

**Summary Report NSWERA SMC meeting held via Tele Conference 3 April 2020.**

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**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Belinda Hopley, John Howe, Tony Warren, Peter Bice, Kerry Fowler-Smith, , Faith Robinson, Matthew Walker, Noni Seagrim, Kim Stephens, Kylie Jonkers [7:27], April Newman, Ruth Sumpner, Alam Dastani

**Apologies:** Jacque Wright, Jo Davis. **In attendance:** Helen Rich (Minutes), Jacky Barlow

**Conflicts of Interest:** None declared at this time.

**Acceptance of minutes of meeting.**

Kerry apologised for the confusion with the minutes up for approval.

**MOVED** Tony Warren, John Howe

**THAT** the minutes from the Meeting of 5 March 2020 be accepted. **Carried** Unanimous

**MOVED** John Howe, Ruth Sumpner

**THAT** the minutes from the Meeting of 23 March 2020 be accepted. **Carried** Unanimous

**Business arising from last meeting (action log review)**

**Action Log**

Minutes	Who	What
<b>Oct 167</b>	Jax	Timeline of tasks ongoing. <b>Ongoing.</b> Ongoing. Belinda suggested that around AGM time, any alternations to the website regarding forms or rules be added. These changes usually come in January or February. Jax will add this to the timeline.
<b>June 18 73</b>	Peter/All	Update portfolio descriptions/ check accuracy of current PD <b>ongoing</b>
<b>Sept 122</b>	Jo	Speak with webhost (Steve) about domain nswera.com.au and transfer of hosting from Platypus. <b>Ongoing</b>
<b>Oct: 162</b>	Jo	Bathurst radio <b>Ongoing</b>
<b>Dec: 174</b>	all	Strategies to support advertising (see Bec's recommendations) <b>AGENDA</b>
<b>June 104</b>	Noni	Mindy Davies re online membership forms <b>done??</b>
105	Noni	Info on membership for publicity, send to SMC <b>ongoing</b>
<b>July 137</b>	April Bel Kerry	ID people for first aid course <b>ongoing.</b> Find details of MCP course, <b>ongoing</b> Set up Adobe photos Helen, basic Jax <b>ongoing</b>
143	Jacque	Prime TV re advertising quote, <b>ongoing, Jacque to get proposal in writing</b> No report. Belinda and Faith will speak to Bec Hogan. Pressure is off with the Grant extension until 31 December. Cannot do the advertising but we should plan for it. Now is a good time to do First Aid courses Kerry had no plans to chase Prime TV. That was something Jacque was going to do last year and that never happened. This item cannot be deleted.
155	Noni	Set up Instagram ( taken over from Jacque) <b>ongoing</b>
<b>Nov 263</b>	Kerry/Bel/Faith Zone delegates	Work with Bec to get advertising/mentor program organised <b>ongoing (fires)</b> Nominate suitable mentors for next meeting <b>AGENDA ITEM</b>
268	Kim	Mindy Davies re magazine <b>ongoing</b> John is going to speak to Mindy regarding sourcing material for our newsletter. Transfer to John. Kerry said this related to NSW putting something into Mindy's magazine. John will ask Mindy about space and time.
272	Kerry/Bel/Faith	Confirm forum budget <b>ongoing.</b> Kerry has necessary information
279	SMC	Succession planning, portfolio descriptions updated. Tony asked that all members look at the website Governance tab and check their job descriptions are current and accurate. By the next meeting. <b>Done</b>
<b>Jan 297</b>	Bel	CS form comments, IT forms, TPRs recorded
307	Faith	Adeline: request to provide DVD on flash drive. Faith: email sent, will follow up.
309	Kerry/Kim	Invite QERA/VERA to state ride, <b>dual affiliation with VERA dual affiliation declined. State ride not happening.</b> No longer necessary.
3	Kim	Bank signatories and possibility of online banking. Kim has organized to close our CBA account and get a new account with the Bendigo Bank. <b>In progress.</b>
5	Kerry Bel All	Office of Sport re extension of time for advertising <b>done, approved to 31/12</b> Send mentorship info to SMC <b>done</b> Consider mentor info for next meeting
Mar: 11	Jo	Contact Toora club re Jerry's Plains proposal <b>done</b>
15	Faith	Mobile phone with data for responders to advertising campaigns. <b>Ongoing.</b> If we have a phone we only need a plan. Consider a 1300 number to be forwarded on to the person getting the call. 1300 could be expensive. Put this on hold for now. Kerry suggests we keep discussions open for FB

