

## Summary Report NSWERA SMC meeting held 30 April 2021.

### ATTENDANCE

**Present:** Tony Warren (chairman), Belinda Hopley, John Howe, Kerry Fowler-Smith, Kim Stephens, Kylie Jonkers, Andrew Jonkers, Peter Kelly [7:24], Alam Dastani [7:14]

**Apologies:** Matthew Walker, April Newman, Peter Bice, Noni Seagrim, Faith Robinson,

**In attendance:** Helen Rich (Minutes), Jacky Barlow, Charlie Gauci

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

**Acceptance of minutes of meeting.** Numbering to be changed. Kim to send out again.

**MOVED** Kerry Fowler Smith, John Howe

**THAT** the minutes from the Meeting of 19 March 2021 be accepted. **Carried** Unanimous

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

Action log updated as follows: Changes made to the action sheet at this meeting, reflected below:

Minutes	Who	What
Oct 167	Jax	Timeline of tasks ongoing. <b>Ongoing.</b>
Sept 122	Noni	Speak with webhost: domain nswera.com.au <b>Ongoing</b>
July 137	Bel Jax	Find details of MCP course, <b>ongoing</b> Set up Adobe basic Helen, and Jax <b>ongoing. Kerry suggests monthly subscription. Jax to follow up.</b>
155	Noni	Set up Instagram (taken over from Jacque) <b>ongoing.</b> Need to make this formal. Check with Noni. Intellectual property involved.
Nov 279	SMC	Succession planning, <b>ongoing</b>
Aug: 162	Kim/Kerry/Tony	Change CBA signatories <b>ongoing</b> see item 43? <b>Ongoing.</b> Kim has the forms to sign. Then post.
Dec 302	Faith	Jennifer Gilbertson's DVDs to Noni <b>ongoing</b>
303	Kim/Jax	Reconciliation of AERA charges <b>ongoing.</b> Discussion at the AERA meeting. Jax spoke to the AERA book keeper because she wants to know that we are being charged the right amount. Deb gets the figures off the same report that Jax gets. Kerry has noted from the AERA meeting that Vic, Tas and SA delegates are asking for clearer invoices as well as NSW. Mark Dunn (AERA Treasurer) to ask Deb about making invoices clearer. Best issued ride by ride.
Jan 344	Jax?	Archive material from Helen Lindsay, contact Deb Pevy re booklets, Jax has the material and has sent booklets to Deb. Printing of this booklet could be taken out of the grant which ends in June.
348	Bel	Ride organisers re WWC training. Sent to ride organisers. Belinda to send onto Charlie. At least one person on each RO should do the courses which are online. Working with children, play by the rules. Lots of other courses.
Feb 379	Tom	Organise remaining equipment for ETS: not needed?
Mar 16	April, Faith, Noni	Jacque Wright re YouTube password. <b>Ongoing</b>
23	Kerry April Bel John/Bel	Jax re First Aid Course. Go ahead with this. Kerry to advise Belinda who has done the first aid course. Bindi and Eric re First Aid course Play by the Rules link to SMC. Sport Governance webinar.done
30	Noni	Merchandise list and advertising.
31	Bel	Think tank list to SMC. <b>Still to do.</b>
34	Charlie/RO panel	Reports/agenda items for meetings. <b>See comments below</b>
37	Noni/Peter Bel Charlie	Info re radio Facebook and newsletter Tom re fuel reimbursement RO group panel re acceptable additional costs for ETS use
41	ALL, Alam to lead	Review position descriptions. Alam's Governance portfolio is responsible for this. Tony to discuss with Alam.
43	Kim	Set up Commbizz account signatories for IBDs. <b>Ongoing</b>
43 (2)	Kerry  Bel	Sarah PW re vets , Member re improper use of personal info CSs re new equipment cases

	Kerry	Collect hand sanitizer. <b>In Newcastle to be picked up.</b>
47	Bel	Noni's printer re signs, info to Peter for ROs re bibs. <b>Ongoing</b>
48	?	Purchase new scanner. <b>Not done as yet.</b>

34. The panel consists of three people as representatives of ride organisers. One person can represent more than one ride. Is there a procedure of how this works? Charlie said his role is to be a conduit between ride committees and the SMC. There is a WhatsApp page where everyone on this panel can see what is going on. Information will be passed on to the SMC. Charlie says no report is needed as it is a work in progress.

