



MEETING SUMMARY

Equestrian Australia Ltd

NATIONAL ENDURANCE SPORTS COMMITTEE

The following items were discussed at the meeting of the National Endurance Sports Committee (NESC) held on 11 January 2017.

Items from Previous Meeting (7 November 2016):

- AERA Agreement has still not been signed off and concern was expressed about the financial arrangements
- Trans Tasman competition is being resurrected with the first event to be held in Australia at the Sterling Crossing ride in August 2017. Expressions of Interest for riders, Chef and provision of horses for the NZ team will be called in the near future.
- Funding Application Policy was reviewed and approved. It will now be sent to QERA for their information
- It was suggested that the NESC could provide a liaison officer for the International Riders competing in the Tom Quilty
- Responses to the WEC Questionnaire have been collated and distributed to the NESC, Selectors and Team Management. These responses will be discussed at a meeting of the three groups to determine where improvements can be introduced into processes.
- The NESC is continuing to work on refining some further rule changes to provide additional protection for horses. These have been sent to the Chair of the FEI's Endurance Technical Committee. Approaches will be made to other National Federations for their support of the changes.
- A team camp will be held for the World Youth Championships and the WEG Team applicants. If additional spaces are available these will be offered to AERA members.

Agenda Items

- FEI OC Protocol – This document is to be distributed to Organising Committees as part of the ride application process
- 2017 FEI Rule Changes – The changes have been publicised on the FB pages and are now available on the EA's website
- FEI Sustainability Handbook – This handbook will be sent to the OCs of the 2017 events for their information
- An update to the requirements for entry into events for the 2017 year will be provided on the EA website once the existing documents have been modified
- Assistant Team Chef – Tom McCormack has reluctantly submitted his letter of resignation from the role due to the pressures of his job. As this is not an EA designated role the NESC can organise to appoint someone to fill the role. Suggestions were provided on appropriately qualified people to fill the role and these will be contacted to see if they are available.

- Ongoing Horse Welfare Issues – The latest events in Group 7 and the Catastrophic Injuries were discussed. Nerve blocking and a process for how horses could be tested for this at events was identified. This will be added to the suggested rule changes to be submitted to the FEI.
- The new Committee Manager was unfortunately an apology to the meeting due to being unable to connect to the teleconference. Kirsty will forward a letter of introduction and outline the plans for the new role.
- Update from Selectors – The 2017 World Youth Championships selection policy has been completed and is available on the EA's website