)
- Contact Amanda Smith to inform her that she can now advertise her ride for late March (JL)
- Contact previous ride organisers re running a ride in 2020 (MS)
- Discuss an appropriate and sensitive way to recognise the Gurrs’ loss and whether to provide some tangible recognition of Bob’s achievement at TQ14
- Discuss and confirm SMC meeting schedule for 2020 (All)
- Decide on date and format for SAERA Strategic Planning Meeting (All)