At Bumbaldry, a table was set up with prizes buckles etc. away from the computers, and everyone picked up their buckles and prizes etc without bothering the office. Andrew thinks it worked very well, perhaps other rides could consider this. Charlie said the SMC needs to be careful with suggestions to ROs as the SMC cannot tell ROs how to run their ride. Charlie feels as if this suggestion could be something that the Ride Standards person on the SMC should pass on. If there is something to come up at a meeting, it should possibly be put to the SMC as a report so that SMC members can give the matter some thought. Possibly Peter Bice should become part of Charlie's RO group.

**Alam rang in at [7:14] Peter Kelly rang in at [7:34].**

The June meeting date may not suit as it is now the Friday before the Mt Lagoon ride. Agree that next meeting will be teleconference on Thursday 3 June 2021.

#### Secretariat Report & Ride Calendar: Jacky Barlow and Kylie Jonkers.

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
<b>Adult</b>	307	293	352	342	399	413	438
<b>Junior</b>	52	35	49	49	49	50	50
<b>Intermediate</b>	13	13	23	34	24	31	32
<b>Associate</b>	4	9	14	13	15	20	20
<b>Honorary</b>	11	11	8	8	7	6	6
<b>Total</b>	387	361	446	446	494	520	546

Newsletter	125	145	155	195	213	226	233	233
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#### PART 2: RATIFY NEW MEMBERS

DATE	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	NUMBER	CATEGORY	ADDRESS
17-3-21	Esha	Ferguson	162019	Junior	ARCADIA VALE
19-3-21	Michael	Louden	163280	Adult	HALLS CREEK
19-3-21	Jess	Clifton	163281	Adult	CARDIFF
22-3-21	Aaron	Parnell	163282	Adult	CASTLEREAGH
24-3-21	Sophia	Moppett	163283	Junior	TOORAWEEAH
29-3-21	Jess	Williams	110781	Adult	TARCUTTA
30-03-21	Andrew	Jupp	163284	Junior	MUDGEES
30-03-21	Lizzie	Jupp	163285	Junior	MUDGEES
30-03-21	Paige	Jupp	163286	Junior	MUDGEES
30-03-21	Sam	Piekuta	163287	Adult	NORTH RYDE
30-03-21	Mark	Johnson	163288	Adult	MUDGEES
08-04-21	Lottie	Bull	163289	Adult	RED HILL
08-04-21	Emma	Cochrane	163290	Adult	SOUTH WOLUMIA
09-04-21	Xanthe	Stuart-Rokvic	163291	Junior	CANBERRA
14-04-21	Youssef	El-Mourad	163292	Adult	GREENACRE
14-04-21	Grace	Shields	163293	Junior	LAKESLAND
14-04-21	Ella	Shields	163294	Junior	LAKESLAND
14-04-21	Mia	Shields	163295	Junior	LAKESLAND
14-04-21	Monique	Shields	163296	Adult	LAKESLAND
20-04-21	Katt	Fairbairn	164240	Adult	JINDERA

Possibly need to speak to a day member regarding horse yards. Marylou Locke has spoken to the person and thinks it is resolved. If this person nominates for another ride, he should be told that he needs to properly contain his horse. He needs a mentor. Need to publicise with riders that they need to have yards, not horses tied to floats. Kerry to speak to Noni about putting something out there about the containment of horses. Peter Bice to convey this information via Facebook and the newsletter.

