

**Annual General Meeting of the Australian Appaloosa Association Ltd**  
**Held Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017**  
**Australian Equine & Livestock Events Centre**

Joanne Green opened the meeting at 7.08pm welcoming everyone to the meeting.

**Present:** As per Membership List.

**Apologies:** Lana Denteith

**1. To confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.**

Joanne Green asked if anyone had any comments regarding the previous meeting.

**Motion:** To accept the Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting as circulated.

**Moved:** Shaun Pinney

**Seconded:** Natalie Wilkinson

**All in favour**

**CARRIED**

**2. To Receive and Consider the Report of the Board.**

Joanne Green advised of her current health situation and thanked the Board Members and Office for their support and assistance during this time.

**3. To Receive and Consider the Statement of Financial Position, Detailed Income Statement, Statement of Cash Flows and Auditor's Report.**

Joanne Green explained the loss is due to a reduction in revenue in 2016. Expenses for 2016 have also been reduced by \$2,000. The Board have implemented a number of incentives to encourage Members to continue to support the AAA, i.e. the reduction in Registration fees for under 8 weeks, which only 1 person consistently takes advantage of. Fund raising is a must and Members must assist to increase revenue and not just leave it up to the Board.

Joanne Green opened the floor for comment.

Barbara Etccl Questioned what sort of plans the Board has to attract people to the Association.

Joanne Green advised that an advertising package had been secured in 2016 and that would continue in 2017, the Board are continuing to investigate large raffles, Funding from grants, also investigating the incorporation of the Palouse Pony Association.

Barbara Etccl Questioned if the grants were show related.

Jan Garland advised that discussions are underway with local authorities regarding grants to assist with the Association as a whole.

Joanne Green reminded the meeting that if any member has proposals to put forward that there is a Proposal form to be completed and lodged for the next available meeting.

Debera Ebbett Questioned if the Board were aware of the impending overall loss and of the National Show Loss.

Kiara Le Cerf advised that the Nationals made a profit in 2016 and the accountant didn't bring Sponsorship paid in 2015 forward to 2016.

Debera Ebbett Questioned the difference in the Magazine figures.

Jan Garland advised that the difference was a journal correction and the bottom line does not change.

Joanne Green advised that the Board will contact our Accountant.

**Motion:** To accept the Financial Report as circulated with the Board to Contact PKF Lawler for clarification.

**Moved:** Joanne Green

**Seconded:** Deanne Warwick

**For:** 12

**Against:** 20

**Motion Denied**

**4. To Appoint Margaret van Aanholt of PKF Lawler Warburtons Audit & Assurance Pty Ltd as auditor for the ensuing year.**

John Etccl advised that this is a separate situation and must be put on hold until further investigation into the 2016 Financials takes place.

Joanne Green put it to the meeting that investigation takes place before appointing the Auditor for the ensuing year.

All in favour.

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

Joanne Green advised that notification had been circulated to members advising of the results of the Directors election. Joanne welcomed the new Directors and invited them to the table, Jo Fowler, John Kemp, Shaun Pinney and Jan Garland. Joanne congratulated the new directors on their appointments.

**6. To consider Notices of Motions as circulated.**

Joanne Green advised that Motion #3 is withdrawn.

Joanne Green handed the floor to Anna Duin.

Anna Duin read out and spoke for Motion #1

Debera Ebbett Spoke against the Motion suggesting that the Board don't understand 203(d) of the Corporations Act, therefore the motion is invalid and the Board were not aware of who was being put forward.

Ev Lagoon queried the order of the Motions.

Anna Duin advised that the Constitution does not require a particular order for the Motions to be presented.

Anna Duin read out the Notice of Intent received with 21 signatures and advised that of those 21 signatures - 2 signatures, John Kemp and Diane Kemp, had been formally withdrawn. Denise Jackson's was not signed. 1 Signature was received twice. Leaving 17 signatures, which does not comply with the required 5% of voting members.

Debera Ebbett advised that the 5% is only a suggestion under the Act.

Anna Duin advised that this is a legal requirement under the Act, not a suggestion.

Brian Dedicoat Asked if the Legal advice had been received and if so, could it be read out to the meeting.

Anna Duin further advised that upon legal advice under 249(n) the Corporations Act, a Notice of Intent requires at least 5% of the votes that may be cast on the resolution as at the Midnight before the members give notice. The membership number at this time was 381, 5% of this is 19.05 signatures required and as there were only 17, the requirements for lodging a Notice of Intent had not been met, therefore all Motions to remove and replace the current Board members are invalid motions.

Deanne Warwick requested that those who signed supporting the Notice of Intent be advised to the Meeting.

Joanne Green read out the names of those who had signed supporting the Notice of Intent.

John Kemp requested to speak, as he and his wife Diane had formally withdrawn their signatures, advising that once it was made known to them the intentions, they asked for their signatures to be removed as they did not agree, which was not done.

Malcolm Farr advised of another member, Damien Vazquez, who was also approached in support to replace one of the directors, which he advised that he did not want to be a part of, however his name was still lodged to be a replacement director. Formal notification has been lodged advising of this.

David Lacey introduced himself and advised why he had signed and what he believed needed to be achieved.

