

**Annual General Meeting of the Australian Appaloosa Association Ltd
Held Monday 17th March 2015 at the
Australian Equine & Livestock Events Centre**

At 7.15pm the required quorum of 50 Financial Members had not been reached, Joanne Green – President, adjourned the meeting for 30 minutes.

At 7.45pm Joanne Green called for a vote to accept those present to be accepted as a quorum.

All in Favour

Present: As per membership list

Apologies: Lana Denteith, Saxon Wells, John Kosch, Rodney Kurtzer, Melissa Burton, Anna Duin, Brian Orton, Carol Willding, Karen Nicoletto, Michael Ebbett, Len Haynes, Jean Haynes.

Joanne Green, President, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Item 1 – To Confirm the Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting.

Joanne called for comments on the minutes of the previous meeting.

Motion: To accept the minutes of the 2014 AAA Ltd Annual General Meeting as true and correct.

Moved: Tamara Pearson

Seconded: Anne Edwards

All in Favour

Carried.

Joanne asked if anyone had any discussion points from the Financial Report.

Item 2 – To Receive and Consider the Report of the Board.

Joanne presented the Report from the Board.

Brian Dedicoat queried the issue of outside forums and how they can be a problem, but how can they be controlled.

Debera Ebbett raised the issue of members having a place to voice their concerns/opinions, a few members are commenting but there are a lot that just read the posts.

Marsha Lewis gave an example of the posts and the negativity that they are producing.

Debera Ebbett indicated that guidelines can be put in place for these posts but it is very difficult to control members outside the Members Only Facebook page.

Amelia Leeman raised concerns that new members are seeing the Association in a negative light.

Motion: To accept the Board Report as presented to the Meeting.

Moved: Meaghan Hennessy

Seconded: Patricia Thompson

All in Favour
Carried

Item 3 – To Receive and Consider the Statement of Financial Position, Detailed Income Statement, Statement of Cash Flows and Auditor’s Report.

Joanne called for comments on the 2014 Financial Report.

Query regarding Financial Report not being posted out to members.

Joanne explained that the 2014 Financials are available on the website and posted on the Members Forum and was also sent to those who had indicated on their membership renewal forms that they would like a copy sent to them, as per the requirements of ASIC.

Joanne explained the Financial Position of the AAA for 2014 and the expectations for 2015.

Motion: To accept the Statement of Financial Position, Detailed Income Statement, Statement of Cash Flows and Auditors Report as distributed.

Moved: Patricia Thompson

Seconded: Narelle Kurtzer

All in Favour
Carried

Item 4 – To Appoint Margaret van Aanholt of PFK Lawler Warburtons Audit & Assurance Pty Ltd as Auditor for the ensuing year.

Motion: To accept Margaret van Aanholt of PKF Lawler Warburtons Audit & Assurance Pty Ltd as Auditor.

Moved: Amelia Leeman

Seconded: Debbie Pearson

All in Favour
Carried

Item 5 – To confirm the results of the Ballot for election of the Board of Directors.

Joanne advised that 4 positions were available for this election, however only 3 nominations had been received, being:

- Marsha Lewis
- Anna Duin
- Narelle Kurtzer

Joanne thanked Jo Fowler for her time on the board and welcomed the Narelle, Anna & Marsha to the Board.

Joanne advised that Maria Stokes had resigned from the Board, thus leaving two (2) casual vacancies until the next AGM and advised that both these positions will be filled by requesting interested members to submit letters of interest to the Board.

Debera Ebbett queried the decision of the board as the casual vacancy is to be filled from the floor first.

Joanne advised that the constitution does stipulate that nominations to fill casual vacancies are to be called from the floor of an AGM.

Joanne called for nominations to fill the two (2) casual vacancies.

Meaghan Hennessey nominated Patricia Thompson, Seconded by Annette Field.
Patricia accepted the nomination.

Joanne called for further nominations.

There being no further nominations, Patricia Thompson is duly elected to the Board of Directors, in a casual capacity until the 2016 AGM.

Joanne congratulated and welcomed Patricia to the board.

Item 6 – To Consider Notices of Motion as circulated

Joanne advised that no Notices of Motion had been received.

There being no further business, Joanne thanked everyone for coming and declared the meeting closed.

Meeting Closed 8.25pm

Item 7 - General Business

Joanne opened the floor for Discussion.

Brian Dedicoat asked where is the Association headed.

Joanne advised that the Board has been discussing options to attract people back to the association.

Debera Ebbett - as a member of 4 Associations, AAA, AQHA, ApHC & AmQHA, the only difference between them all is that the US Assoc, send reminders to their members who haven't renewed, makes it more personal to the individual, same could be used to contact those that are no longer members to see why.

Deanne Warwick asked how many new registrations to last promotion brought in.

Joanne Green replied approx. 20 new registrations.

Deanne Warwick asked how many had taken up the Adopt-A-Member promotion.

Joanne Green replied not many, but the success of it is aided by those who promote it when selling horses. The board will continue to market it more.

Selener Lindley suggested that Happy Birthday messages, particularly to Youth, is an encouraging move to keep members interested.

Being involved in disciplines outside the western arena, a lot of new people buying Appaloosas are lost because there is nothing to be achieved for their chosen discipline, i.e. Polo, Polocrosse, etc. Separate registry for the unknowns or part knowns to be included in a registry, like an appendix/derivative registry.

Joanne Green advised that to implement these types of things requires a proposal sent to the Board to get the ball rolling, ensuring that a description is given to better understand the outside disciplines.

Natalie Wilkinson requested that the Games/Novelties Horse High Point Award have a name change to Games Horse.

Vince McAuliffe - feels the separation between the traditional events, like Campdraft, Pony Club events, etc and the western events is made bigger because there is no recognition for them.

Marsha Lewis - Promotion by everyone, Board, Membership, etc, is the key to getting the association back on its feet.

Joanne Green spoke regarding the industry partners, we currently have 3 on board and if anyone is interested in becoming involved to please contact her.

Debera Ebbett – They are a potential source of income for the AAA, but they do need to have more promotion.

Joanne advised that they are advertised in our Magazine and through the AAA Facebook page.

Joanne advised that the Board will be looking at reintroducing the End of Year High Point Fee in the future.

Marsha Lewis suggested that members be responsible for their own points.

Debera Ebbett suggested a review of all awards and try finding sponsors or fundraise for the awards.

Natalie Wilkinson asked if there would be a time frame of when to pay for them.

Sandra Hicks suggested that an option of donation be put on the membership form.

Debera Ebbett – High Point Award standards are there to encourage promotion of the breed by showing and lowering them would also encourage less showing.

Joanne advised that membership fees will be reviewed as they haven't gone up in a long time.

Discussion on what has happened to the Association and that we are not the only ones affected, it is happening throughout the industry both domestically and internationally.

Tamara Pearson raised concerns of negativity on the AAA Member Forum and that some form of policy needs be put in place to cover discipline, possibly suspension from the forum for certain offences.

Maria Stokes suggested having an independent mediator.

Discussion on DNA testing for genetic disorders, such as PSSM1, GBED & MH. Options are already available for these tests to be done through our testing laboratory.

Joanne asked for further general business.

Tamara Pearson thank everyone for coming and participating in the meeting.

There being no further general business, meeting closed at 9.35pm