

Summary Report: NSW ERA SMC meeting held teleconference 11 February 2021.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Tony Warren (chairman), Noni Seagrim, Kim Stephens (Minutes), Belinda Hopley, John Howe, Kerry Fowler-Smith, Kylie Jonkers, Alam Dastani, Faith Robinson, Peter Bice, April Newman, Matt Walker

Apologies: Nil

GENERAL AND NEW BUSINESS

Quilty Test Event: Tooraweenah request to run a No Frills 160km –

A test event needs to run before the Quilty in 2022. The executive met with the Tooraweenah committee to discuss dates for running the ride. June long weekend the grounds are not available, October long weekend their volunteers are working their farms. Also don't want to exhaust the sponsors and volunteers in the area asking twice for State Ride & Quilty. Available dates are:

3/7/21

10/7/21 –Canowindra's (new ride) date and has been booked since August 20

17/7/21- Kiwarrak – has been cancelled

24/7/21 – is the preferred date but it is a week before South Coast Zone Champs at Currowan

A 120km ride could be a good lead up to the WA Quilty but it was felt that this would impact on Currowan

Decided that a No Frills 80/160 on 24-25 July was the best timing.

Action: Ride Calendar to notify South Coast Zone and Tooraweenah of the SMC's decision

New Rides and Ride Approvals

Discussion about funding availability: Is there enough money to fund a 160km event \$1000? There are new rides – Johns River TR, Tumbarumba, Canowindra and Watagan returning after not running for some years: Agenda item for the meeting after the AGM. Some thought needs to go into setting up guidelines for who and how the money is dispersed.

Action: Treasurer to update the accounts for the meeting after the AGM to see if giving new rides and returning rides money is viable.

The Tied Grant (received 2018 for \$29000 has received an extension for use till 30 June 21. \$5,782.12 remains to be spent, project delayed as a result of COVID. Unfortunately there won't be any more big grants from Office of Sport for a while because we haven't completed the previous project. We received \$29,000 (COVID Recovery Grant) and \$6500 from the 2020 Sports Development Grant which is received annually. Before that \$24,000 was received.

Tumbarumba – 3-4 April 21 would like to remove the Sunday 20km – approved. Rides running are Sat 5/20/40 and Sun 40/80.

Bago originally 10-11 July would like to move to September –on hold

Canowindra – 10 & 11 July Sat 20/40 Sun 40/80 – re approved

Bullio – 29, 30 & 31 October 5/10/20/40/80/100 to 120 elevator/FE11* 100/FE12* 120 – approved

2022 Quilty – Tooraweenah – 8, 9 10 & 11 July 2022 – formally approved for addition to the calendar

Action: Ride Calendar to notify Secretariat, Newsletter and Website of the ride approvals

Ride Booking for Canowindra

11/12/20 minutes: Canowindra was cancelled, Canowindra was booked for 13/14 March alternative date

10/11 July minutes: on hold – when 13/14 March was cancelled did they automatically get their alternative date?

Discussion about what information was received by NSWERA. It was felt that we did receive an email informing of the cancellation due to funding and negative social media. A second booking form was not sent as they didn't realise they had to do that. LERC offered help with funding and another ride booking was sent in 2/2/21

New Members

MOVED: Kerry Fowler Smith, Tony Warren

THAT: That the new members be accepted: – Tara Reid - Gordon, Mal Keeley – Portland, Corey Tubner - Rock Forest , Michaela Newbury – Inverill, Jessica Simmons – Bowralville, Will, Harry, Ruby, Coco Edwards – Mt Lagoan, Sarah Parker – Milton (Previous Tasmanian member), Amanda Powell - Wirrealda CARRIED

Electronic Timing System

The ETS has been received, but has no inventory. Deep cell batteries, star posts & poly pipe still needed to complete the set. The equipment is fairly weighty, with 2 big tubs, another box and 5 foot antenna. All users will need to be aware of the responsibility of keeping everything together. Someone is needed to ensure all the components are in their place and to be responsible for setup and dismantling.

