

Leighdale Equestrian Centre Committee of Management



Meeting details	
Meeting title:	Committee of Management
Date:	25 th November 2023, 7.30 pm
Location:	Leighdale Equestrian Centre

Attendees	Title
Tom McCann	President
Rachel Black	General Comm
Kirsty Blake	GDCD
Kate DiLecce	Minutes Secretary/Barwon Hunt
Tanya Goldsworthy	Leighdale PC
Emma Judge	Inverleigh Riding Club
Alicia Mummery	Secretary
Mark Mummery	Treasurer
Kate Murray	BTRC
Jennifer Redsell	Leighdale PC
Lee Anne Rigby	Casual Users
Apologies	
Pixie Heath	GDCD
Diane Lang	Vice President/BTRC
Amy Murphy	BTRC
Jaimee Thomson	Inverleigh Riding Club

Subject	
Opening/apologies	
Welcome to the meeting from TM.	
Minutes of previous meeting – 25 th October 2023	
Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted. TM nominated, LAR passed, all agreed	
President Report to be carried over to general business	
Treasurer Report	Attached
Secretary Report –	
Correspondence In: To be circulated by AM	
Correspondence Out: To be circulated by AM	

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BH Report – We have our first ride at Leighdale this weekend which is exciting. We are planning on having a ride around the arenas and XC course in twos and threes and then going for a little trail ride over the road. We had a very successful auction night, considering the current financial climate and prevalence of Covid. I'd like to thank the Leighdale members who came and supported us, it was very much appreciated and all helped to raise nearly \$6,000.

BTRC Report Successful dressage competition on 4 November. Raised approximately \$2,500 which was much needed. Had 60 riders and looking forward to Golden Spurs next year. Roller door needs to be fixed.

Booking Officer Update 2 people have enquired for grounds use. Roxanne Pidiot, new cowboy group in Geelong wanting to hold clinics next year, asking for 27 and 28 January. General discussion on this subject. LAR passed motion we say no, unanimous.

Casual Users – LAR hasn't really taken over as yet. Tried to catch up with AM. LAR asked about the toilet again. JR people asking whether committee meetings are open or not. JR recollected TM saying previously they are not. TM said if everyone is allowed to attend the meetings they can skew the numbers or the forum of the meeting. TM has no objection and JR feels open communication is a better way. AM if they want to bring stuff up they need to bring it up to their rep. JR said the way that council have said is that if you come to the AGM you become a member of the association. TM if someone had a specific issue they would be welcome to come and discuss. Once LAR is fully on board and we have a newsletter going it will help with communication. JR pointed out that if we wanted to change the constitution to change the membership of COM it would have to be done at a special meeting prior to the AGM. LAR should we have a sub committee to do this? Would need to work with governance from council. Discussion re tick boxes on forms and making changes to membership forms.

GDCD Report – We are currently gearing up for a full weekend of Xmas celebrations at Victoria Park this weekend. However our October weekend rally was a success with a mini freshmans CDE & freshmans cones. We have had a few new members join up and it was terrific seeing them out and about enjoying their equines.

LPC Report – 3/12/23 rally date is available, pc camp to be held offsite. Request has been forwarded to grounds regarding change of date for our HT from 23/24 Nov 2024 to 26/27 Oct 2024. WWC required by all who visit pc, club officials are seeking further clarification from Barwon Zone regarding WWC. Pc meeting and AGM 4th Feb 2024.

IRC Report - Not much to report. Had well supported rally and good AGM. New members on committee but existing reps.

Grounds Maintenance Update – Poles rack being donated to LEC. LAR going to get equitation equipment, where should it be stored TM suggested that home users coordinate purchasing equipment and sharing.

Fumigation for spiders.

OTHER BUSINESS

Covered Arena Update – TM informed that council were notified of what the decision was. Their recommendation had been for an outdoor and not appropriate for us. Discussion with council about their procurement process. TM, AM, JT and KB had met with them. Asked them to go through their procurement process. They came back and suggest that we go for a Grand Ridge arena. They are now asking if we are still able to contribute the amount they said. This would mean that we would not have any money for the towers for the next 3 years. TM read the breakdown sent from the council. This would include \$30,000 of current tower money and \$36,000 of future tower money.

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Discussion regarding fencing and LAR's suggested "buy a board" scheme. Can we ask Tristan about the offset fencing? KM queried the water and this has been discussed and cleared. Maintenance was discussed. LAR asked why we don't have a quad that could be used to drag the arenas.

LAR motion if we can get full funding for the LEC component of \$40,000 then we go ahead to sign the MoA. Unanimous

The current tower money and future three year's tower money to be committed to the project. Unanimous

If funding can be ascertained by 8th December TM to execute the Memorandum of Agreement sent by Ben Jordan on 27 November on behalf of LEC committee.

Meanwhile we will apply for some more grants and search fundraising ideas.

KB pointed out that other people could still come up with funding. KB feels Bendigo Bank will come to the party. Council grants have reopened. KB has followed up, left messages and asking for funding in bank now. KB hoping for verbal by 6th.

Bookings – New cowboy group already discussed. If there is a private instructor coming onto the grounds, they have to be a casual user day member and provide their insurance. A casual user has used this instructor in the past and not informed CoM. Previously instructors used to register themselves and provide insurance. Council said the insurance component is not enforceable. Per casual user forms instructors need insurance. TM if decide who can and cannot instruct then are we creating a bigger problem. Carry this over to next meeting. We remove the insurance from the forms. Instructor will still have to pay casual user. AM discussion about part booking of venue.

Appropriate emails to council – received an email from secretary of LPC. Did not come from LPC committee. It was a personal email and not from LPC. Tanya, it was at the end of the day, MM called in and said he was meeting the spray contractor. Tanya went to drag arena, saw Mark and the contractor walk around and discuss the areas that needed to be covered. AM for the record MM has a paid WWC. AM is offended that it went to council. MM said that Matt Parker called and said he was available to visit the venue. TM sought clarification of WWC. RB said it was not necessary for Mark in this instance. Right of entry is in writing.

Next day a retraction that it was Secretary's personal opinion and not LPC's. Public feeling is that the CoM are controversial and bullying. RB has come on to the CoM to cut down the negative connotations. JR hurt and left the PC meeting very disappointed.

Discussion regarding mediation. TM will respond that our maintenance person is fully within rights to be there. Has a WWC (although not required). Correspondence to the CoM should be through delegates. Committee takes claims of bullying seriously please provide details.

JR and TG will no longer be LPC reps.

New fees going forward for casual users – current fees \$100 per family, \$65 for single. TM suggest we change family to household membership. AM we will run from 1/1/24 from 31/12/24. Has not been increased for a long time. TM passed a motion \$150 per family, \$100 for single. Day use from \$15 to \$30. Will inform everyone that date of completion of covered arena will now be March.

Correspondence reporting that there had been a dog on premises. This complaining person had not QRred in. QR code does not store your information, only your attendance and time stamp. KB no booking system is allowing this to happen. Discussed fob entry. KB need to

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frequently change gate code. Overhaul of casual user agreements.

It was discussed and agreed that 3 breaches of the casual user agreement and your membership revoked. Discussion re dogs on site. AM to check with council about having restrained dogs on site.

Gate – as there have been so many issues should we go back to the padlock? Fob could be appropriate alternative

Working bee 20th 21st January. All user groups to provide helpers.

Tree guards

Meeting closed at 10.05 Next meeting 17th January at 7.30