17	Jo?	Book Panthers Bathurst for AGM 20&21/2/2021 <b>done</b>
18	Jo	TQ 2021: confirm Tom is CS
26	Kerry Bel	Advise AERA who our Hon vet panel is <b>done</b> . Info on vet to be accredited to Kerry <b>done</b>
30	Faith Kerry Kylie/John	Ask Zone one to send invoice for ETS hire fee to Kerry <b>done</b> AERA: quote for ETS <b>done</b> Info on LERC donation for newsletter and other acknowledgement, thank you letter. <b>Ongoing</b>
36	Bel/John	Informational articles for newsletter. John to do.
39	Kerry/Bel/Faith/Bec ?	Advertising support ideas <b>AGENDA</b> Progress mentor ideas

## Secretariat Report & Ride Calendar (Jacky Barlow, Jo Davis)

### PART 1: MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
<b>Adult</b>	223	352	342	399	413	438	410	442
<b>Junior</b>	29	49	49	49	50	50	29	40
<b>Intermediate</b>	13	23	34	24	31	32	31	24
<b>Associate</b>	5	14	13	15	20	20	20	30
<b>Honorary</b>	11	8	8	7	6	6	6	6
<b>Total</b>	281	446	446	494	520	546	496	542

We were same as 2019 up to 18 March but then memberships stopped due to COVID19.

Newsletter	102	145	155	195	213	226	233	233
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### PART 2: RATIFY NEW MEMBERS

DATE	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	NUMBER	CATEGORY	ADDRESS
12-03-20	Jessica	Hudson	158280	Senior	YEOVAL

**MOVED** John Howe, Tony Warren

**THAT** the new members are accepted and their names will be published in the Newsletter.

**Carried** Unanimous

### PART 3: RIDES CONDUCTED – ENTRIES RECEIVED.

Tumut 07.03.2020. 46 in the Taine and 47 in the 80k ride. Total 93.

Glen Innes: 14.03.2020 with 12 in the Intro, 33 in the Trainer and 16 in the 80 k event. Total 61.

### PART 4: STOCKTAKE

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### PART 5: ENDURANCE HORSE REGISTRATIONS (Year to Date)

ANNUAL - 5

LIFETIME - 10

Agreed to put TQ2021 on AERASpace tomorrow, 9 and 10 July 2021.

Jax has applied for the Job Keeper program and will continue her work for NSWERA. Currently been updating forms etc. and if anyone wants help, let her know. There have been a couple of days helping Kerry with information requests from the government re COVID assistance for sport. Answering phones and emails is also really important, we need to maintain our public contact point.

### Rides for approval:

Tom Quilty /Tooraweenah: 9-10 July 2021, 160km (has been finally approved by AERA )

## **Standing Items**

### State Championship 2020 update

Noni gave an update, decision made to postpone for now, investigating options for later this year, November possibly. Will apply for a date in due course. Contacted sponsors and put everything on hold. No rugs have been made. If restrictions allow they will do track clearing etc.

**Ratification of decisions made between meetings:** Nothing to report.

**AERA meeting 21/22 March 2020**

The new AERA Constitution was voted on and adopted, finally. The Tooraweenah Quilty presentation was well received thanks to Jo and Sonia. Minor questions left, eg mobile phone coverage, Kerry will talk with Sonia about those questions. Belinda asked if the revised Biosecurity Plan had been passed. It has, with the adjoining zones removed, and will go onto the AERA website in due course.