Tamara Pearson advised the meeting of her role as Media and Marketing Consultant and the work that she undertakes on a volunteer level with each of the Directors individually and the Office. A large portion of this work involves Social Media and what is being seen in the Public Eye surrounding this, is what's driving people away from our Association and not wanting to join. There are processes and procedures that are put in place for members to put forward proposals to the Board, for example – High Points, re-write the rule and submit it to the Board as a proposal.

Karin Brouggy advised that she had requested financial information from the AAYA Team Trip to the US, but had not received. Had also requested information regarding Life Time Awards, but had also not received.

Monica Moravek questioned when a response would be expected from the Board to her email.

Anna Duin advised that as she had not received a copy of her email, asked that it be resent to her.

John Etccl questioned if the Board had sort legal advice why were the motions still circulated to the Membership.

Anna Duin advised that the dates and deadlines of Motions received and be posted out had passed before advice could be obtained.

Warren Byers spoke about hearing legal opinions, but nothing is being mentioned about generating revenue for the Association and that is what is needed.

Jodie Nicholls advised as secretary of a Regional Club and volunteers her time to run the club, monthly shows, etc understands what it is like to do majority of the work behind the scenes that no one else sees.

Debera Ebbett further to the point made by John Etccl, the notice of intent was received 2 months ago.

Anna Duin read out Motion #2 and Motion #6.

Ev Lagoon queried if a Magazine was included in the Social Membership.

Anna Duin advised that the Board are still reviewing.

Debera Ebbett advised that membership is defined in the Constitution.

Anna Duin asked the Meeting to give indication of preference either Motion #2 or Motion #6. Meeting's preference was Motion #6.

**Motion:** To Accept Motion 6 as circulated, introducing a Social Membership.

**Moved:** Anna Duin

**Seconded:** Joanne Green

**Against:** 1 (Brian Dedicoat)

**Abstained:** 3

**Remainder in favour**

**CARRIED**

Carol Willding queried if Motion #2 has been withdrawn.

Anna Duin formally withdrew Motion #2.

Anna Read out Motion #17.

Ev Lagoon, as proposer, spoke for the motion, advising that this all started because of the Board implementing the AX Registry and has put this motion forward so that members get the vote on any type of Unknown registry.

Brian Dedicoat advised that under the constitution the Board has the right to introduce any registry and members already have the right remove it.

Joanne Green questioned if this motion is passed it will include the removal of Unknown Geldings currently allowed under the rules of registration.

Nicole Wilson advised that the motion that Ev has explained is not what has been submitted as the motion.

Ev Lagoon advised that this is not the case, the current provision for unknown gelding's remains.

Nicole Wilson agreed with Natalie and the motion will include the removal of these geldings.

**Motion:** To accept the Motion as circulated to members.

Moved: Ev Lagoon

Seconded: John Kemp

For: 17 + 33 Proxies = 50

Against: 26 + 27 Proxies = 53

1 Abstained

Therefore the Motion did not pass with a majority vote, the motion is DEFEATED.

Motion #18

Debera Ebbett announced that as the Board have done and will continue to do "their own thing" nothing is going to change and withdrew her Motion.

Deanne Warwick noted that the conduct of some members at this meeting was disgusting behaviour.

Anna Duin advised that there a number of members calling for unjust behaviour of fellow members to be dealt with under the rules and suspensions imposed.

There being no further Business for the Annual General Meeting, Joanne Green thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.55pm

#### General Discussion

Warren Byers spoke as a Trainer the atrocious behaviour of individuals in the public view is affecting income as people are refraining from having horses with trainers to train, prepare and show. Also Board members have to stop commenting on social media.

Warren also asked for immediate action regarding the actions of a member as they left this meeting towards another member.

Anna Duin reminded everyone that when Board positions become available, members are encouraged to put their hand up.

Malcolm Farr addressed the swearing from some members at the meeting and the in-fighting that is happening between members, which needs to stop if we are to move forward.

Jodie Nicholls queried that all this started from the introduction of the AX Registry, which was introduced as an avenue for revenue and to increase Memberships, etc.

Jan Garland advised of situation with Office.

Mark Gauci suggested that the Board must be careful with this type of registry and suggested that a 1 side DNA confirmation would be a possibility.

Anna Duin advised from her prospective the AX Registry was an entry level registry, with the aim of encouraging the step up to Stud Book Registered horses.

Karin Brouggy advised that Pony Club has a large number of appaloosas that compete and are more than likely not registered.

Nicole Wilson agreed that a registry with criteria similar to AQHA where one parent is confirmed by DNA.

Natalie Wilkinson advised of the work that she had assisted the Board with regarding the AX Registry, seeking opinions from different people and compiling a response for the board.

Debbie Pearson queried the meeting of the option of changing registration cards to being of A4 size with a transfer record on the back.

Melannie Halligan asked would it still be the sellers responsibility to lodge.

Debbie Pearson advised that the current procedure would remain similar.

Tamara Pearson advised that in her role, she had been working with Marcus Sweeney with regards to the website and studbook, and the upgrades that would be useful will cost approx. \$9 - \$15k to implement, so fundraising is required for that to proceed.

Joanne thanked everyone for their time and wished everyone the best for the National Show starting the following day.