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

Ride Name	Date	Intro	Train	80-99km	120-159km	TOTAL
Scenic City	27-02-21	42	43			85
Mogendoura	06-3-21	44	37	32		113
Central Ranges	14-3-21	32	77		7 mini marathon	116
Autumn in Pinkett	14-3-21	11	23	22		56
Tumbarumba	3-04-21	33	52	57		142
Tooraweenah	10-4-21	42	25	46		113
Watagans	17-04-21	129	50			179
Bumbaldry	24-04-21	53	37	88		178

### PART 4: STOCKTAKE

Logbooks - 9

Logbook covers- 9

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

ANNUAL - 5

LIFETIME - 9

### PART 6: OTHER BUSINESS

Volunteers Draw

\$100 fuel voucher – Neil Clarkson

3 X \$50 to Alisha Ashley, Jessica Cartwright, Linda Henley.

RIDES FOR APPROVAL –

Roseberg 26/27<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Amendment – 80km to now be 84km and remove “ride and tie”. **Approved**

Bumbaldry Endurance Ride – 23/24<sup>th</sup> April 2022 – 5, 10, 20, 40, 80km. **Approved**

Watagan was a very well run ride, 100% completion. No 80k ride. Some amazing people helped out. Band new committee with some people never having run a ride before. Really well done.

**MOVED** Tony Warren, John Howe

**THAT** the new members be accepted and their names published in the newsletter.

**Carried** Unanimous

## *Standing Items*

### **State Championship 2021**

Various potential ROs being discussed but no one has offered. Tooraweenah club maybe happy to run the ride if no one else does, general feeling amongst the SMC that its not fair to ask this. **Resolved** to keep advertising and trying to get a State ride. The SMC could run the ride if a track could be found Charlie to have a discussion with Garry Weis.

### **Ratification of decisions made between meetings**

Two ride approvals. Mt. Lagoon and Bullio FEI. There is a need for ride dates to be put on the web straight away.

### **2019 NSW Office of Sport Grant: advertising campaign update (Bel) first aid courses update.**

Discussion about the grant money that needs to be used by June. Agreed to not proceed with First Aid kits. **[8:39] Alam rang back in at this time.** Belinda has a quote for signage that will expend the remaining funds. Bec Hogan arranging for our advertising to be played before every session at the movies before the Wingello ride. Cost around \$500.

Grant applications open again in July and run until around Shahzada time. Need to think about what we need to apply for and make a collective decision on what to apply for. Agenda for July meeting.

### **2022 AGM (place holder)**

Need to decide date and venue, suggested Canberra or Windsor. Agreed to investigate Canberra, Belinda will pursue.

### **2021 and 2022 Quilty:** update. Ongoing.

AERA is requesting reports from our Quilty committee. The Quilty internet page needs to be up and running. Agreed to put the 2022 Quilty on the NSW calendar. John to ask the Tooraweenah committee for regular updates for SMC meetings. Acknowledged that the Quilty committee is working on arrangements and need to publicise what they are doing. Tom McCormack is the AERA representative on the Quilty committee.

### **Volunteer Subcommittee from AGM update: Kim, Bel, Kylie**

One meeting was held. Agreement to move this project to Charlie and the RO Panel, which was done. Belinda asked to write an update for the newsletter. We need to finalise this and advise the members that it has been taken care of. [9:10] **Alam left the meeting.**

### **Ride Organisers' Panel ( Charlie Gauci convener)**

Response from the RO Panel is that ride organisers should be the ones to worry about volunteers, not the SMC. Volunteers are localised and ride committees want their own volunteers. ROs want more TPRs and vets.

Windeyer ride: issues– Charlie discussed their issues of concern with the RO and Neil. Charlie asked that the SMC support Windeyer in running their rides.

Solution? SMC listen and pass on that as a group the SMC will try to be more supportive and suggest that if they need any future help, the SMC will do its best to support them.

## ***General and New Business***

### **Financial assistance for new rides: decision as to what this comprises**

Minutes from the previous meeting relating to this matter were tabled and read, see para 38. Discussion on the importance of ride marking and need for arrows. Charlie feels arrows should belong to zones rather than individual rides. General discussion with whether rides need to be part of zones. ROs have the right to not be part of a zone. Suggest that the various clubs be asked what they want.