Another teleconference tomorrow, to continue working through the March meeting agenda, Noni has Kerry's proxy. Peter and Noni to report back on what happens. AERA Agenda has been sent previously to the SMC, please get comments back to Noni or Peter.

The major issue for the meeting is the next two Tom Quilty rides. The WA Quilty Committee/WAERA have written to AERA, concerned about COVID restrictions. WA seem likely to postpone/cancel with the preferred option to move the rotation back, NSW would then be in 2022. If it is cancelled and not rescheduled, WA riders would miss their chance to take part in a Quilty. AERA was advised by Tony, Noni and Kerry that we need to discuss the issue with the SMC and NSW 2021 Quilty Committee before any decisions can be made. Requested AERA to set up a meeting with both Quilty Committees and SMCs to discuss options, with an options paper provided in advance. Issues identified include arrangements made by our Quilty Committee and whether they can run in 2022, effect on NSW ERA members, financial impact on NSWERA and AERA. Not a simple question. The AERA decision could be deferred for a few weeks so we have some idea of the COVID19 situation.

Discussion: Is it possible to have two Quilty events in the same year. Riders on both sides of the country could take part as a lot of riders do not necessarily travel to the other side of the country. One could run in say October this year or run the WA Quilty early next year and run NSW Quilty later next year. Matthew does not see any problem with horses doing more than one hundred mile ride in a year. Horses would have currently been set to do the Quilty in September and moving back an entire 12 months will throw a lot of horses training out of whack. Next September is 18 months away which is harder to prepare for than 12 months out. Members who travel to WA would probably attend a NSW Quilty in the same year. Likely that the average person in NSW won't go to WA, they will wait until the ride returns to NSW. If we run two Tom Quilty rides in a year, maybe make the rides less complicated and less expensive than usual. This could give riders the possibility of taking part in two Quilty rides in a year.

We will have probably have a better idea of what's happening with COVID19 in about six weeks time. It seems WA wants a decision very soon and AERA seems to be asking us to make a decision quicker than we really need to. 31 May was the date that WA wanted in relation to agreement by NSW to postpone but it seems to have become more urgent. Kerry said WAERA representatives are not happy with the idea of two Quilty rides in a year, their president has stated the only acceptable option is to run in WA in 2021. We should not rush into anything and accept the WA preferred option, without discussion of the options with all parties.

Noted that in 2007 the WA Quilty couldn't have interstate horses because of EI and that ride proceeded. It seems that much of the event is organised and the on the ground stuff that needs to be put in place. Kerry asked Peter to report on his discussion with the Quilty committee.

We have no official correspondence concerning the WA request. We need a written request including what AERA is asking of us and our Quilty Committee, and possible options. Tony suggests we leave the issue until we have this information. We (the SMC) have discussed the WA request to move the NSW Quilty to 2022 but we would like AERA and TQ20 to consider other options.

**Resolved** Noni and Peter ask the AERA to put the request from WA in writing with suggestions and options.

**Resolved** Tony, as NSW President will ring Peter and Sonia Bonham and bring them up to date on the WA request.

**2019 NSW Office of Sport Grant project – Advertising campaign, rule books**

Ongoing, Kerry, Faith and Belinda to speak to Bec and progress the plan.

**Play by the Rules:** Please use your spare time and do an online course.

**2020 AGM (20 February 2021 for future consideration):** Ongoing. Jo has booked the venue.

**2021 Quilty:** Presentation for March AERA Meeting outcomes, WA Quilty received, Tom's life membership successful: Discussed previously. NSW presentation was very well received. Kerry to send an email to Sonia setting out any additional information that the AERA requires.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Tony Warren: President**

*Hi everyone, Let me welcome everyone to the new era of SMC meetings, GoTo Meetings is the platform which AERA have chosen to use and for now I believe they are going to allow us to use for the time being. We will be using this platform for the foreseeable future as face to face meetings are totally out of the question.*

