

**Annual General Meeting of the
Australian Appaloosa Association Ltd
Held 22nd April 2009 at Dubbo Expo Centre, Dubbo NSW.**

Meeting Commenced at 5.30pm.

Present: As per membership list.

Apologies:

John Etccl, President, opened the meeting, welcoming everyone and officially welcomed Mr Frank Larrabee, Appaloosa Horse Club (ApHC) President, to Australia and to the 37th National Show.

Item 1: John Etccl asked for a motion to be moved and seconded to accept the Minutes of the Previous AGM.

Moved Carolyn Allan that the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting be accepted as circulated. Seconded John Maher.

Carried.

Item 2: The Executive Report for Year End 2008 was circulated to members in attendance and attendees were given an opportunity to briefly review this report.

Evelyn Lagoon asked on what grounds were the Equine Influenza grants obtained and how these funds are to be used.

John Etccl asked for Debera Ebbett to explain the terms on gaining the grants.

Debera Ebbett explained that the Government had made these grants available to businesses that were directly affected by the Equine Influenza Outbreak. These grants were made available in 3 separate payments of \$5000.00 all of which the business had to apply for individually.

John Etccl asked for a motion to be moved and seconded to accept the Annual Report.

Moved Debera Ebbett that the Annual Report for 2008 Financial Year be accepted as circulated. Seconded Lee Dodkin.

Carried.

Item3: John Etccl ask for Marcus Sweeney to elaborate on the 2008 Financial Statement.

Marcus Sweeney explained in further detail the Income and Expenses for 2008 and noted a few differences from the previous year.

Michael Ebbett asked why the increase in Board Meeting Expenses from the Previous Year?

Marcus Sweeney explained that this was due to an extra Board Meeting held in 2008

Moved Marcus Sweeney that the Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Financial Performance, Statement of Cash Flows and Auditor's Report be accepted as circulated. Seconded Debera Ebbett.

Carried.

Item 4: John Etccl explained that Margaret van Aanholt of North West Audit Services Pty Ltd had been appointed on a three (3) year term at the 2006 AGM and therefore still has 1 Year under this agreement.

Moved John Etccl that Margaret van Aanholt of North West Audit Services Pty Ltd be accepted as Auditor for the ensuing year. Seconded Carolyn Allan.

Carried.

Item 5: John Etccl advised the members that Don Northey, under clause 6 (c) (v) of the AAA Ltd Constitution, is to be automatically admitted as an Honorary Life Member of the Association.

Item 6: John Etccl called for Vanessa Roach, Returning Officer, to read out the results of the 2009 Board of Directors Elections.

Vanessa Roach read out the election report:

Three (3) positions were available. A total of 147 valid envelopes were received on Wednesday 15th April at 5pm.

Victorian/Tasmanian Position - Conny Barry Elected as no further valid nominations received.

South Australian/Western Australian Position - Brian Dediccoat received 69 votes and Sandy Tucker received 75 votes. 1 invalid vote received. Sandy Tucker declared as Director for South Australia/Western Australia.

National Position - Brian Dediccoat received 29 votes, Debera Ebbett received 40 votes and Don Northey received 78 votes. 1 invalid vote received. Don Northey declared as National Director.

Item 7: Notice of Motion as circulated in the 2008 Annual Report.

The Notice of Motion being:

1. That section 12 (b) be removed.
2. That the following section 12 (b) be inserted:
12 (b) The Board of Directors will be made up of seven (7) Board members who may reside anywhere in Australia provided that no more than three (3) Board members may reside in the same state.

Proposed
Debera Ebbett

Seconded
John Etccl

John Etccl asked Debera Ebbett to explain why the Motion has been put to the Meeting.

Debera Ebbett explained that the idea of the Motion is to ensure that the 7 best people have been elected to the Board of Directors, while still ensuring that 1 State cannot become “the powerful” State.

Evelyn Lagoon explained the Clause was worded that way in the early days to ensure that the Association has a “National” Board as opposed to all Directors living in one or two states.

Amelia Leeman Spoke for the Motion and the need to move forward.

Sharon Coldwell Spoke for the Motion from a Directors point of view.

Debera Ebbett again spoke for the Motion.

John Etccl called for a show of hands vote and if everyone could please be patient while the counting took place:

Votes counted in the room:

For: 57

Against: 13

Votes received by Proxy Form:

For: 12

Against: 14

Total Votes for Notice of Motion:

For: 69

Against: 27

John Etccl declared that the Motion has been passed and the Constitution is to be amended accordingly.

NOTE: That following the Notice of Motion being Carried, State Directors no longer exist (under the Constitution) as all are now Directors of the Association.

General Business

Venue for 2010 National Appaloosa Championships.

John Etccl handed over to Kevin Peatey to elaborate further on the quotes that he has obtained from Dubbo Showground, Sydney International Equestrian Centre (SIEC) and the new Australian Equine Livestock and Events Centre (AELEC) in Tamworth.

Kevin Peatey spoke about the quotes in further detail and opened the floor for members' questions.

Tim French queried the \$42.00 bedding fee in Sydney?

Tania Mather indicated that the Stabling and Bedding is not a cost to the Association, it is a cost to the Members.

Ben O'Sullivan Spoke on the SIEC and what a wonderful venue it is.

