

VICTORIAN ENDURANCE RIDERS ASSOCIATION INC.

MINUTES OF STATE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Date 16 January 2020
Location Teleconference

The meeting commenced at 8 p.m.

1. WELCOME BY PRESIDENT

Linda welcomed all the SMC members to the meeting.

2. PRESENT

Linda Tanian, Ellen Prestage, Kerrie Gabb, Geoff Jolly, Martin Mizzi, Michael Milne, Paul Nugent, Carol Laidlaw.

3. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Jennie Armistead and Paulene Drew

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest by Committee Members

Committee Member	Point of Conflict	Reason
Kerrie Gabb	Mark Gabb (Webmaster) Jen Green GERZ Ride	Personal relationship Team Rider Ride Organiser
Martin Mizzi	Kalimnah Farm Sioux Reid	Team manager Horse Owner
Paulene Drew	Mt Cole Ride	Ride Organiser
Ellen Prestage	GERZ Ride	Ride Organiser
Jennie Armistead	GERZ Ride	Ride Organiser

5. CHANGE OF DATE – MT COLE ENDURANCE RIDE

The following request was submitted by the Mt. Cole RO:

Hi, due to the extreme fire season this year, we would like to ask the committee if we can change our date to the last weekend in May, being the 30.5.2020 and the 31.5.2020 and only have a 20km, 40km and 80km. As our volunteers are CFA members, we would hate for them to be called out and be left with no volunteers. Hoping you will consider this.

Cheers

Paulene Drew

Secretary

Mount Cole Endurance Inc

Motion No. 01/01/20: That the date and distance changes as submitted by the Mt. Cole Ride Organiser for the 30th and 31st May be accepted.

Moved: Ellen Prestage

Seconded: Carol Laidlaw

Carried

6. VERA TRAINING WEEKEND

An outline was provided on investigations into running a VERA Training Weekend. A venue is being sourced at Rosedale. Initial discussions have been held with Wellington Shire and HVP Plantations in regard to obtaining a permit for the event. Jen Moncur has offered to assist with putting together the tracks. The suggested format for the ride would be a 40, 20, 10 and 5km events on both Saturday and Sunday.

Linda will contact Janeen Smith to obtain her advice on the best timing for the Training Weekend so that it best supports the Brimpaen Ride.

7. DISCIPLINARY ACTION – SANDY LITTLE

In light of the ongoing failure to provide the requested Chief Steward and Incident reports from various VERA rides the Committee discussed whether there were grounds to take disciplinary action against Sandy Little in accordance with Section 20 of the Constitution.

It was determined that Sandy had breached the rules as per 20.1 (a) of the constitution.

The Committee was regretful that it was been forced to implement disciplinary action in light of Sandy's long history with the sport in Victoria. Sandy has been given numerous opportunities to address the ongoing rule breaches. VERA had also approached AERA to have another party intervene in the hope that a request from AERA would gain adherence to the rules.

The process for initiating the Disciplinary Panel was discussed. The process of determining whether any conflicts of interest (either positive or negative) exist within the Disciplinary Panel lies with the Committee. Once this process had been finalised the remaining Disciplinary Panel members will be contacted to see if anyone wished to declare themselves ineligible. If there are insufficient people available to form a Disciplinary Panel the Committee will then constitute itself as the disciplinary subcommittee.

Motion No. 02/01/2020: That it is agreed that Alexander Little has breached Rule 23.5 of the AERA Rules and that this matter will be referred to the Disciplinary Panel.

Moved: Committee

Seconded: Committee

Carried

8. MEETING CLOSED