*Important things to remember.*

- *Please remember your confidentiality agreement.*
- *Please think about who in your household may be within earshot, if there is someone present please advise us at the beginning of the meeting or at which time they may have entered the room.*
- *If another person (not preferable but sometimes unavoidable) are present, please place them under your confidentiality agreement and state how important it is not to repeat anything they hear.*

*Now to our current issue the dreaded COVID-19*

*Our decision to cancel rides was helped by the AERA statement, thank you AERA for your assistance in making this hard decision. Let's all hope all our endurance members, family and associates stay safe in such a drastic time.*

*We don't know when our ride season may restart if at all for this year. So for some people keeping horses in some sort of training may be a priority but for others it may not be, please respect each individual's wishes as to how they want to proceed. We all have differing views.*

*On a committee level this will be a very testing time as we manoeuvre through this new way of conducting meetings. We will all need to refrain from speaking over each other or butting into conversations please allow each person to finish talking. I will do my best as Chair to control the meetings. Please state you name each time you talk so Helen as minute taker will be able to keep track of what is going on.*

*We should endeavour to keep these meetings as quick and essential as possible. If needed we may need to do some things in out of meeting sessions, such as we are already doing with the Government Grant and the advertising ideas. Testing times.*

### **Noni Seagrim: VP, AERA, website, Facebook, Child Protection**

Not much to report. FB proceeding, will try and keep social media presence at this time. Anyone who has ideas, please get these to Noni. Noni has had contact from a person in the UK, who has set up a FB page for youth riders around the world. Meet and greet etc.

### **Kim Stephens: Treasurer**

*Nothing to report on the Snowy Zone Side of things.*

*Treasurer's Report - I have asked John to continue reporting as Treasurer. I am endeavouring to start a new bank account with Bendigo Bank as they will enable online banking with no fees*

See John's report below.

### **Kerry Fowler-Smith: Secretary, Public Officer, AERA, IDP, Grants**

Email from Sean Griffin. Kerry sent this to the SMC before the meeting, now tabled and read. New SMC members brought up to date on this matter. Sean is complaining about the minutes as reported in the newsletter, and the inaccuracy relating to his submission at the SMC meeting he attended. Sean believes the discussion should not have been 'in camera'. Belinda said Sean told her that he had sought legal advice. Noted that Jo Arblaster was at the previous meeting for Sean's presentation. Sean was asked if he wanted Jo to leave, he responded no. Jo's presence does not affect the in camera process on this basis. Sean is complaining about the meeting summary report in the newsletter. Kerry declared a conflict of interest as it's the minutes that she edited that are being complained about.

Noted that the minutes are checked before they are published in order to protect privacy and confidentiality. The details discussed by Sean at the SMC meeting related to the IDP and therefore should not be published.

**Resolved:** The SMC to respond as agreed. Jax left the meeting at this time. [9:54]

**Peter Bice: AERA, Ride Standards/Feedback, Governance:** Nothing more to report.

### **Jo Davis: Ride calendar, website, stationery**

*Please accept my apologies for tomorrow night's meeting.*

### **RIDE CALENDAR**

*Rides to date that have been cancelled for 2020 since our last meeting (not because of that meeting);*

State Champs (postponed atm I believe) are Watagan Mountains, Mogendoura and Kiwararak.

Q60 are looking at swapping to Mountain Lagoon date – just awaiting an amended ride booking form for this. So at this stage, if restrictions get lifted (not holding my breath) this would be the first ride for 2020.

I am getting requests from cancelled rides for dates in March 2021. As we know March is usually a busy month, with a couple of traditional rides. We might (and I can't believe I am saying this) have to review the one ride one weekend policy for 2021 – but have the caveat that they must be like different ends of the State e.g. Glen Innes and South Coast for example and both ROCs would need to approve of two rides being on the same weekend. Just a thought anyway that we can discuss at future meetings once 2021 ride bookings start coming in.