Kyle Mobberley raised the issue of costings for Tamworth, was the quote determined on the number of horses that attended? Comparing the price and facilities available at each of the venues and Members must be prepared to pay for what they get.

Carolyn Allan spoke about why the Association moved to Dubbo in the first place and how things have changed in the time that we have been running our Nationals at the venue.

Bob Scott spoke on his concerns about Dubbo and Tamworth and raised the issue of Trainers being able to afford Tamworth or Sydney, where as the little person will have to make a decision.

Amelia Leeman spoke on her concerns and posed the question of Sponsorship availability and why local sponsorship will be hard to obtain.

Kevin Peatey touched on trade sites and gave the quoted costs of Trade Sites at each venue.

Kyle Mobberley - In response to Bob Scott's comments regarding Trainers, and explained that for him it actually cost him money to show at this year's Nationals.

Tania Mather spoke about Sponsorship being available from the Government for using SIEC. Tania expressed her concerns at the state of Dubbo Showgrounds at last years Nationals and again at this years Nationals, in particular the amenities.

Tim French - adding to Tania's comments in relation to Dubbo last year, the quality of sawdust used in the stables and the reactions horses were having to the sawdust used and was added cost to members in vet fees, etc.

Leslie Weston spoke about the safety issues for all Competitors with Dubbo and where it is situated. Indicated that the Paint Horse Association of Aust. (PHAA) holding their National Show in Tamworth next year and posed the question to the meeting of holding the Appaloosa and Paint Horse Nationals one after the other and sharing judges, etc.

Sharon Coldwell spoke on SIEC and how the venue and sponsorship worked for the NSW State Show a few years back.

Bob Scott posed the question of dining facilities available at the other Venues?

Kevin Peatey explained the facilities available at both SIEC and AELEC.

Sandy Tucker pointed out her concerns on the extra distance that would have to be travelled from not only SA but other states also.

Other venues like Tatura and Gatton were bought up.

Gillian Allen posed the question of alternating the Nationals between QLD, NSW and VIC?

Evelyn Lagoon in relation to Sponsorship, being a National Show we should be seeking nationally based sponsors, not just those companies in the places where the show is being held.

Carolyn Allan raised the issues with the Dubbo Showground and asked why had nothing been changed from last year's Nationals?

John Etccl advised that he has spoken to Management with regard to the Stables and other issues with the Showgrounds.

Kyle Mobberley offered his opinion as a trainer he would rather have the facility as opposed to the extra money offered and asked the meeting to think about what they really want and do they really feel that they have achieved a prestigious award at a venue like Dubbo?

Debera Ebbett - raised issues that she has found with AELEC and other venues - i.e. No Dogs, etc.

Question asked if the Top Arena, in Dubbo, could be covered in.

John Etccl responded that he has asked that question and the answer was No.

John Etccl asked for a show of hands to indicate where the members would rather be for the National Show.

Attendees that voted were evenly divided between Dubbo 33, Sydney 33 and Tamworth 33.

John Etccl raised the issue of current Office Premises and the pending sale of the Tamworth Showground.

Bob Scott raised the issue of the Association purchasing a property years ago nothing ever being done about it then.

Ben O'Sullivan asked if it would be viable for another like breed and the Association to joint lease a premises.

John Etccl advised members that there will be Offices available at the Australian Equine Livestock and Events Centre in Tamworth and asked the membership if they would like the Board to go ahead and investigate the possibility of moving there. John asked for a show of hands as an indication from the members.

A large majority was in favour of this to be investigated and 3 were against.

Raelene Gilboy asked why again this year have we only secured 1 Judge for the National Show?

Don Northey explained the issues that we had in securing 1 Judge for this show, who was only confirmed just three (3) weeks prior to the Nationals.

Gillian Allen asked why Futurity Entrants were not given the curtesy of being notified that the National Show Judge would also be the Futurity Judge.

Raelene Gilboy asked why we did not secure an Australian Judge as a Second Judge for the Futurities as we have previously.

John Etccl advised that we will fix it for future Nationals.

John Etccl called for any further General Business to be discussed.

Evelyn Lagoon raised the issued of Cayuse Appaloosas and asked how was this matter bought to the attention of the Board?

John Etccl advised that the issue was bought to the attention of a Board Member and explained why the horses were de-registered.

Evelyn Lagoon asked why as per the Rule Book why the Official Protest procedure was not followed.

John Etccl advised that the matter was bought to attention of a Board Member not as an official protest.

Tania Mather advised that she has several items that she would like to bring to the attention of the Board. Tania started to raise these points but was advised by John Etccl that these were not issues for an AGM but for a Board Meeting and she

should forward them to the Office where they will be put on the Agenda for the next available meeting and dealt with accordingly.

Evelyn Lagoon raised the issue of receiving 2 Ballot papers for the recent election and upon reading the constitution members should have received 1 ballot paper only.

John Etccl explained that the definitions of the Constitution clearly stated that singular also includes and may be taken as plural so the reference to Ballot Paper also is taken to mean Ballot Papers and accordingly it is Constitutional to receive more than one Ballot Paper.

John Etccl introduced the newly elected Directors, being Conny Barry (Vic/Tas), Sandy Tucker (SA/WA) and Don Northey (National). John congratulated them on being elected.

John Etccl called for any further General Business. There being no further Business to discuss John Etccl declared the meeting closed at 7.55pm.