

**Annual General Meeting of the Australian Appaloosa Association Ltd
Held Monday 21st March 2016 at the
Australian Equine & Livestock Events Centre**

At 7pm the required quorum of 50 Financial Members had not been reached, Joanne Green – President, adjourned the meeting for 30 minutes.

At 7.30pm the quorum had been reached. Joanne Green welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

Present: As per membership list.

Apologies: Ev Lagoon

Joanne Green Suspended Standing Order.

Joanne advised that due to circumstances beyond our control the Financial Report had not been presented to members by the required time prior to the AGM, the meeting had two options:-

1. For the meeting to move a motion to proceed with the meeting.
2. To close the meeting and reschedule to another time and place.

Discussion held on options and option 1 was agreed to.

Motion: To waive the code and proceed with the Annual General Meeting.

Moved: Joanne Green

Seconded: Lee Ann Hall

All in Favour

Carried

Item 1 - To Confirm the Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting

Joanne advised that there is a change to the Minutes of the Previous meeting, the position filled from the floor by Patricia Thompson is a 3 year term and not a casual position as originally documented.

Motion: To accept the Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting with advised change, as true and correct.

Moved: Joanne Green

Seconded: Tamara Pearson

All in Favour

Carried

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

Joanne presented the Report of the Board, explaining the reduction of income and also the reduction in expenses. Registrations are lower this year compared to previous years, Magazine options are being investigated.

Lee Ann Hall queried the bank funds compared to last year.

Joanne advised that the bank balance is similar to last year.

Discussion on what members can do to assist to increase income to the association.

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 2015 Financial Report.

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

Moved: Joanne Green

Seconded: Debera Ebbett

All in Favour

Carried

Item 4 – To Appoint PFK Lawler Warburtons Audit & Assurance Pty Ltd as Auditors for the ensuing year

Motion: To accept PKF Lawler Warburtons Audit & Assurance Pty Ltd as Auditors.

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 thanked the outgoing Directors, Amelia Leeman and Jan Garland, for their time and hard work during their time on the Board.

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

- Lilli Grgat
- Selener (Sam) Lindley
- Summer McDermott
- Debbie Pearson

Joanne advised that Lilli had tendered her withdrawal from the Board just prior to the AGM.

Joanne welcomed Selener & Summer to the Board and Debbie on her return, advising that the Board will meet during the Nationals to decide portfolios.

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 attending and declared the meeting closed.

Meeting Closed at 7.45pm.

Item – 7 General Business

Joanne opened the floor for discussion.

Joanne Green: With the reduction of Registrations so far this year, how can we encourage registrations?

Malcolm Farr: Incentive for those that do register.

Debera Ebbett: Not all horses are unregistered, but don't do paperwork for transfers – sometimes can find those horses but sometimes not, photos on Online Stud Book help to identify.

Joanne Green: No cost to breeders, but things have to be done.

Deanne Warwick: Some breeders do the right thing.

Sandra Hicks: Suggested that transfer could be similar to the RTA, whereas the person selling the horse as a section to lodge to the Association advising of sale.

Tamara Pearson: Suggested reminders to breeders for registration and cost at certain ages.

Carolyn Kitchener: When selling a horse and new owner doesn't require membership, why would they join if they don't want it.

Selener Lindley: When selling horses, they include the First Time Owners Membership in the sale of the horse as their way of encouraging new members to the breed.

Carolyn Kitchener: New members brought in haven't stayed members because they don't get anything for it.

Joanne Green: Asked how do you, as a member, change those opinions.

Carolyn Kitchener: Membership fees are the biggest thing for most. Older horse registrations are too expensive. Most new owners don't compete in Western Disciplines.

Marsha Lewis: Always been English competitor, and have been attending Nationals for 35yrs.

Tamara Pearson: English competitors have more classes than Western horses do.

Anna Duin: If everyone who sold horses completed the paperwork, it would assist in tracking those new owners, so how do we get this information if paperwork isn't completed.

Tamara Pearson: It's up to the seller/owners to do it and bring in the new people.

Debera Ebbett: Suggested a change to the form, so it is like a duplicate style of transfer form. New owners won't buy unless they get the registration papers for horses.

Anna Duin: This in turn leaves the Association with a lack of information for the new owner of a horse.

Sandra Hicks: Suggested a part A & Part B Style form.

Malcolm Farr: As breeders, we already complete the transfer paperwork for horses sold, but what incentive is there for breeders.

Joanne Green: If a horse is sold, the Office should be notified.

Anna Duin: This is not just for those here at this meeting, but for everyone in the breed.

Joanne Green: Expectations of Competitors and Members has changed.

Marsha Lewis: Regional Clubs are shrinking due to lack of supporting numbers at shows.

Discussion held on what is needed to encourage Regional Clubs.

Tamara Pearson: Discussed issues of people not wanting to run shows.

Discussion on why people generally don't show.

Debbie Pearson: Suggested a reduction to the ROM's from 50 points to 20 Points.

Shaun Pinney: Suggested to include Encouragement Award.

Joanne Green: Advised that there is an issue with being accepted under AQHA rules for Novice Youth & Amateur.

Tamara Pearson: Explained the current issues with AQHA and our current points not being accepted by AQHA.

Joanne Green: Raised issues with the Magazine, but under the constitution we have to provide a journal to members.

Summer McDermott: Suggested a Digital Magazine but having 1 Yearly printed issue.

Lindsay Skelly: Would like to see the printed journal stay, As breeders/sellers they do complete transfers to new owners, but the new owners will only complete their end if they want the paperwork. Welcomed the new directors and asked for the new directors to introduce themselves to the meeting for those that don't know them.

Selener & Summer both introduced themselves

Lindsay Skelly: Thanked Selener & Summer. Also advised that he would like to see more to help the Australian Stallions.

Summer McDermott: Suggested a list of current Stallions in the journal.

Debbie Pearson: Best form of promotion for Stallions is through members showing their progeny and self-promotion.

Sandra Hicks: Queried compulsory microchipping for registration.

Joanne Green: Advised that this would be an added cost to members, but it possibly would help solve the issue of lost horses/paperwork.

Michelle Hodder: Asked if a Registration Drive is possible.

Joanne Green: The Board will look further into the cost of the Older horse registration fee.

Joanne called for further questions or discussion.

Joanne thanked everyone.

There being nothing further for General Business, Joanne thanked everyone and declared the meeting closed.

General Business closed 8.45pm