## **WEBSITE**

Calendar being updated as cancellations come in. I also put the COVID 19 statement on the home page. Newsletter has been received; I will upload that today or tomorrow. Other updates done when they are received.

## **OTHER STUFF**

I have emailed Bathurst Panthers to book 2021 dates.

Email sent to Steve Williams re updating email forwards. Did we decide that I was to ask him to set up an info@nswera....email address??

I am still awaiting meeting summaries from Kerry to be uploaded to the website, last available on the website are June 2019. That's it from me. Stay safe everyone.

**Matthew Walker: Horse Welfare, Early Warning System, Vet Liaison, Biosecurity:** No report.

**Belinda Hopley: Chief Stewards and TPRs, Grants, Zone 5 Delegate**

Tumut – 8.3.20, 40 & 80Km.

All credit to the committee for conducting this ride at short notice after the cancellation of Bumbaldry. The ride was challenging being at the start of the season and the very nature of the ride being in the Snowy Mountains. The first leg of 40km varied with bitumen verges, paddocks and forest trails. The 2<sup>nd</sup> leg was virtually all paddocks and forest trails. There were no complaints (to the CS) regarding the terrain or surfaces. The weather varied from cool with a gentle breeze in the morning, then heating up around midday and becoming humid in the late afternoon as thunderstorms brewed.

The high humidity in the afternoon along with some horses throwing shoes on the 2<sup>nd</sup> leg resulted in the ROC requesting an extension of time which the CS was happy to do as we wanted the slower riders to look after their horses. There were no problems encountered on the weekend – everything ran smoothly – no whiners. The CS spoke to the ROC regarding trying to identify a better (or manicure the existing) trot up area for the State Championships for later in the year. There was NO form issued at this ride.

CS/TPR:

I have sent an email to the CS's to return their old scanners to Tony/Kerry at Mudgee but have had no response. Have sent the CS update letter.

**Jacque Wright: Promotions:** No report

**Alam Dastani – International:** One case of African horse sickness in Malaysia. One endurance farm lost 16 Australian horses in a day. It is a big problem, they don't know how it got into the country, maybe from one of the new animals in the Zoo. They are shut down at the moment. Now we have Corona virus.

**Kylie Jonkers – International:** No report

**Faith Robinson: Zone 1 Delegate**

From our zone to all other zones, we hope you are coping with the restrictions. At least we have our horses and most of us have the great outdoors to help keep our sanity. Certainly people are still out on track riding their horses albeit in decreasingly smaller groups – and now limiting ourselves to pairs.

As you're aware, the Mountain Lagoon Ride was postponed only two weeks out from its date. Most of the infrastructure was in place: trophies, buckles and prizes, volunteers, vets, ride base, council, NPWS, toilets ordered and sponsorship secured. Last year we had over 200 entries and we were expecting a good roll up again this year, until the dreaded virus hit.

Who knows the situation we will be in three or four months' time. With this in mind, we are considering the possibility of running the Mountain Lagoon Ride on the date that the Q60 was booked for. Of course, no-one knows whether the restrictions will be lifted by then, but we think it less pernicious to try for the Mountain

Lagoon Ride than to get all the infrastructure ready for the Q60 and then cancel that ride. At least we have some of the Mountain Lagoon Ride infrastructure already in place.

We hope that the SMC is happy to support this idea and that we can change the current Q60 listing on the calendar for July 11 and 12 to Mountain Lagoon please.

Watagan Ride Committee has decided to cancel the 2020 Watagan Ride. Being a newly formed committee and with very little infrastructure in place, they don't feel comfortable that they could pull off a successful ride given the current restrictions. They considered dates at the end of the year however the ride base is not available. They look forward to presenting a ride (or maybe even two) in 2021.

Discussion on when the current bans may be lifted. Likely nothing would happen for at least six weeks and depends on how the COVID19 virus continues to run. Noni suggests that moving forward we should be as positive as we can and proceed as much as possible in case things change. Faith asked to keep the Zone One ride on the radar for as long as they can. No one knows when things may improve. Faith said a ride alteration form had been put in asking for a change of date for Mt Lagoon.