**MOVED** Kerry Fowler Smith, Andrew Jonkers

**THAT** The SMC will provide financial support to the value of \$350 to eligible clubs, preferably in the form of course markers or alternatively for some agreed purpose. Eligibility criteria: clubs with inadequate financial backing to hold a ride and being either a newly incorporated club, or a club reinstating a ride that hasn't been held for five years or more. **Carried Unanimous**

### **Burruga 2019 prizes- unresolved. Next steps**

Executive and Noni will discuss and decide how to solve this issue. The riders involved want a buckle. Charlie has a Burruga buckle that he was willing to donate. Also need to get the YouTube password from Jacque Wright.

### **Plan to deal with position descriptions**

Tony asked that we all review our position descriptions and pass the documents to Alam for action to be taken where appropriate.

### **East Coast Championship proposal**

Proposal from QERA discussed last meeting and tabled again proposal similar to the Quilty. Noted that the WA Quilty bio security plan is prohibitive, so very few would be likely to attend from the Eastern states. Discussion on whether it is possible for NSW to run this type of ride this year, maybe run with the State ride or as a teams event? Agreed we don't have resources to hold this scale of event this year and that a State of Origin concept might work at the State ride.

**Resolved** that Kerry advise Dick Collyer that NSW cannot run the ride suggested by QERA this year but we're considering a different idea.

### **COVID safety plans**

All events must have COVID safety plans using the NSW government template. We need to keep electronic records of all attendees, provide hand sanitiser etc. Should advise people to bring their own water bottles. Peter will advise all ROs that they need to have their own COVID safety plan and that they have to carry out the things that they say they will do. Kerry offered to help if any assistance is needed.

## ***Committee Reports***

**Tony Warren: President:** No report.

**Alam Dastani Vice President, Governance, Child Protection, International:** No report

**Noni Seagram (Lou Piddington/Bridget Maher): AERA MC, Website, Facebook:** No report

### **Kim Stephens: Treasurer, Snowy Zone delegate, Volunteer Coordinator**

Report sent previously. Kim asked if anyone doesn't understand the reports and if everyone happy with what was provided. \$80,000 in the CBA and ride fees have been received for this month. The accountant will do the GST report for about \$300 per quarter. Kim thinks this is fine providing they don't charge for the audit. We will have an audit for the AGMs. Fee \$2,035.00. Query on the \$500 fee for the AGM minutes. Noted that accommodation was included in this invoice and that the invoice was discounted.

**MOVED** Andrew Jonkers, John Howe

**THAT** the invoice issued for the preparation of the AGM minutes be paid. **Carried** Passed  
The Profit and Loss statements mentioned in the Treasurer's report was sent out to the SMC prior to the meeting and is not attached to the minutes.

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

Kerry is still the Chair of the Awards Committee. A decade teams award is being started, \$21,000 was a figure required to fund the prizes suggested by some members of the AERA management committee. This is because potentially a large number of people (perhaps 150) are eligible. The awards subcommittee is looking at alternative less expensive awards, perhaps a trophy similar to the AERA One Horse One Rider trophy, around \$100 each. Agreement that this award is good, providing the AERA pay as we have been advised will happen. **Resolved** to ask for a quote for a glass trophy without the use of a photo.

Continuing on with the AERA report.

- Mention of a new pre nomination system. How would this be financed?
- First vote: increase the age of a child being able to ride from 10 to 12.
- Identify divisions by colour etc: motion lost
- New part to rule 27 – physical needs etc. subject to consultation with ride committee and chief stewards. We would be talking responsibility for people with disabilities; the ROs would then be responsible for the riders rather than the riders being responsible for themselves.
- QERA definition of social ride. Proposal to allow for rides without veterinary controls and without complying with the rules. Apparently QERA are running social rides under the AERA insurance without vets etc. **Resolved** that Kerry write to the AERA commenting on this proposal and the proposed changes to the rules with regard to veterinary control at social rides.

**Resolved** that Kerry write to AERA regarding the motion passed at the NSW AGM concerning the members view on the current operation of the AERA.

