



Equestrian Australia Endurance Committee - UPDATE

Meeting held Tuesday 1 December 2020
Below is a summary of proceedings at the recent EAEC meeting

MEETING SUMMARY

Opening and Welcome:

Chair welcomed all the attendees and thanked them for their valuable time

Trans-Tasman 2021 – AUS to Host

Originally scheduled for early May, meeting discussed pushing the event back to October. There were only a small number of 2* horses currently in Australia. To make this more manageable the 4 horses on each side was the preferred option. EA will extend an invitation to Canobolis Endurance Riders Club to host the 2021 Trans-Tasman.

Team Camp

Darien Feary said that whilst disappointed that the Team Camp did not come to fruition, the Working Group had engaged well and the planning underway for 2020 would be rolled over to 2021, when the working group would reconvene.

Other Education Opportunities

Darien Feary had been made aware of the Eventing Forum meetings currently underway via ZOOM. DS explained these originated as a way of keeping Eventing Officials up to date during COVID-19, but the platform now engaged with riders as well as anyone interested and the topics covered many eventing aspects – rules, safety, equipment. This format could also be well utilised by Endurance.

Wrap-up of 2020

Chris Bailey felt 2020 was a disappointment due to cancelled events from COVID-19 and the lost trust felt as EA went into Voluntary Administration.

The positive was that EA Endurance Committee communicated the VA process well to stakeholders and a better connection to AERA had been formed.

The NDC Appointment and Procedure Policy was under review but Robyn Parnell's tenure was up in January, and Chris would not be running for Chair. Chris would like to see some new faces on the Committee and was encouraged by the interest received when the Athlete Representative position had been advertised.

The new EA Board were in place and EAEC had the following items to address further with them as cost was a major deterrent of riders considering FEI competition:

- Insurance – solution needed to end the “double-up” of this expense. Members paid to AERA, had private cover and EA. A tick box opting out of EA Insurance was one potential option. Or an understanding between EA and AERA via the MOU could be in place.
- National ID Doc – the AERA logbook should be recognised, and EA National passport bypassed. Riders heading to FEI at 3* could be given the option to go straight to FEI passport.

Next Meeting

2nd of March 2021