Office of Sport and the Sports Minister's Office have asked for reports on the impact on our sport. Every Wednesday until further notice there will be a teleconference that Kerry will participate in. The government is keen to keep small sports running and to help during this period and in the recovery mode. Looks like there may be some funding available. There is a weekly standing arrangement where we can send in questions. Kerry will explain what endurance riding is (outdoor, non contact ect), and ask if there is a way we can go ahead in some form. We have insurance as long as we follow the government directions. Alam noted all National Parks are closed, hunting not allowed. We need to be constructive about approaching National Parks. Kerry will conclude that some rides are over private land. Actually National Parks are not closed except for camping etc, roads are open. We will comply with government requirements, but need to know what we can do to eventually start to run rides. There are easy things that we can do to lower the risk.

**Resolved** that Kerry proceed with this question and see what answer we can get.

#### **John Howe: Zone 2 Delegate, Newsletter,**

**Newsletter:** Currently Helen and I are working on producing the Corona Virus Newsletter. The last time something like this happened was 2007 with E.I. We were unable to run rides for 7 months and during that rather challenging time a Newsletter was produced every two months that let the world know that Endurance was alive and well albeit, on hold. During this period we must do the same lest our brand name be lost. We must continue to put the good word out. During the E.I hiatus the Newsletter was full of informative articles that related to every aspect of our sport. Garry Tweedie even did an incredible one on how to build your own float. To this end I have begun sourcing stories:- Alam Dastani has undertaken to do a story on the International effect of Corona Virus on the rest of the world in regard to its impact on World endurance. He will also touch on the problems facing Thailand with African Horse Sickness. Its long term effects and possible ramifications for Australia.

I also intend contacting Endurance riders in other parts of the world to get their perspective on COVID 19 and its effects upon them. Karen Hocking of Dubbo has undertaken to do a series of stories on Standardbreds as potential Endurance mounts.

Articles from Newsletters from other states and Vets will be sourced. Belinda is following up an article from Georgia Ladmore. I will be following up long term Endurance riders and doing a series of stories that will reflect these riders' experiences over the years. I also intend to source a number of articles on mental health and fitness.

Please keep in mind the closing date for articles for the next newsletter is 10th April. If anyone has something, please get it to Helen by then. Anyone who has any idea for articles please let me know or better still put your fingers to keyboards, bring out the hidden Journos within.

#### **Zone Two**

Obviously all our rides are on hold until further notice but Quilty planning continues quietly in the background given the constraints we are currently living under. Zone Two The Best In The West.

#### **Money**

As of 2100 last night our balances are:

Cheque Account	\$10,708.62
Credit Card	\$1,036.15
IBD 1	\$15,318.82
IBD 2	\$21,278.10
IBD 3	\$12,686.00
IBD 4	\$10,656.79

Total Cash reserves \$71,684.48

*Please note that all our accounts have been paid. From here on there will be little expenditure except Jax and Helen's remuneration and cost of printing the Newsletter.*

*There will be no face to face meetings by either us or AERA. Note that with E.I in 2007, meetings still continued with their attendant costs and no income for 7 months. Meeting costs especially AERA are expensive and come out of our consolidated revenue.*

*The best part of our Insurance is that with the exception of our Society Liability Insurance, payable in February, which has been paid, all insurances are retrospective and only come into play when we run rides.*

*The exceptions are Personal Accident and annual public liability. Both these are levied when members re-join the Association or choose to take out P.A Insurance. In these cases we act as "tax collectors" for AERA.*

*There are no financial landmines waiting for us.*

John will continue to pay the bills until Kim tells him not to. Kim said every time we make an IBD deposit with Bendigo we would have to go through the whole signature business. Noted cheque accounts don't pay any interest, 1% interest on the IBDs is better than nothing.

