

**Annual General Meeting of the
Australian Appaloosa Association Ltd
Held 21st March 2010 at Australian Equine & Livestock
Events Centre, Tamworth NSW**

Meeting Commenced at 5.30pm.

Present: As per membership list.

Apologies: Lana Denteith

John Etccl, President, opened the meeting, welcoming everyone.

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 Sharon Coldwell.

1 Against - Tania Mather

Carried.

Item 2: The Executive Report for Year End 2009. John Etccl spoke on the current money in the bank and the loss for the year is not a good result. This year there were no Government Grants like the previous year, extra staff person was employed.

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

Moved Marcus Sweeney that the Annual Report for 2009 Financial Year be accepted as circulated. Seconded Brian Orton

Carried.

Item3: John Etccl asked Marcus Sweeney to elaborate on the 2009 Financial Statement.

Marcus Sweeney explained in further detail the Income and Expenses for 2009 and noted a few differences from the previous year & acknowledged the loss due to a variety of cost, including no government grants, employment of new person for the office.

Debera Ebbett raised the question about the point recording books & do members still send them in.

Yes point recording books will still be needed for non AAA approved shows for recording of points. Only National, State, AA & A class shows point will be automatically recorded.

Debbie Cotton raised the cost of the point recording fee & is it paid at the end of the season?.

Kevin Peatey spoke that It is now a Nomination fee for each High Point Category payable at the end of the season.

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 Carolyn Allan

Carried.

Item 4: Marcus Sweeney explained that Margaret van Aanholt of North West Audit Services Pty Ltd has completed the appointed three (3) year term as Auditor of the AAA Ltd.

Marcus Sweeney asked the membership were happy for him to look around & obtain pricing on new Auditors.

The membership agreed to sourcing these new prices for the Auditors.

Carried.

Item 5: John Etccl advised the members that there was no nominations under clause 6 (c) (v) of the AAA Ltd Constitution to automatically be admitted as an Honorary Life Member of the Association this year.

Item 6: John Etccl called for Vanessa Roach, Returning Officer, to read out the results of the 2010 Board of Directors Elections.

Debera Ebbett thanked the people for voting in this election, but questioned the way the voting was counted.

John Etccl spoke about how the voting was counted/conducted. It was counted the same way as all elections have been counted as per previous years in line with the constitution. John Etccl contacted the Electoral Commission to verify the way the voting was counted & it was correct.

Don Clare asked what happens to the other vacancy left by Don Northey.

The membership then discussed what would happen if all the no.1 votes were counted & then count all the no.2 votes.

Tracey Wilson spoke on how she voted & that she thought both her no.1 & no.2 votes would be counted for the 2 vacancies on the board.

John Etccl replied if we had changed the way of counting the votes it wouldn't of been correct. If the membership want to change the way the voting is done it they need to be put forward as a Special Resolution to change the constitution on the way the voting is done.

Debera Ebbett stated that the voting was counted in a unconstitutional way & members did not received their 2 votes they were entitled to.

Marcus Sweeney read out 14(b) of the Constitution to outline the how the counting of votes was done & has been done in previous years.

The board agrees that the Constitution is not clear on how votes should be counted. In fact the Constitution is totally silent on the matter. The count in this election was conducted as per previous elections. If it needs to be changed then a resolution needs to be raised at the 2011 AGM.

Adam Thompson spoke about how his father was a member 20 years ago & said that the AAA Ltd hasn't changed since then.

Tania Mather raised that there were 2 vacant position so her 2 votes should be counted that way.

Robyn Smith asked how many voting papers were sent out.

Vanessa Roach replied - 606

Brian Orton has been present at the counting of the last 14 elections & every time it has been counted the same way.

Tim Tucker spoke that he never received his voting papers after asking the office twice for it to be sent out.

John Etccl replied the office confirmed that any members that rang the office to say for one reason or another didn't received their voting papers were sent.

Norm Barry spoke how the person with the highest number of votes was voted in & then the second person with the next highest votes was voted in as per previous years. Why did people agree to vote.

Carolyn Allan stated that the vote was already done this year. If enough of the membership believe that the way the voting is done & has been done previously needs to be changed, we need to put a special resolution in for the next meeting & move on.

Vanessa Roach read out the report:

Three (2) positions were available. A total of 162 valid envelopes & 2 Invalid papers (Envelopes no name, Signature or membership no.) were received on Friday 12th March at 5pm.

Director Positions -Sharon Coldwell received 41 votes, Amelia Leeman received 55 votes, Ron Gordon received 19 votes and Debbie Pearson received 45 votes. 1 invalid vote received.

Amelia Leeman & Debbie Pearson elected as Directors.

It was moved that the Election Report be accepted.
Moved Brian Orton Seconded Bob Scott

Don Clare asked what happens to the vacancy left by Don Northey.