Tom McCormack is putting together an instruction manual and will provide this to Belinda when complete. Tom will help with set up and operation as available and needed. Gordon Smith may be interested in running it.

Maybe NSWERA can purchase the poly pipe and star pickets for each zone and then each zone is responsible for moving this equipment about. Maybe the individual rides that want to use the ETS purchase their own poly pipe and star pickets to help elevate transport problems.

Insurance is required for loss or damage.

The ETS won't run properly with the Kaspersky Antivirus program that has been installed on the Zone computers (Selected with agreement of the database developer). The antivirus software expires shortly and an appropriate antivirus will be purchased and installed on the Zone computers.

Mt Lagoon will probably be the first test ride, Tom McCormack attend to help set up.

Action: Kerry to find out which is antivirus program best.

Volunteer Group Sub Committee from 2020 AGM

Fia Hasko-Stewart, Ian Curtis, Sean Griffin, Georgie Pankhurst, Linda Jonkers, Annette Bailey have been contacted. Belinda will put them in touch with each other to organize a meeting date to progress the volunteers volunteering group.

Ride Organisers Forum

18 people have booked to attend the Ride Organisers Forum. Agreed to organize all day coffee/tea, biscuits, danishes & fruit approx for morning tea. From the tied grant.

Ride Capping

This issue is on the AGM agenda. As instructed by the SMC, the Secretary has informed the Mogendura organizer that the SMC expects that any decision of the AGM will be followed.

Telephone information Sessions

These sessions are progressing very well. Three to date with 15 attendees and the presenters are also enjoying these sessions. A lot of good comments have been received. In addition, a TPR course will be put online for the end of March with the practical being carried out at Tumburumba Ride over Easter

TV Advertising Campaign

The commence date will be Sunday 14 February 2021.

Noni to also advertise that the TV Advertising Campaign through Facebook and note that it is funded by NSW Office of Sport with the grant monies received.

There is an additional \$440, to convert to a TV format, to the original amount of \$11,000 – OK to pay Faith will check the format and that the phone number is correct on the Ad.

Mentee looking for a Mentor

A mentee in the Byron Bay area is looking for a mentor. Suggested Len Derkaz would be good. Best to ask the Secretariat for other people in the area, noting this is Northern Rivers, most will probably be Queensland members. If needed get back to the Secretary for help.

AGM Dinner

Approx 64 people have booked for the AGM dinner/dance. SMC please book tonight, numbers due tomorrow.

The Secretary is approved to print the required material for the AGM: Voting Slips, Treasurers Report etc

Proxies must be received by the Secretary 24 hours before the AGM. The Secretary will validate all proxies.

Quilty Rugs

Question from AERA: Should AERA offer Top Ten Rugs to all 4 divisions? Current arrangements are Top Ten are the open horses, taken from heavyweight and middle weight combined. Top 5 division rugs are awarded for Lightweight and Junior which are not included in the Top Ten. SMC decided we want it left the way it is.

AERA Delegates

4 delegates are required from NSWERA to attend the AERA AGM to represent NSWERA. There are 2 AERA Management Committee members as well. Please give some thought as to who would be good to represent NSWERA at AERA watching, listening and reporting back to the SMC. The delegates will have a roll in casting the votes, they are representing NSWERA and we can direct how they vote on behalf of our Association.

Noni is currently a delegate, maybe others on the SMC would be interested in becoming a delegate.

The delegate will need to attend the AGM and Special General meetings and re welcome to attend any other meeting during the year. AERA planning to have 1 face to face meeting per year, otherwise via teleconference.

Delegates are based on membership – 5 from Qld, 4 from NSW, 3 from Vic, 1 from Tas, 1 from SA etc.

AERA is obliged to provide electronic meetings if the delegate cannot physically attend.

It is a really good way to see how AERA works, MC members, Alan and Matt, also need support from the NSWERA delegates.

AERA Public Officer

Marylou Locke is now the Public Officer for AERA. The NSWERA representatives are concerned that they were not asked if they were interested in the position.

Action: Alam will question why the NSWERA MC members weren't asked if they were interested in the Public Officer Position

There being no further business the meeting closed 9.18 pm.