The motion from the AGM reads as follows:

**MOVED** Andrew Bailey, Allan Caslick

**THAT** NSW delegates to the AERA move a motion of no confidence in the leadership of the AERA. Rationale being that the current AERA management is no longer a national governance body. The recent actions of the AERA, especially in the matter of hoods and the granting of the 2021 Quilty, has convinced NSW membership that the AERA management committee is no longer an unbiased body. **CARRIED** For 33 against 13 Motion carried.

Doubt that delegates can move a motion to the AERA unless at the AERA AGM. **Resolved** the secretary write to the AERA outlining the motion set out above and advising that it was passed at the NSW AGM.

Kerry obtained a quote to insure the ETS for \$15 000 for theft and damage. Quote is \$628.25, excess is around \$250.00.

**MOVED** Tony Warren, Kylie Jonkers

**THAT** NSW ERA accept the quote for insuring the ETS for the sum of \$15,000 the premium being \$628.25. **Carried** Passed

**MOVED** Kerry Fowler Smith, Kylie Jonkers

**THAT** NSW ERA pay Southern Highlands Endurance Riders the sum of \$250.00 for advertising at the Bowral cinema **Carried** Passed

Email sent to Kerry and Peter Bice was tabled and read. Concerns nomination for a ride made before entries closed. The member sought to withdraw because their horse was lame and sent a text asking for a refund. The RO agreed to a refund but no money has been received. The member is seeking details of the NSWERA refund policy.

General discussion on ride refund policies. The refund amount depends on the particular ride. If there is a large penalty paid for withdrawing, this will turn people off pre nominating. Question about what happens if riders nominate for two days in a row and need to withdraw from the second day.

**Resolved** that the refund guidelines need to be revisited. **Agenda Item.** **Resolved** that John approach the RO and the member.

**Agenda items:** Ride capping policy **Agenda Item:** New grant policy for July meeting.

### **Peter Bice: Ride Standards/Feedback**

*There have been 53 feedbacks come in. it appears most popular when the RO puts the link on their FB page after the ride. Looks like not many members are taking notice of the posts of the link on the NSW page. I don't see why the committee can't see the feedback rather than just the individual RO. I've attached what I have received and de-identified so far.*

The break down is

Watagans: 5km 1; 13km 2 20km 6; 40km 5

Tooraweenah (note I don't think there was a post was made on the ride FB page): 7km 1, sent by email.

Tumbarumba: 5km 1; 20km 1; 40km 6; 80km 8;

Mogendoura: 5km 3; 20km 3; 40km 9; 80km 7

Unfortunately the Mogendoura file has been corrupted and won't attach or open, I'll re-do it.

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

**Belinda Hopley: Chief Stewards and TPRs, Grants,:** Ride Report roads

**Scenic City, 27-28 Feb 21, Sat Ride and Tie 10k, Sun 20 & 40k.**

The track was relatively flat, with some road work, paddocks and public walkways. It was mild to cool, with no rainfall and low humidity. There were 2 personal injury reports – 1 horse spooked and bucked with the rider falling off. The other was a volunteer collapsing and requiring an ambulance. One horse had invasive treatment for colic at the end of the ride and received a 4 week RO.

**Mogendoura Farm, 6-7 Mar 21, Sat 5 & 20k, Sun 40 & 80k.**

First time ride and ride base located in a large fenced, level paddock with lots of grass. Tracks were mainly forest roads with public gravel roads, undulating to hilly in places, with riders commenting it was a difficult ride so early in the season. Riding time was extended twice to ensure the horses were not pushed unnecessarily. The course and hazards were well marked. The weather was mild in the morning but warmed up in the afternoon, with no rainfall and low humidity. The ride was very well organised particularly as it was the clubs first event and at that ride base. There were lots of volunteers and the ride was well run. The NSWERA ETS kit was used with 90% of all data entry being processed in the vet ring, as well as the weight and BC scores entered remotely. One horse received treatment when it fell on its knees and nose. There were 2 personal injury reports – 1 riders' horse fell with the rider grazing her arm, bruising her ribs and bumping her head. The other rider fell off and landed on her arm when her horse shied.

**Autumn @ Pinkett, 13-14 Mar 21, 44 & 80 k.**

Good track conditions and riding weather.