John Etccl explained that due to when the position was vacated all ballot papers etc had been sent to the membership & it was decided the position would be a casual position until the next elections in 2011. The board would like people to nominate in writing a brief explanation as to why they would like to join the board & hand it into the office. The board would then discuss and elect a new member for the casual vacancy left by Don Northey.

John Etccl spoke about the constitution & that it does need to be looked at & updated. This can only be done by putting forward special resolutions to the next AGM.

Tania Mather stated that John Etccl had raised the Constitution 12 months ago & nothing has been done.

Item 7: Notice of Motion as circulated in the 2009 Annual Report.

John Etccl asked Marcus Sweeney to explain why the Motion has been put to the Meeting.

Marcus Sweeney explained that the idea of the Motion is the ensure Directors who are elected to the board perform their duties to the best of their abilities and if these directors have a case of non or poor performance there is a facility to remove the sitting director from the board with in the 3 year elected period.

Debera Ebbett asked what performance criteria do the AAA Ltd have.

John Etccl replied by saying a performance criteria would also need to be implemented.

Carolyn Allan asked, does the motion allow for the directors to remove another director. Who would review the directors' performance.

Yes and the board of directors would review the directors' performance.

Norm Barry - If the Board of Directors have the control to remove a director due to performance, there is a risk that if a director has a difference of opinion on a subject that they could be seen as not performing their duties.

Carolyn Allan - How can the board remove a director from office before there is a performance criteria to follow or compare.

Marsha Lewis - Members elect the Board of Directors. Within the board they elect portfolios. Members don't know if specific jobs are being delegated to certain directors & therefore wouldn't know if they were performing their duties as a director.

Debbie Cotton - Attitudes towards members by some Board of Directors. How do you deal with that?

John Etccl - How do you get voted onto the Board of Directors? It basically is popularity that sees you on the board.

Debera Ebbett - A lot of members don't bother to vote as they don't know the people running for the board. Members need to be told.

Wayne Cook - No performance indicators. It's easy to "gang up" on one person who might have a difference of opinion.

Brian Orton - Please put to the vote.

Notice of Special Resolution 1

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: 11

Against: 30

Votes received by Proxy Form:

For: 14

Against: 2

Total Votes for Notice of Motion:

For: 25

Against: 32

John Etccl declared that the Motion lost

John Etccl asked Marcus Sweeney to explain why the Motion has been put to the Meeting.

Marcus Sweeney read out the motion & explained that it was to clarify the valid membership types that may be elected to the board, by introducing 2 new sub-clauses.

Notice of Special Resolution 2

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: 48

Against: 0

Votes received by Proxy Form:

For: 21

Against: 3

Total Votes for Notice of Motion:

For: 69

Against: 3

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

General Business

A discussion paper on a "Recreational Registry" has been placed in the journal for discussion by the membership.

- Debera Ebbett - Spoke on how at the last board meeting in August 09 she was asked to present a proposal for a recreational registry as the Breeders Group raised some issues.
- Sharon Coldwell spoke how she had worked on the paper & how the non studbook registry would work. These horses with no parentage but are visibly an appaloosa need somewhere to be registered. This could be also seen as a new income from the AAA Ltd.
- John Etccl reminded the membership that this is a discussion paper & the AAA Ltd Board need to know your thoughts and ideas in writing.

Carolyn Kitchener raised her concerns with the AAA Ltd and the need to look after the English types of horses. These people aren't interested in staying members of the AAA Ltd as they don't think the AAA Ltd offers them enough.

Don Clare would like to propose the Hall of Fame voting needs to be done differently as it isn't working the way it currently is.

Robyn Smith asked where the International Semen program is at.

John Etccl - The semen is in Australia. 8 straws from each stallion, Dynamic Kid T A Te & Mr Cool Hand Luke.

Kevin Peatey - Just waiting on the registration of the horses in Australia.

Tim French asked why the Champagne Western Pleasure was changed and maybe is should be put to the competitors.

Conny Barry advised the change was due to the Calcutta etc & the final shouldn't be the last class on the last day of the show.

Tim French asked why the arena was shut at 2.30pm in the afternoon & also the lack of lighting at night.

Conny Barry advised that the arena needed to be pre paired for the next day of competition. Lighting would be looked at.

Don Clare thanked Kiara & Vanessa in the office for the great job they do.

John Etccl introduced the newly elected Directors, being Debbie Pearson and Amelia Leeman and John congratulated them on being elected.

John Etccl thanked outgoing board member Sharon Coldwell for her enthusiasm over the years and thanked Kevin Peatey & Don Northey for their input & efforts over their terms on the Board of Directors.

John Etccl called for any further General Business.

There being no further Business to discuss John Etccl declared the meeting closed at 7.10pm.