

# VICTORIAN ENDURANCE RIDERS ASSOCIATION INC.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

11.00 AM SATURDAY 16 JANUARY 2020

LANDSBOROUGH RECREATION RESERVE, LANDSBOROUGH

## AGENDA

### 1. WELCOME

The President and VERA SMC welcome all members and visitors to the VERA Annual General Meeting. Thank you for making the effort to travel to the meeting.

### 2. ATTENDANCE

All members attending should sign the attendance register.

### 3. APOLOGIES

### 4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM – 18 JANUARY 2020

4.1 Amendments to the Minutes

4.2 Adoption of the Minutes

### 5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### 6. TREASURER'S REPORT

### 7. ELECTIONS

7.1 Appointment of Scrutineers (2)

7.2 Stand Down of 2020 SMC Members at end of Term

The following SMC Members have reached the end of their term and their positions are now declared vacant:

- Linda Tanian
- Kerrie Gabb
- Ellen Prestage
- Carol Laidlaw
- Michael Milne
- Paul Nugent

### 7.3 President

Nominations have been received from the following VERA members for the position of President.

Member	Proposer	Second
Linda Tanian	Kerrie Gabb	Mezcal Manners

### 7.4 Vice President

No nominations have been received for the position of Vice President.

### 7.5 Secretary

Nominations have been received from the following VERA members for the position of Secretary.

Member	Proposer	Second
Mezcal Manners	Linda Tanian	Mezcal Manners
Ellen Prestage	Carol Laidlaw	Peter Laidlaw

### 7.6 Treasurer

Nominations have been received from the following VERA members for the position of Treasurer.

Member	Proposer	Second
Kerrie Gabb	Linda Tanian	Mezcal Manners

### 7.7 Committee

Nominations have been received from the following VERA members for the position of Committee Member.

Member	Proposer	Second
Linda Tanian	Kerrie Gabb	Mezcal Manners
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Ellen Prestage	Carol Laidlaw	Peter Laidlaw

### 7.8 Disciplinary Panel

5 positions are to be nominated and elected from those present at the AGM. The role is for a period of 1 year.

### 7.9 Grievance Officer

1 position is to be nominated and elected from those present at the AGM. The role is for a period of 1 year.

## 8. MOTIONS

No motions have been received for discussion at the AGM.

## 9. SPECIAL RESOLUTION

The VERA SMC has submitted a special resolution for a change to the VERA Constitution for consideration by the membership. This motion will modify Clause 57 (4) of the constitution. This clause currently reads:

A member of the Management committee cannot hold a committee position for more than four (4) consecutive years and must retire for a minimum of one (1) year before they will be eligible for re-election to any Committee of Management position.

This clause was proposed and passed at the 2017 AGM (held 20 January 2018) and the current SMC continues to recognise the value of refreshing the membership of the Management Committee. However, the period of service is proving to be too short and experience is showing that there will be a considerable loss of organisational knowledge and an ongoing state of churn if we continue to restrict the term to 4 years. The SMC would like to propose extending the maximum term of service to 6 years with the following special resolution:

That Clause 57 (4) be modified to read:

A member of the Management committee cannot hold a committee position for more than **six (6)** consecutive years and must retire for a minimum of one (1) year before they will be eligible for re-election to any Committee of Management position.

Moved: SMC Seconded: SMC

Note: A special resolution requires a 75% vote of approval to be successful.

## 10. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

### 10.1 AERA Proposal – Quilty Top 10 Rugs

AERA have written to all State Divisions with a proposal to modify the presentation of the Top 10 rugs at the Tom Quilty event. Traditionally the Top 10 rugs are presented to the first 10 completions in the Middleweight and Heavyweight divisions. Any Lightweight and Junior riders are excluded from this award. The Top 10, in its current format, recognises the beginnings of the Tom Quilty event, which had a minimum weight limit of 165 lbs (73kg).

AERA is seeking feedback from Division members on this change. A copy of the letter from AERA is attached for the information of all members.

### 10.2 New Rules for 2021

The rule changes introduced by AERA for the 2021 year will be covered to ensure all attending members are aware of the requirements of the new rules. These rule changes have been published on the VERA Facebook page and website as well.

### 10.3 Pointscore Registrar

VERA is still looking for someone to take on the role of Pointscore Registrar. This is an important role for the Association as the Registrar is responsible for pulling together the end of year awards – both the tallying of points/distance and the organisation of the awards. Our previous Registrar, Caroline Noble, will provide the training required to undertake this job.

## 11. MEETING CLOSURE