**Windeyer – Central Ranges, 12 – 14 Mar 21, 12ok mini-marathon, with 20 & 40k each day.**

Ride base was of the usual high standard, with a well-marked and undulating track ranging from good to stony sections. There was good rider conduct, and the volunteers were well catered for. It was a well-run ride by a small committee, with a great, relaxed atmosphere.

Due to wet weather the course was changed both Friday and Saturday. After torrential rain on Saturday night and early morning, a meeting with riders was called before they left to discuss course changes. Several riders withdrew from the 20k (5 from 15) and 40k (16 from 23), missing out on the best riding weather of the weekend. There were no injuries or inv treatments.

**Watagan, 17 – 18 April 21, 4, 13, 20 & 40k both days.**

The course was well marked, not too hard. The weather was cool, excellent riding weather with drizzly rain Saturday and fine Sunday. A well organised committee that was easy to work with. There was a rider fall on Saturday (20k) that required a helicopter to land – the ride was diverted thru' another paddock.

**CS/TPR:**

TPR school - We had 4 participants do their practical at Tumbarumba ride.

**General discussion on a provisional CS who has applied for CS status. Resolved** to ask this person to do one more ride.

**Information Sessions:**

We have presented 8 sessions with an average 10 – 12 attendees, with 2 sessions to go. Attendees are mostly newcomers – they interact, give good feedback and are very appreciative of the information.

**Other:**

Waiting on sign info from Noni. Scales/scanner/Neil's CS case – will do this week. ?bibs for Riverina zone.

NSWEA MCP - Currently looking at running a refresher online and once confirmed this information will be sent out. WWCC – have sent to SMC and Peter to send this and bib reminder to RO's. Will get Charlie to encourage RO's to comply and be aware of Concussion Protocol/FAO report.

NSWERA SC – have sent to Windeyer, no reply.

NSW OoS Organisational Health Survey – We have Sound Organisational Health (same as last year) but need to update our Risk Management and Accountability (down approx. 20%).

Chief Stewards should put the phone numbers of non accredited vets on the ride reports so that they can be chased up to see if they want to become accredited vets. Belinda to supply dot points to Kerry of things that need to be updated.

**Alam Dastani – International:** No report.

**Andrew Jonkers – AERA Delegate, merchandise**

Consider giving some of the clothing out at cost for awards. What is still held in stock? Offer to rides as prizes at cost. Stocktake needs to be done.

**April Newman: Zone 5 delegate. Promotions, Grants:** No report

**Kylie Jonkers: Ride Calendar, Zone 3 delegate, International**

*Firstly thank you to everyone for getting back so quickly with the couple off ride approvals we needed to fast track. Just to refresh we approved Bullio FEI ride in May & Mt Lagoon new dates in June.*

*As in Jax' report there are two rides for approved this meeting. It is great to see the calendar filling up.*

*We are still looking for someone to run state champs, I have an option for discussion at the meeting.*

*Zone 3 ran their 1st ride on the weekend at Bumbaldry with a whopping 187 horses, with some doubling up for a total of 265 entry's 😊*

*They have had a meeting and elected there committee*

*President Linda Jonkers*

*Vic president Tina Walker*

*Secretary Erica Allen*

*Treasure Faye Stockley*

*The next ride will be Roseberg in June.*

Bumbaldry was a great event. Lot of locals came to do the small rides. International – not much on. UK starting to get back up. Had their first ride in the last couple of weeks.

**Faith Robinson: Zone 1 Delegate, Grants, Promotion:** No report

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

*I contacted Mindy Davies on a fact finding mission re Stirling Cross Magazine. Mindy was able to furnish the following details:-Stirling Cross has three editors:-*

*Mindy was the editor in chief who worked on a pro bono basis. She resigned from the position at the end of last year as it was a full time position and she could no longer commit to the position.*

*Editor two is in charge of Advertising. This person organises advertisers and actively touts for new ones. This editor receives 25% of money raised as a commission.*

*Editor Three is the design layout editor. While Mindy did not reveal the amount paid it is "Considerably more than the Advertising Editor"*