Kerry thinks that the AERA has insurance bills to pay and that the amounts to be passed onto the States will be discussed at the AERA meeting tomorrow. John said when members re-join there is an additional fee for each and every member. There is a one off payment each February figure of around \$690. Any other payments for insurance are when we run rides, we have volunteers etc. John said as far as insurance is concerned we are right. We do know that the AERA will have no income, and probably won't even get any Quilty income this year. Kerry feels that the AERA should not be billing the States for its internal costs and especially doesn't want the AERA continuing to bill the States for honorariums while we have no income either. The AERA has more cash reserves (\$180000) than we do. Kerry would like Noni and Peter to advise the AERA meeting that AERA should not be billing the States while they have no income. John said the biggest AERA expense is their meetings. Concern that AERA can afford its debts this year but not next year.

John asked what they would bill us for: possibly AERAspace or honorariums. Belinda asked if these fees could be supported government funding. Noted that honorariums are not the same as income and are not covered by the Job Keeper program. The AERA book keeper is not a committee person and is on contract, no concern with this expense.

**MOVED** John Howe, Tony Warren

**THAT** NSW ERA SMC requests that the AERA fund its internal costs, e.g. honorariums and data base management fees from its own funds until the Divisions start holding events and making income

**Carried** Unanimous

**MOVED** John Howe, Tony Warren

**THAT** the accounts are accepted and the outstanding accounts be paid.

**Carried** Unanimous

**Kim Stephens: Zone 4 Delegate:** No report.

**April Newman: Zone 5 delegate. Promotions**

*Zone 5 hopes everyone is coping well with all the restrictions in place at this difficult time and hope everyone is keeping well.*

*Mogendoura ride has been cancelled this year although Forestry was extremely supportive of the Ride but due to the recent COVID-19 pandemic forestry is unable to guarantee that the forest would be open in time for the ride to go ahead, so the decision was made to cancel it with the ride committee hoping to reschedule it for early March next year.*

*At this stage Sussex Inlet ride on the 26/27th of September is still planning on going ahead depending on the restrictions and a decision will only be made to pull the pin if the COVID 19 restrictions have not been lifted closer to the date. The Sussex committee has also been approached to run a FEI 1\* event alongside their Event. The committee is waiting on more information to see if this is feasible before making a decision on it.*

*The Zone prizes for the 2019 points score have been put on hold as it has now been declared a non-essential activity to have them made up and to get them to place getters. This will be done as soon as the restrictions are lifted. Stay safe everyone and hope to see you all on the endurance track soon.*

Agreed that April will help with Belinda, Faith and Kerry working on promotions.

**Ruth Sumpner: Zone 6 Delegate**

Not much to report, Kiwarrak ride had to be cancelled. Had a few enquiries and a few discussions about rides. Ruth wants to check the boundaries for Zone six, Belinda will send the map to Ruth and to Noni.

**Track Preservation Charlie Gauci/Fiona Meller:** No report.

## ***General business & new business***

### **Formation of subcommittee arising from AGM**

The group will look at how we get and retain volunteers. Suggested the chairperson should be a SMC member. Ruth agreed to take this on, and is happy to work on ways to get people to volunteer. Kerry to send the names from the AGM to Ruth and she can then catch up with them. Ruth will be the Volunteer Coordinator.

Noni and Peter to follow up the AERA Biosecurity Plan, in particular Hendra risk areas and the removal of adjoining areas at the AERA meeting tomorrow. The changes are important for Zone 6. The amended plan needs to be on the AERA website, Peter will advise Ruth when the new plan will be on the website.

**Members Think Tank:** Nothing for tonight.

**Advertising campaign strategies/format and support:** On hold for now.

**Mentor program:** On hold. Work in progress.

We need to maintain our profile during the COVID19 shutdown. Please provide content for Facebook to Noni.

### **Future meeting dates**

8 May

12 June

9 July Go to meeting. 7PM

There being no further business the meeting closed **10:35**.