*Stirling Cross magazine is an A4 format and depending on stock used i.e. paper quality, ink, print and layout can cost \$4,000-\$5,000.00 per print run of 300 to 500.*

*Stirling Cross comes out 3 times per year and the printing cost is usually about \$10,000.00. As Matthew Sample underwrites the magazine, the first three years were free to establish a reader basis.*

*Stirling Cross Magazine sells for \$5.00 per issue. When initial charges were levied after the initial free period, a fee of \$25.00 per season was asked. The take up rate dropped dramatically.*

*Mindy also put forward some other interesting facts that I'd like to share.*

*Since Covid has arrived, there has been a 40% drop off in Facebook simply due to the massive disinformation that has been spread. So in many peoples' minds, Facebook is somewhat suss as a vehicle to obtain factual information. Apparently Google has done the research re Facebook so is in the public domain.*

*The Arabian Horse Association has a National Magazine that is available in Newsagencies, between its sales and advertising it makes about \$15,000.00 per issue and is moderately profitable.*

*Kwikkopy, our current printer, was asked to quote in regard to a facelift for our current Newsletter format.*

*Currently we pay \$397.00 per hundred page Newsletter plus postage. We get 76 pages plus cover in A5 size.*

*Quote:-*

- *A5 76 pages plus cover 8 colour page in centre \$1,387.00 per 100 plus postage.*
- *A5 76 pages plus cover all colour \$1,234.50 per 100 plus postage*
- *A4 Stirling Cross size:-\$2,183.00 per 100,\$3,813.00 per 200 plus postage,\$8,323.00 per 500 plus postage. N.B Postage on A4 would be more as the magazine would be so much bigger.*

*At the cheapest we would need to spend \$837.50 extra per 100 Newsletters.*

*We have taken G.G Spot on board as a new advertiser for the next 12 months and will be taking on the inside back cover.*

*I would like to thank April Newman for sourcing a number of articles for us.*

*Zone Two:- The Tooraweenah ride has been run and won with a pretty trouble free weekend and everyone present commenting on how green the whole area is after so many years of crippling drought.*

*The Zone is now looking forward to the July 160km Quilty qualifier and the whole Tooraweenah community is getting excited and behind the ride.*

*Windeyer, after expressing interest in running a State Champs in October have reconsidered and feel that they will not have the manpower at this time and more importantly sourcing 160kms of track is becoming problematic as a number of properties have changed hands and some new owners are not as receptive as some of the older owners. Windeyer will, however, run a ride later in the year.*

*The Zone Two AGM was held at Tooraweenah. The new committee is as follows:-*

*President Brad Jones*

*Vice Pres Michael Khiniciki*

*Sec Tres Linda Logan*

*Point Score Alison Khiniciki*

*Zone Del John Howe*

John asked whether the SMC would consider paying someone on a commission basis to obtain advertising. Discussing charging a fee for looking at the newsletter on the web. Increase payment for a hard copy? Charge \$10 for an electronic copy? Consider holding back the electronic copy for a month after the hard copy comes out. Alternatively when the hard copy comes out, put the older issue onto the website. Suggestion that we need to look at the format of the newsletter and its set up need to be reviewed. At the end of the year, we need to increase membership fees, newsletter costs and a payment for online viewing.

**Peter Kelly Zone 6 delegate.** No report.

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

### **General business**

Charlie – phone meeting with politicians John Barilano and Matt Keen. The main issue is wanting the Horse Riding Consultation Committee running again and some kind of oversight on NPWS. Submission date for the Wollemi Horse Riding Plan submissions has closed. Trying to get support from organisations so that we can get them involved and be able to say we are representing these people. Charlie asked if the NSWERA logo can be used and if his group has support from the SMC. Kerry asked why the AERA logo was on the form? Brian Swan is working on this and has been told to remove the AERA logo from all the paperwork. Charlie to see if he can get this fixed.

### **Future meeting dates**

Agree that next meeting will be tele conference on Thursday 3 June 2021. Start at 6:30.

2 July 2021 – Richmond Club.

13 August 2021 – Richmond Club.

There being no further business the meeting closed **[12:56]** pm.